



## PORT WASHINGTON-SAUKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*We educate all children to reach their greatest potential.*

August 17, 2021

Dear PWSSD Staff & Families,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school on September 1, 2021. 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.

As we indicated in our prior communication of July 30th, we have and will continue 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 16, 2021, the Port Washington-Saukville Board of Education approved the COVID-19 Response Team's recommended safety protocols and mitigation strategies for the start of the 2021-22 school year, as follows:

1. All children and adults should wear masks indoors. This includes in school buildings and at all school-sponsored activities, including athletics held indoors. At this time, the District continues to support everyone in making their own family decisions regarding wearing a mask.
2. All children and adults must wear masks on school buses and school transportation, per federal guidelines.
3. Isolation protocols will remain the same for individuals who are symptomatic or have a positive COVID-19 test, resulting in a need to isolate through 10 days from symptom onset or positive test date (whichever comes first).
4. As with masking, we support families in making their own decisions regarding the need to quarantine for close contact at this time. Based on present data, children or adults exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual should quarantine, **except** in cases where one of the following conditions apply:
  - You are identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 positive individual, have worn a mask when in contact with this person, and you are symptom-free.
  - You are identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 positive individual while participating in outdoor activities/sports with or without a mask, and you are symptom-free.

- You are identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 positive individual, are fully vaccinated (it has been over 14 days since you received the second vaccination), and you are symptom-free.
5. 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 2021-22 school year, to assure the health and safety of all children and adults, based on the following criteria:
- If site-positive cases increase to 5% of the staff/student population, masking will be moved from “should” to “must” mask for a minimum of 20 calendar days and until the site-positive case rate drops below 5%.
  - If site-positive cases increase to 10% of the staff/student population, quarantine will be moved from “should” to “must” quarantine, and quarantine would be required to follow the current CDC recommendations. In addition, the administration will look at adjusting and/or adding additional mitigation measures (including, but not limited to: social distancing adjustments, sanitation protocols, ventilation, and remote learning options).
  - 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-Sauville School District  
COVID19 Response Team