

**WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEDICAL ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Monday, November 9, 2020

6:00 PM

District Administration & Maintenance Center  
905 Bethel Circle  
Waunakee, Wisconsin 53597

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**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**IV. APPROVE AGENDA**

**V. REVIEW PROGRESS OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND DASHBOARD DATA FOR SCHOOL REOPENING**

**A. Internal Processes**

The administration will provide an update on our contact tracing process and staffing.

There are two areas where we would like input from the Committee:

**1. Communication about COVID-19 incidents.** The following is new information from PHMDC.

- Schools only need to report positive cases and do contact tracing for cases that were on school grounds or school transportation while they were likely infectious. It is not required to send a notice to staff or families if the individual was not in school during this time. If someone has symptoms, they are considered infectious 2 days prior to symptom onset. If someone does not have symptoms, they are considered infectious 2 days prior to their test date.

**2. Disinfecting of Surfaces**

What is emerging with regard to the frequency to disinfect surfaces and transmission of disease from surfaces? What practices do you follow in a clinical setting for area like waiting rooms etc?

**B. Internal Data**

Internal data charts will be updated on Monday and will be available for presentation to the Committee on Monday evening.

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The November 2nd Data Tables are attached for you reference.

C. Community Wide Data

Local data charts will be updated on Monday and will be available for presentation to the Committee on Monday evening.

**VI. REVIEW SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A TIMELINE TO BEGIN IN-PERSON HYBRID INSTRUCTION FOR GRADES 5-12 BY THE START OF 2ND SEMESTER**

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Attached please find a presentation that was made to the school board at their meeting on November 2nd.

Attached please find the presentation and supporting materials that were presented to the Board at the Special School Board Meeting on November 2nd. As a summary, that presentation outlines a pathway to bring students back to in-person hybrid instruction in grades 5-12 by the start of the second semester. More specifically, it articulates a return date for grades 5-6 on November 30th and a return date for grades 7-12 on January 26th.

The Board will also be considering how to proceed with Winter Sports.

**VII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

**VIII. ADJOURN**

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# District

School	# Staff Positive Cases	# Staff Close Contacts	Staff Cleared from Positive-Test or Close Contact	# Student Positive Cases	# Student Close Contacts	Students Cleared from Positive-Test or Close Contact	# Students Not Attending Due to Symptoms Of Illness	# Classes Closed Due to COVID-19	# Activities Closed Due to COVID-19
4K	*	*	*	*	11	8	-	*	*
Arboretum Elementary	*	*	*	*	28	19	6	*	*
Heritage Elementary	*	5	*	*	26	14	5	*	*
Prairie Elementary	*	*	*	*	20	8	6	*	*
Intermediate School	5	7	6	6	14	14	*	*	*
Waubesa Middle School	*	*	*	*	23	19	*	*	*
Waubesa High School	*	9	10	23	54	55	*	*	*
Bethel Circle	*	*	5	-	-	-	-	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

\* Case and quarantine totals less than five are not reported to protect the privacy of individual students and staff. Quarantine status can be a result of case exposure at home, school, or in the community.

\* Staff and Students may be monitored with symptoms, but not a Close Contact or have a Positive COVID-19 test result.

\*Updated 11/02/20

# Community - Waunakee

Metric	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/01	10/02	10/03	10/04	10/05	10/06	10/07	10/08	10/09	10/10	10/11	10/12
Total Positive Cases	1	2	5	4	10	5	16	8	7	5	10	6	4	6	10	12	8	9
Total Negative Cases	77	21	33	25	47	52	49	35	40	6	18	56	48	69	55	36	4	60
Daily % Positive Cases	1.28%	8.70%	13.16 %	13.79 %	17.54%	8.77%	24.62 %	18.60%	14.89 %	45.45%	35.71%	9.68	7.69	8.00	15.38	25.00	66.67	13.04
7 Day Average Positive Cases	4.29	3.0	2.86	3.29	4.57	4.14	6.14	7.14	7.86	7.86	8.71	8.14	8.00	6.57	6.86	7.57	8.00	7.86
14 Day Average Positive Cases	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5.29	5.0	5.79	5.71	5.43	5.36	6.0	6.36	6.07	6.36	7.0	7.71	7.93	8.29
Burden Rate 14 Day Model per 100,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.62	17.60	20.37	20.11	19.11	18.86	21.12	22.38	21.37	22.38	24.64	27.15	27.91	29.17

## Community - Waunakee Table 2

Metric	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17 *	10/18 *	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/01	11/02
Total Positive Cases	9	15	11	17	4	4	6	19	25	16	17	21	17	10	18	25	7	28	15	6	15
Total Negative Cases	46	65	55	71	239	239	238	25	25	86	69	93	93	94	80	24	55	63	92	87	93
Daily % Positive Cases	15.79	18.75	16.67	19.32	1.65	1.65	2.46	43.18	50	15.69	19.77	18.42	15.45	9.62	18.37	51.02	11.29	30.77	14.02	6.45	13.89
7 Day Average Positive Cases	8.29	9.86	10.57	11.57	10.43	9.86	9.43	10.86	12.12	13.00	13.00	15.43	17.29	17.86	17.71	17.71	16.43	18.00	17.14	15.57	16.29
14 Day Average Positive Cases	8.21	8.93	8.57	9.21	9.00	8.93	8.64	9.57	11.07	11.79	12.29	12.93	13.57	13.64	14.29	15.00	14.71	15.50	16.29	16.43	17.07
Burden Rate 14 Day Model per 100,000	28.91	31.43	30.17	32.43	31.68	31.43	30.42	33.69	38.97	41.49	43.25	45.51	47.77	48.02	50.29	52.80	51.79	54.56	57.33	57.83	60.09

*\*Total Population: 28,386*

*\*Census Tract data includes the Waunakee Area, including 111.02, 112, 113.01, and 113.02*

*\*Updated 11/02/20*

*\* October 17-18, the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System received an upgrade. Reports were not able to be submitted during that time. The data reported on October 19th was averaged over the period from the 17th-19th.*

*\*Some of the fluctuations in the data is due to the Alliant Energy Testing Center being closed Sunday and Monday.*

# Dane County

Metric	09/03	09/10	09/17	09/24	10/01	10/08	10/15	10/22	10/29
% Positive Tests (14 day average)	1.6%	3.0%	5.2%	5.0%	3.7%	3.1%	3.3%	3.9%	5.0%
County Case Rate 14 Day Average	45	94	170	179	139	120	133	167	214
Burden Rate 14 Day Model Per 100,000	7.58	15.82	28.62	30.13	22.9	22.91	28.25	34.58	44.34
Testing Capacity	Green	Green							
Hospitals Ability to Treat	Green	Not Calculated	Not Calculated						

*\*Data from Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC)*

*\*Burden Rate (14 Day Model) calculated with the 7-Day average of new cases by date by PHMDC.*

*\*Updated 11/02/20*

# **Waunakee Community School District**

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## **Return to Learn**

**2020/2021**



# History

- **March 2020 -- State-Wide Closure of Schools**
- **June/July 2020 -- Board Decision on Summer School/Camp K/Other Activities and Co-Curriculars**
- **July 2020 -- Board Decision to Start Year All-Virtual Model**
- **August 2020 -- Board Decision to Return 4K and K-4 in In-Person Hybrid Model -- review other grades at the quarter.**
- **August 2020 -- PHMDC Metrics Limiting School Reopening to K-2**
- **September 2020 -- Wisconsin Supreme Court Overturned PHMDC Reopening Metrics**
- **October 2020 -- Board Decision to Return Grades 3-4 on October 26th in an In-Person Hybrid Model**
- **November 2020 -- Consideration of Next Steps and Other Grade Level Return to an In-Person Hybrid Model**



# Public Health Madison & Dane County

- Ensuring students and employees with face coverings are at least six (6) feet from others to the greatest extent possible when indoors and on school buses [K-12 SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS DURING COVID-19](#)
- Social Distancing Requirement -- Part of Order #9 --> is a **REQUIREMENT** and is not **OPTIONAL**.
  - “greatest extent possible” takes into account incidental breaches of 6-feet and taking into account the general understanding of how a school operates. It does not mean we can set up desks 4-feet apart in order to bring in a greater number of students.
  - District Liability Carrier requires us to follow all Orders.
  - The social distancing language does not allow us to open our schools beyond an in-person hybrid model.
- Sports (Low/Medium/High Risk Sports)
  - Low Risk Sports are able to compete in Dane County.
  - [SPORTS GUIDANCE](#)



# 4K-2 and 3-4: What Have We Learned?

- It is great to have kids in our school buildings!
- By maintaining our protocols -- social distancing, face coverings, and hand washing -- we have been able to minimize the impact of COVID-19 incidents on our classrooms/programs.
- Students have been very good at following the rules.
- Contact tracers have been busy addressing issues, to the best degree possible, before they significantly impact our school programs and activities.
- Quarantining students and staff who become COVID-19 positive or who are close contacts is the first line of defense to a greater impact on students, staff, and programs.
- The stronger the communication and cooperation between home and school around potential exposures and positive COVID-19 cases, the better we are able to address risk within our school environment.



# 5-6 Instructional Model

Please see 5-6 instructional model brochure.



# 7-12 Instructional Model

Please see 7-12 instructional model brochure.



# Family Instructional Model Selection/Survey

- A survey will be sent to our 5-12 families in the first two weeks of November for them to select either the in-person hybrid instructional model or a 100% remote instructional model.
- This information is key to move forward with planning at each of the grade levels.
- Students in grades 5-6 who choose a 100% remote instructional model will need to remain in that model until the start of 3rd quarter.
- Students in grades 7-12 who choose a 100% virtual instructional model will need to remain in that model until the end of the second semester. Schedules at the 7-12 level are not flexible enough to allow for shifting back and forth between the instructional models.
- Students can choose to move from the in-person hybrid model to the remote model at any time, giving one week notice to the school.



# AM/PM and A/B Cohort Assignments

- Once parents/guardians select either the in-person hybrid instructional model or remote instructional model for their child/ren, administration will begin assigning students.
- We will not accept requests or preferences for placements.
- Grades 5-6: AM/PM placement
  - AM/PM placements will align with siblings participating in K-4 hybrid in-person at the Elementary schools and/or in-person 4K.
- Grades 7-12: Monday-Tuesday/Thursday-Friday placement or alternating week (7-8).



# Transportation

- Once AM/PM (grades 5-6) and Monday-Tuesday/Thursday-Friday cohorts (grades 7-12) are finalized, bus transportation and routes will be created.
- Upon opening grades 5-6, we will also do the planning and transportation routes for grades 7-12.
- Start and end times of school is also being scheduled around availability of bus transportation, drivers, limiting the number of students on a bus at one time, and the flow of pick-up/drop-off sequences at each school.
  - K-4 Start and End Times
  - 5-6 Start and End Times
  - 7-12 Start and End Times



# Human Resources

- **Substitute Teacher Needs**
  - Online program for certification - will reimburse \$40 certification cost once the individual subs for us
- **In Process and To Be Resolved:**
  - FFCRA Leave -- sunsets on December 31st, 2020
  - Staff Accommodations -- continued virtual work/delivery
  - Staff Leave WO/Pay and Resignations
  - Filling of Vacant Positions -- teachers and classified staff



# Facility

- The HVAC Ionization units have been installed in all school buildings. Mobile units have been purchased for areas such as isolation rooms and the mobile classrooms at the Middle School.
- Deep Cleaning
  - Define - disinfectant
- Staffing Needs
  - Researching our options to meet the cleaning/disinfecting needs at each building
- Cleaning Between Cohorts -- looks different by level (Elementary, Intermediate, MS, HS)
- Sharing our Safety/Mitigation Plan



# PHMDC Metrics and Contact Tracing

- **WCSD metrics/data is on the school website (COVID-19 Dashboard) and is updated weekly on Tuesday afternoons.**
- **The internal metrics that seem to be the most pertinent include:**
  - **WCSD ability to stay ahead of contact tracing**
  - **Degree to which the spread of COVID-19 can be traced back to a school setting or activity/program.**
  - **Staffing -- primarily substitute teachers**
- **The WCSD contact tracers and team feel the impact of rising or falling COVID-19 prevalence in our community.**
- **Community Partnership -- practices and information**



# Timeline

BOE motion on October 26th called for administration to present a plan/timeline for returning students to school in grades 5-12 by the start of the 2nd Semester of the 2020-21 school year.

- **October 26th, 2020** -- students in grades 3-4 returned in an AM/PM in-person hybrid.
- **November 30th, 2020** -- potential date for grades 5-6 return in an AM/PM in-person hybrid.
- **January 26th, 2021** -- potential date for grades 7-12 return in an A/B hybrid.
  - We looked at returning students in grades 7-8 earlier than semester 2.
  - We do not feel it is prudent to do so in the days just prior to Winter Break.
  - We want to be cautious immediately after Winter Break as families and staff may be attending gatherings or traveling over break and do not want a projected increase in COVID-19 incidents to negatively impact the transition to a new grade level span.
  - We feel that the semester is a natural educational break to make the change at the 7-12 level.



# Co-Curricular Athletics/Activities

- Low Level Risk Winter Sports -- ski/snowboard (Cascade Mountain), boys swimming, and gymnastics
- Medium Level Risk Winter Sports -- boys and girls basketball
- High Level Risk Winter Sports -- wrestling, hockey, and group dance
- Points to consider:
  - Can Low Level Risk Winter Sports practice and compete -- home/away?
  - Can Medium and High Level Risk Winter Sports practice and compete -- away?
  - From a contact tracing perspective, is it better to have our student-athletes participating in our programs that we oversee, or traveling with club programs of which we have no jurisdiction?
  - Space and staff limitations for practice - limited 10 individuals per court with 6-foot social distancing at all times.
  - All road season? Dane County only season?



# Questions?



**Thank You!**

