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**Avonworth School District  
COVID Update Message  
April 23, 2021**

Dear Avonworth Parents & Caregivers,

We hope this message finds you doing well and that you have had a wonderful week. This message is for informational purposes only to provide you with an update on COVID in our schools and county.

**Update on Cases of COVID-19 in Avonworth School District as of April 23, 2021**

Avonworth Primary Center	Avonworth Elementary School	Avonworth Middle/High School
1 Active Case	0 Active Case	3 Active Cases

As a reminder, we are only reporting positive cases of COVID when an individual was physically present in a building while infectious. A case is considered Active from when they became infectious or tested positive until 10 days after. This is the required isolation period for someone that has tested positive for COVID. Once a positive case moves beyond the 10 day isolation period, it is no longer considered an Active Case. Therefore, Active Cases are currently still in the 10-day isolation period.

**There are currently 7 individuals (staff and students) in quarantine.**

An update on the number of identified positive COVID cases in our buildings can always be found on our [COVID Tracker](#).

On March 8, 2021, the Avonworth Board of School Directors voted to utilize the [CDC's updated Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19](#). Below is a table summarizing the CDC's updated indicators and thresholds for community transmission.

Transmission Level	Cases Per 100K Individuals Over the Most Recent 7 Days	AND	Percent Positivity Rate Over the Most Recent 7 Days
Low	0-9	AND	< 5%
Moderate	10-49	AND	5-7.9%
Substantial	50-99	AND	8-9.9%
High	≥ 100	AND	≥ 10%

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## Current Status of COVID-19 in Allegheny County

Allegheny County Data from the PA Department of Health COVID-19 Early Warning Dashboard ([source](#))

Criteria	3/26/21	4/2/2021	4/9/2021	4/16/2021	4/23/21
Incidence Rate Per 100K	140.3	155.8	177.4	167.7	130.7
PCR Percent Positivity	7.7%	8.8%	9.6%	8.7%	6.9%

Transmission Level Determined by the [CDC's updated Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19](#).

**NOTE:** Per the [CDC](#) - Transmission level is determined by both the **Cases Per 100K AND the Percent Positivity Rate** falling in a level. **If the two indicators suggest different levels, the actions corresponding to the higher threshold should be chosen.**

Per the CDC, Allegheny County is currently at the **High Transmission Level**

### **Key:**

Blue = Low Transmission Level

Yellow = Moderate Transmission Level

Orange = Substantial Transmission Level

Red = High Transmission Level

### **Reporting Health Information & Collective Community Effort:**

Please continue to update your school nurse if your child is identified to be positive for COVID-19. To limit the transmission of COVID-19 in our schools and school community, it is critical that this information is shared and proper contact tracing is completed.

We would like to remind our parents/guardians to continue to be diligent with regard to monitoring your child(ren)'s health. Daily health monitoring and keeping children home when needed is necessary to limit the transmission of this virus. We have recently had students coming to school with COVID symptoms, which runs the risk of causing other students to have to quarantine if the student with symptoms becomes positive for COVID.

### **If a student has any of the following symptoms, they must stay home:**

- Has shown any COVID-19 symptoms including:
  - Fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, repeated shaking with chills, achiness, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell
- Active vomiting or diarrhea
- Fever (100 degrees or higher), chills, or general body aches

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As a school community, it takes everyone to do their part to limit high-risk behaviors that can lead to the transmission of and the exposure of others to COVID-19. The most significant risks are when people of any age do not engage in the most crucial mitigation efforts (distancing, masks, and washing hands often). Our collective, community-wide efforts concerning these mitigation efforts are critical to what happens in our schools. Thank you for your contribution to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend!