

Wyomissing Area School District



Health & Safety Plan Update

Monday, February 28, 2022

Wyomissing Area Community Board Room

“Inspiring Excellence, One Spartan at a Time”

2021-22 Update

WASD Dashboard

Positive cases

| Holiday Break | 68 |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Week of January 3-9 | 65 |
| Week of January 10-16 | 58 |
| Week of January 17-21 | 27 |
| Week of January 29-30 | 9 |
| Week of January 31-February 6 | 6 |
| Week of February 7-13 | 6 |
| Week of February 14-20 | 4 |

CDC COVID Tracker <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Berks County, Pennsylvania

[State Health Department](#)

7-day Metrics | [7-day Percent Change](#)

Community Transmission ● Substantial

Everyone in **Berks County, Pennsylvania** should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Mask requirements might vary from place to place. Make sure you follow local laws, rules, regulations or guidance.

How is community transmission calculated?

Determining Transmission Risk

If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected



| | Low | Moderate | Substantial | High |
|---|-----|----------|-------------|--------|
| New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days* | <10 | 10-49.99 | 50-99.99 | ≥100 |
| Percentage of positive NAATs tests during the past 7 days** | <5% | 5-7.99% | 8-9.99% | ≥10.0% |

February 28, 2022

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|---|-------|
| Cases | 294 |
| Case Rate per 100k | 69.81 |
| % Positivity | 8.37% |
| Deaths | 14 |
| % of population ≥ 5 years of age fully vaccinated | 63% |
| New Hospital Admissions | 21 |

2021-22 Update

Quarantine Update

When quarantine assigned?

- COVID positive
- Exposure at home/community
- Household member COVID positive
- Exposure at school

| Quarantine Numbers | | | | |
|--------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| | WHEC | WREC | JSHS | Total |
| 11/19/2021 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 26 |
| 11/26/2021 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 23 |
| 12/3/2021 | 19 | 6 | 16 | 41 |
| 12/10/2021 | 21 | 13 | 10 | 44 |
| 12/17/2021 | 27 | 5 | 14 | 46 |
| 1/7/2022 | 41 | 20 | 59 | 120 |
| 1/14/2022 | 32 | 14 | 50 | 96 |
| 1/21/2022 | 38 | 11 | 27 | 76 |
| 1/28/2022 | 17 | 4 | 9 | 30 |
| 2/4/2022 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 20 |
| 2/11/2022 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| 2/18/2022 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 2/25/2022 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 7 |

DOH COVID Data for PA

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Cases.aspx>

- Total Cases/Dashboard
- Vaccine Dashboard
- Case Counts for Children 0-18
 - 01/05/2022 – 01/11/2022 – Berks Children 0-4, 387
 - 01/05/2022 – 01/11/2022 – Berks Children 5-18, 1,285
 - 01/12/2022 – 01/18/2022 – Berks Children 0-4, 276
 - 01/12/2022 – 01/18/2022 – Berks Children 5-18, 1,012
 - 2/9/2022 – 2/15/2022 – Berks Children 0-4, 62
 - 2/9/2022 – 2/15/2022 – Berks Children 5-18, 121
 - 2/16/2022 – 2/22/2022 – Berks Children 0-4, 25
 - 2/16/2022 - 2/22/2022 – Berks Children 5-18, 62

WASD Face Covering Chart

August 9, 2021

| | Low | Moderate | Substantial | High |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Face Coverings K-6* | Recommended | Required | Required | Required |
| Face Coverings 7-12* | Recommended | Recommended /Required | Required | Required |

*Students, employees & visitors would follow building direction while inside WASD buildings

Activities exempt from required face coverings:

- Outdoor Class activities
- Outdoor recess
- Outdoor physical education class
- Outdoor athletic practices / games
- Outdoor extra-curricular activities

February 25, 2022 CDC Update

On February 25, 2022 the federal mandate for students and employees to wear masks while being transported on school buses and vans was removed.

February 25, 2022 CDC Update

Final Selection of COVID-19 Community Indicators

- Narrowed the list of candidate indicators based on criteria:
 - *New hospital admissions with confirmed COVID-19/100,000 people and percent of inpatient beds occupied with COVID-19 patients* selected as best candidates
 - ICU beds occupied, new hospital admissions/100 beds, test positivity, and metrics reflecting percent change (e.g., in new admissions, new cases) eliminated
 - New cases retained as a potential candidate to assess performance as leading indicator

February 25, 2022 CDC Update

CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels and Indicators

| New Cases (per 100,000 population in the last 7 days) | Indicators | Low | Medium | High |
|---|---|--------|------------|--------|
| Fewer than 200 | New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) | <10.0 | 10.0-19.9 | ≥20.0 |
| | Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) | <10.0% | 10.0-14.9% | ≥15.0% |
| 200 or more | New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) | NA | <10.0 | ≥10.0 |
| | Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) | NA | <10.0% | ≥10.0% |

The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days

February 25, 2022 CDC Update

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Know Your COVID-19 Community Level

[COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.



COVID-19 County Check

Find community levels and prevention steps by county.

Select a Location (all fields required)

Pennsylvania

Berks County

Go

< Start Over

Low

In **Berks County, Pennsylvania**, community level is **Low**.

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

February 24, 2022

WASD Face Covering Chart

March 1, 2022

| | Low | Medium | High |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Face Coverings K-6* | Optional | Recommended | Required |
| Face Coverings 7-12* | Optional | Recommended | Required |

*Students, employees & visitors would follow building direction while inside WASD buildings and while using District transportation services

Considerations

- **Medical Advisors**
- **Berks County / BCIU / BCTC**

Considerations

- **Testing Availability**
 - **WASD**
- **Vaccine Availability**
 - **Age 5+**
 - **Age 12+ Booster**
 - **Esterbrook Pharmacy** <https://www.westreadingrug.com/>

Next Steps

- **Maintain physical distancing practices**
- **Maintain contact tracing/quarantine practices**
- **Monitor direction from DOH related to contact tracing/quarantine**
- **Update Board and community on March 14, 2022**

Next Steps

- **February 28 – Motion for Board consideration, share update with parents and employees**
- **March 1-3 – Post presentation and revise WASD Health and Safety Plan**
- **March 14 – Provide update to Board/Public on Health Plan status**
- **Ongoing – Continue to monitor case numbers and follow direction of medical advisors**