



Wisconsin Heights School District Operational Planning

August 9, 2021



Public Health Updates

1. [CDC Guidance](#) - released July 9, 2021
2. Public Health Madison & Dane County
 - a. [School Operating Guidance](#) - July 27, 2021
 - b. [School Requirements](#)
 - c. [Update from UW](#) - August 8, 2021
3. [Current Dane County Snapshot](#) - updated 8/5/21
 - a. Case counts have increased in the last two weeks

Decision Making Framework



- Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) guidelines
 - What are they recommending for county schools?
- Local census tract data
- Our lived experience in our instructional model

Masking Procedures



- Required for students and associated staff in grades PK - 6 (indoors)
- Strongly recommended for students and staff in grades 7 - 12 (indoors)
 - We will utilize a 5% threshold for positive cases/quarantined students to determine a shift to masking at the 7 - 12 level
- Optional use outdoors for students and staff district-wide
- Co-curricular activities to follow WIAA guidelines
- Masks may be required if the local public health situation indicates such a change is prudent

Attendance Procedures



- [Employee Procedure](#)
- [Student Procedure](#)

School Testing Procedures



- Symptomatic individuals will be tested by trained school personnel
 - With parental consent
- DHS matched schools and districts with approved vendors to offer school-based testing.
 - WHSD has been paired with Accelerated Analytical - we are in the process of scheduling a planning meeting with them

Quarantine Procedures



- Vaccinated individuals who are close contacts will not have to quarantine unless symptomatic
- 7 day quarantine with negative test collected no earlier than day 6
- 10 day quarantine
- Alternative quarantine - Only available if there is a mask mandate
 - Close contacts would not have to quarantine from school
 - Close contacts would still need to quarantine outside of school and from extracurricular activities
 - Correct & consistent mask use has been associated with less transmission in schools

Vaccinations



- WHSD encourages eligible students and staff to be vaccinated
- We will not exclude individuals who have not been vaccinated
- We will not require individuals who have not been vaccinated to adhere to different masking procedures than the vaccinated

Social Distancing/Seating Procedures



- We will maintain three feet of social distancing whenever possible
- Students will have assigned seats in classrooms to support contact tracing

School Bus/Van Procedures



- Masks will be required on school sponsored transportation as per the [CDC](#).
- This requirement is in place until at least September 13, 2021
- Contact tracing will be conducted through the review of bus security footage

Lunch Procedures



- Students at Black Earth & Mazomanie will be eating in two separate lunchroom spaces, cafeteria and gymnasium.
 - Similar to how lunch was served in April.
- Students at the Middle/High School:
 - Will continue to use track for middle school students for recess.
 - Will use outdoor spaces as well as cafeteria for both middle and high school students as weather permits.

Cleaning Procedures



- Classrooms will be disinfected at the end of each school day
- High touch areas will be intermittently cleaned throughout the school day

WI Data

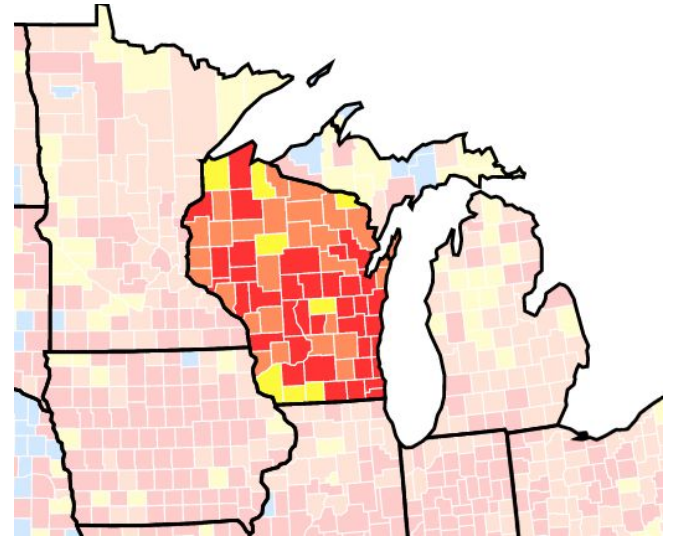
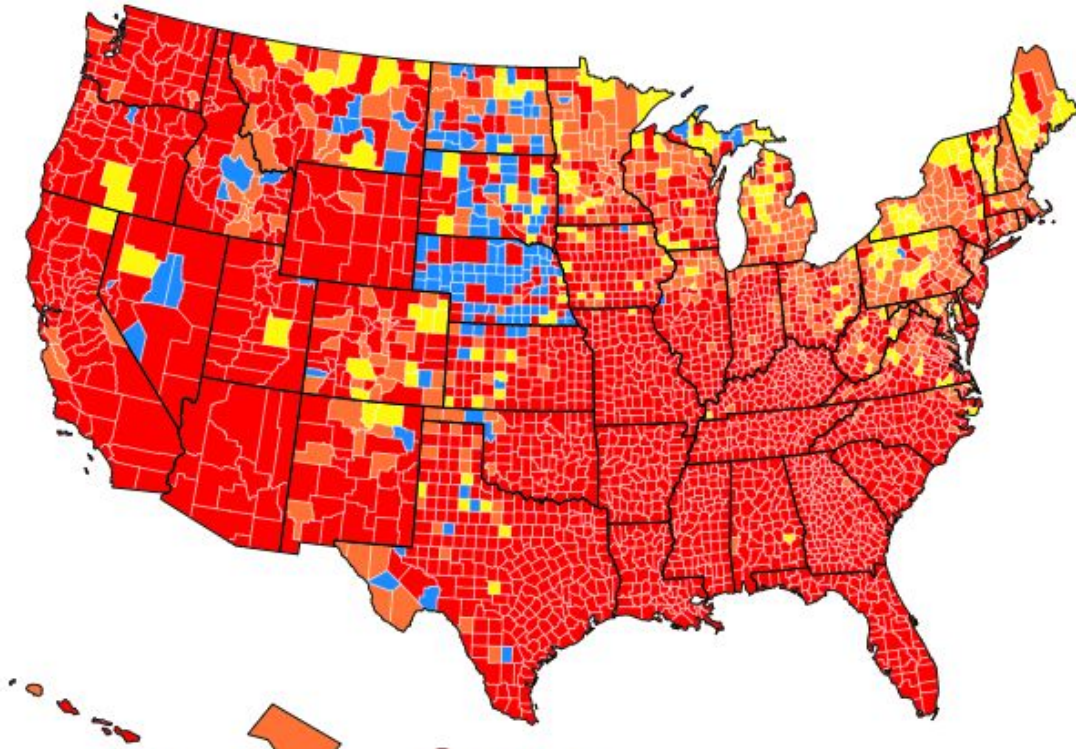
	14 day Average Case count	14 day Average % Positive
Aug 9, 2020	838	6.6%
Nov 23	6143	30.6%
April 26	667	3.8%
June 14	111	1.2%
July 26	254	3.3%
August 9	933	7.0%

Dane County Data



	14 day Average Case count	14 day Average % Positive
Aug 9, 2020	48.5	2.4%
Nov 23	399.9	7.4%
April 26	62.7	1.1%
June 14	7.4	0.56%
July 26	25.5	1.9%
August 9	78.3	3.7%

US & WI CDC Community Transmission Level



● High ● Substantial ● Moderate ● Low ● No Data

7 day total cases per 100,000



	July 26	August 3	August 9
WI	42.3	95.7	131.2
Dane	44.8	80.5	114.9

Level of Community Transmission	7 day total cases per 100,000
Low Transmission	0-9
Moderate Transmission	10-49
Substantial Transmission	50-99
High Transmission	≥100

7 day average cases per 100,000



	Nov 23	May 10	June 14	July 26	August 9
WI	101	9.2	1.8	6.1	18.8
Dane	65.3	6.9	1.2	5.5	14.3
BE/MZ	89.1	0.0	0.0	3.2	15.9
WI Heights	NA	0.0	0.0	2.2	22.7

Vaccinations



	# Started Series	# Completed Series	% Population w/ at least 1 dose	% of eligible population w/ 1 dose
Wisconsin	3,071,261	2,896,807	52.7%	63.6%
Dane County	386,683	370,616	70.7%	82.4%
WHSD Staff	139	139	92.6%	92.6%
WHSD Students	171	155	--	57.8%
WHSD Community	4,032	3,904	64.1%	--



Athletics -- Dates

Football

- August 9th

Girls Swim

- August 10th

Volleyball

- August 16th

Cross Country

- August 16th

Soccer

- August 16th

MS Volleyball

- September 1st

MS Cross Country

- September 1st

Athletics -- WIAA Updates



From the WIAA:

“The **Covid-19 guidelines** for the fall sports are now posted online - [WIAA Fall 2021 Sport Guidelines](#). We continue to recommend the following:

- Masks are strongly encouraged for individuals not fully vaccinated.
- Continue with proper hygiene – do not share water bottles, regularly clean and disinfect equipment
- Socially distance when possible
- Full vaccination is strongly encouraged – keep in mind a person fully vaccinated is exempt from quarantining. Protect yourself, your team, and your season.”

Vanguard Adventure Online Learning



- **Goal: Meet students/families needs for a quality, online education while maintaining a personal connection to the school.**
- Number of students/families requesting an virtual option is small.
- Personalized learning using Wisconsin Virtual School (Tomahawk, WI); with 25 years of experience, using Wisconsin teachers with a Wisconsin Heights educational coach providing local support.
- Students will be able to select to be fully online or to take the academic core online and access electives in person.
- Students/families will commit by semester with an option to switch to in person learning available for the last five days and first five days of a semester.
- Starting small and refining model in anticipation of future growth.

What's Next?



1. Ongoing - Communication cycles with parents, students, families & staff. Evaluate our three critical factors.
2. August 9 board meeting - board approval of procedures for the start of the 21-22 school year
3. August 23 - first day of all staff in-service
4. September 1 - first day of the school year for students!
5. September 13 - provide updates to the school board on the first weeks of the school year