



SHEBOYGAN AREA
— SCHOOL DISTRICT —

COVID-19 - Mitigation and Response

July 27, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Goals of Tonight's Presentation

- Provide update on current community COVID-19 metrics
- Discuss Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) School Guidance July 9th Update
- Outline district mitigation and response measures
- Share pertinent district operations updates





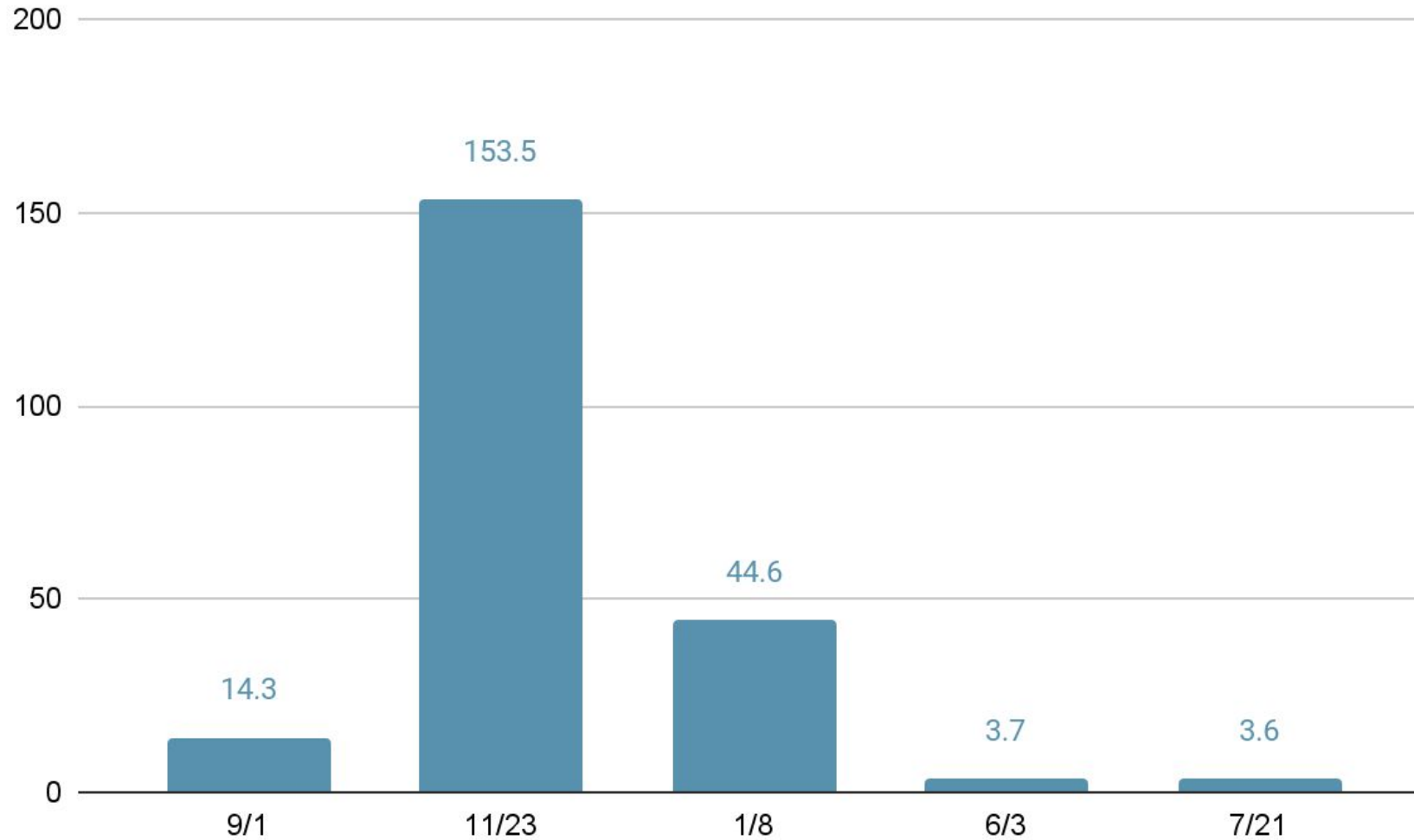
Current Status

Current Sheboygan County COVID-19 Data

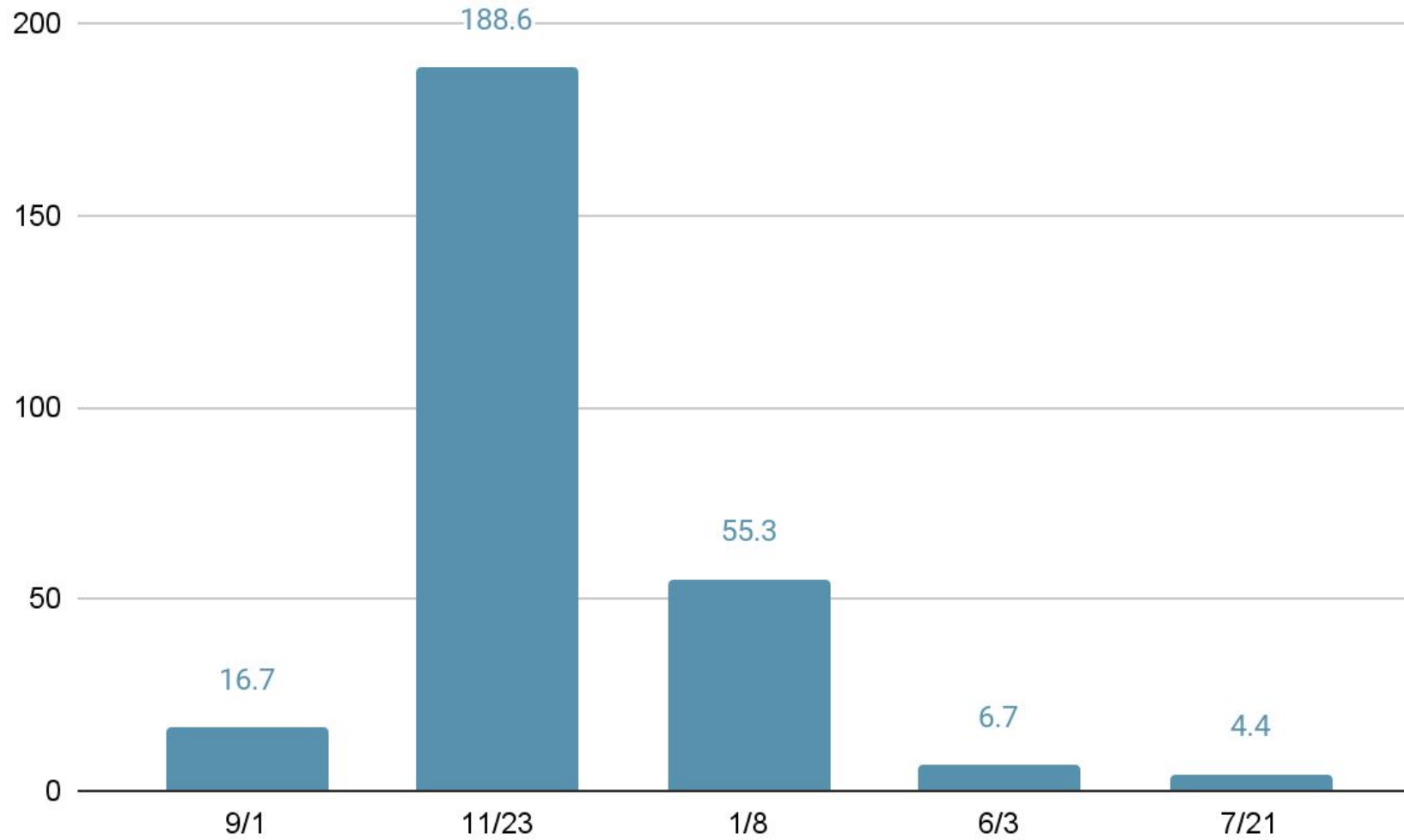
- Harvard/Brown Metric
 - 7-day New Case Average - Currently 3.6 per 100,000
- State of Minnesota Metric (Burden Rate)
 - 14-day Case Rate Range - Currently 4.4 per 10,000
- Sheboygan County Health Department (Burden Rate)
 - 14-day Case Rate Range - Currently 44.5 per 100,000
- Positivity Rate - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
 - 14-day Trailing Average - Currently 3.3%
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) School Guidance - “Moderate”



7- Day New Case Average per 100,000



Burden Rate per 10,000



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Table 1. CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19¹

Indicator	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days ²	0-9	10-49	50-99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs that are positive during the past 7 days ³	<5.0%	5.0%-7.9%	8.0%-9.9%	≥10.0%

Source: [CDC Covid Data Tracker](#)





CDC School Guidance Update

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- The CDC updated their [*Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools*](#) on July 9th
- Key takeaways for the revised guidance include:
 - Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.
 - Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.
 - Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
 - CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as indoor masking.



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- Key takeaways (continued)
 - Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.
 - Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
 - Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies (e.g., using multiple prevention strategies together consistently) to protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including students, teachers, staff, and other members of their households.
 - COVID-19 prevention strategies remain critical to protect people, including students, teachers, and staff, who are not fully vaccinated, especially in areas of moderate-to-high community transmission levels.
 - Localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies (e.g., physical distancing, screening testing).



AAP Guidance Update

AAP School Guidance Update

- American Academy of Pediatrics updated their [COVID-19 Guidance for Safe Schools](#) on July 19th.
- All eligible individuals should have the Covid Vaccine.
- AAP takes the CDC masking guidelines a step further and suggests masking for all students/staff/faculty (over the age of 2) while at school.
 - Many of the children of school age are not yet eligible for vaccination, therefore it is for their protection that everyone in the school environment wear a mask.
 - Among those 12 and up, it is difficult to ascertain who has gotten the vaccine and who has not. Therefore, asking only unvaccinated individuals to wear a mask may be difficult and burdensome for school staff.
 - An added benefit of universal masking is protection of students and staff against other respiratory illnesses that would take time away from school.

AAP School Guidance Update

- Adequate and timely COVID-19 testing resources must be available and accessible.
- It is critically important to develop strategies that can be revised and adapted depending on the level of viral transmission and test positivity rate throughout the community and schools, recognizing the differences between school districts, including urban, suburban, and rural districts.
- School policies should be adjusted to align with new information about the pandemic; administrators should refine approaches when specific policies are not working.
- Schools must continue to take a multi-pronged, layered approach to protect students, teachers, and staff (ie, vaccination, universal mask use, ventilation, testing, quarantining, and cleaning and disinfecting). Combining these layers of protection will make in-person learning safe and possible. Schools should monitor the implementation and effectiveness of these policies.
- Schools should monitor the attendance of all students daily inclusive of in-person and virtual settings. Schools should use multi-tiered strategies to proactively support attendance for all students, as well as differentiated strategies to identify and support those at higher risk for absenteeism.
- School districts must be in close communication and coordinate with state and/or local public health authorities, school nurses, local pediatric practitioners, and other medical experts.



District Mitigation and Response Measures

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- Vaccinations
 - In alignment with the CDC stance that vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy, the District will continue to promote vaccination opportunities for eligible students and staff.
- Facial Coverings
 - Optional for all students and staff.
 - Information regarding the CDC and AAP recommendations for students younger than 12 and unvaccinated adults will be shared.
- Symptomatic Individuals
 - Students and staff should stay home if they are ill. If an individual has a fever in combination with other COVID-19 symptoms they would need to remain at home and be fever free for at least 24 hours and have improved symptom conditions before returning to school/work. COVID-19 testing is recommended for unvaccinated individuals.

District Mitigation and Response Measures

- Quarantine of Close Contacts - Household members
 - If vaccinated, quarantine is not necessary.
 - If unvaccinated, household member(s) would need to follow the quarantine parameters established by the Sheboygan County Public Health Department.
- Quarantine of Close Contacts - Non-household
 - Notification of potential exposure will be sent to parent/staff member.
 - If unvaccinated, parent/staff member will be asked to monitor for any symptoms for a period of 14 days.

District Mitigation and Response Measures

- COVID-19 Testing
 - The WI Department of Health Services is making both antigen and PCR testing available free to all public school districts.
 - The District has submitted a request to participate in the free testing to address outbreak and special event situations.
 - It is anticipated that additional information regarding testing locations and procedures will be forthcoming from the DHS in mid-August.



District Operations Update

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- Student Instruction
 - Instruction will be provided in classrooms using regular district class size guidelines.
 - An online learning option is available for any student (4k-12). These options will be administered through George Warriner Schools and overseen by Jason Duff.
- Transportation
 - Normal bus routes and capacity levels will be implemented.
 - Facial coverings will be required per federal regulations.
- Food Service
 - Meals will be distributed using the routine food service processes, including students eating in the cafeteria.
 - As previously shared, the USDA has extended the offering of free meals to all students through the 21-22 school year.

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- KidStop (Before and After School Programming)
 - Before and after school programming will occur at each elementary school.
 - Programming will be provided free of charge to all students.
- Co-curricular/Athletics
 - Regular programming opportunities and seasonal schedules will be implemented.
- Community Recreation Department Activities
 - Traditional programming and community recreation opportunities will be offered.



Questions