



# Wisconsin Heights School District Operational Planning

September 27, 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. [PHMDC Indoor masking order](#) - September 10, 2021
    - i. Runs until **October 8, 2021**
  - c. [Update from UW](#) - August 8, 2021
3. [Current Dane County Snapshot](#) - **updated 9/23/21**
  - a. Case counts have increased in the last two weeks

# WI Data

	14 day Average Case count	14 day Average % Positive
Sept 27, 2020	1906	18.2%
Nov 23	6143	30.6%
June 14	111	1.2%
August 23	1237	7.3%
Sept 13	1609	8.2%
Sept 27	2661	9.2%

# Dane County Data



	14 day Average Case count	14 day Average % Positive
Sept 27, 2020	138.8	3.8%
Nov 23	399.9	7.4%
June 14	7.4	0.56%
August 23	88.7	3.8%
Sept 9	96.4	3.6%
Sept 27	140.8	3.4%

# 7 day total cases per 100,000



	July 26	August 9	August 23	Sept 13	Sept 27
WI	42.3	131.2	155.6	176.5	314.3
Dane	44.8	114.9	119.6	125.9	152.7
WI Heights	--	--	63.7	254.8	238.0

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

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	<b>Nov 23</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>July 26</b>	<b>August 23</b>	<b>Sept 13</b>	<b>Sept 27</b>
<b>WI</b>	101	1.8	6.1	22.2	27.7	44.9
<b>Dane</b>	65.3	1.2	5.5	15.3	18.3	25.8
<b>WI Heights</b>	NA	0.0	2.2	9.1	36.3	34.1

# Vaccinations



	<b># Started Series</b>	<b># Completed Series</b>	<b>% Population w/ at least 1 dose</b>	<b>% of eligible population w/ 1 dose</b>
<b>Wisconsin</b>	3,292,836	3,116,066	56.6%	65.8%
<b>Dane County</b>	402,199	386,627	73.6%	84.6%
<b>WHSD Staff</b>	122	122	92.4%	92.4%
<b>WHSD Students</b>	212	196	56.2%	65.2%
<b>WHSD Community</b>	4,157	4,062	66.1%	--

# WHSD Data



<b>Week</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>New Quarantines</b>	<b>Students out on Quarantine or Positive</b>	<b># Out with symptoms</b>	<b># of Tests done at school</b>
Week 1	10	12	21	5	-
Week 2	0	6	25	8	-
Week 3	1	1	14	19	-
Week 4	0	0	4	14	21

# School Testing Procedures



- Symptomatic individuals will be tested by trained school personnel.  
with consent
- Close contacts and individuals who request testing will be tested as staff capacity allows (with consent/request).
- DHS matched WHSD with Accelerated Analytical to offer school-based testing.
  - Symptomatic testing at all schools and drive through testing at the MS/HS from 10 - 11 AM



# Quarantine Procedures



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

# 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 - PHMDC Order



- Face Covering Required. Every individual, age two (2) and older, shall wear a face covering when:
  - In any enclosed space open to the public where other people, except for members of the person's own household or living unit, are present.
- Driving or riding in any form of public transportation.
- Exceptions can be made under the following circumstances:
  - Individuals with medical conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the individual from wearing a face covering.

# Masking Procedures - PHMDC Order



- This indoor masking requirement includes all individuals who are indoors for co-curricular events (including spectators).
- In existing PHMDC order - an exception to indoor masking:
  - When actively playing a wind instrument that has a fabric bell cover, or similar cover, that acts as a face covering over the instrument, as long as individuals are spaced at least six (6) feet apart at all times.
- Optional use outdoors for students, staff, and visitors district-wide.

# Masking Procedures - Admin proposal



- Required for students and associated staff in grades PK - 12
  - Indoors and on school sponsored transportation
- Optional use outdoors for students and staff district-wide
- Spectators - student athletes, coaches, and event workers will mask when indoors
- Staff will mask indoors when in the presence of others
- Maintain indoor exemption when actively playing wind instrument
- We will maintain this procedure until the end of the first quarter of the 21-22 school year (November 4)

# Masking Procedures - Rationale



- Breakthrough infections - Delta is different
- What is in the community is coming through the door
- Our stated goal has been in-person instruction for as many students as possible as safely as possible
- Our recent experience has shown us that it will be difficult to sustain in-person instruction if we are unmasked
  - Too many students and staff will either contract COVID or be removed for quarantine
  - Capacity for testing, contact tracing, substitute employees, and multimodal instruction is thin

# What's Next?



1. Ongoing - Monitor our daily operations and community transmission levels. Evaluate our three critical factors.
2. September 27 - provide updates to the school board on the first four weeks of the school year.
3. October 8 - PHMDC indoor masking order expires. TBD - It may be extended.
4. October 11 - next school board meeting.