



PORT WASHINGTON-SAUKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

We educate all children to reach their greatest potential.

August 8, 2022

Dear PWSSD Staff & Families,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school and look forward to a great 2022–2023 school year. We are committed to keeping student learning at the center of everything we do. As a result, student and staff safety remains a top priority.

Throughout the summer we have continued to monitor data regarding the spread of COVID-19 and review recommendations and guidelines from the CDC, the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

On August 08, 2022, the Port Washington-Saukville Board of Education approved a modified version of the COVID-19 Response Team's recommended safety protocols and mitigation strategies for the start of the 2022-23 school year, as follows:

1. At this time, the District continues to support individual decisions with regard to mask wearing. All children and adults may wear masks indoors. This includes in school buildings and at all school-sponsored activities, including athletics held indoors.
2. Masks are no longer required on school buses.
3. Isolation protocols for individuals who are symptomatic or confirmed positive for COVID-19 will isolate for five (5) days from symptom onset.
4. The School District will not require quarantine for students or staff who are close contacts regardless of vaccination status as long as individuals are symptom free. If an individual becomes symptomatic, they should isolate for five days from symptom onset and until symptoms are improving.
5. At this time, the school district will not conduct contact tracing.
6. The Board of Education grants the COVID-19 Response Team, in consultation with the Board Executive Committee, the authority to pivot from the current recommendations, as needed during the 2022-23 school year, to ensure the health and safety of all children and adults, based on the following criteria:
 - If site-positive cases are less than 10%, the District will implement the following:
 - Masks may be worn by adults and students, but are not required
 - The District does not require quarantine for close contacts, regardless of vaccination status.

- Individuals who are symptomatic or have a confirmed positive COVID-19 test will follow CDC protocols.
- No contact tracing will be conducted
- If site-positive cases increase to 10% or higher, the following measures will be taken:
 - Contact tracing will resume.
 - The administration will look at adjusting and/or adding additional mitigation measures (including, but not limited to: required masking, social distancing adjustments, sanitation protocols, quarantine of close contacts as warranted, and remote learning).
- Additional findings provided to districts by the CDC, DHS, Washington Ozaukee Public Health, DPI, from internal trends and/or data, or other recognized state and federal authorities which would necessitate the adjustment of the current mitigation measures.
- All adjustments made must fall within the defined parameters/guidelines approved by DPI for public schools.

Additional information regarding our COVID-19 guidance and protocols can be found at the following [link](#). If you have questions please contact your building principal. As always, we appreciate your patience and support. Please continue to keep your families safe and well.

Best Regards,

Port Washington-Saukville School District
COVID19 Response Team