

General PCS Dashboard Announcements and Updates

January 15, 2021: Additional Data Available, Change in Dashboard

Notice: The GENERAL PCS Dashboard has changed to include additional requested data and updated language. Please note the following:

- School-Affected cases are now referred to as On-Campus cases.
- Temporarily, we are not reporting enrollment numbers of face-to-face students vs. virtual students, only total enrollment. The last day of face-to-face instruction was January 8, 2021. All PCS students are now virtual through January 22, 2021. PCS staff members will still report to campus to work. Therefore, there could be more on-campus cases through January 22nd, even though all students are temporarily virtual.
- Quarantines directly related to on-campus cases are now reported on the weekly dashboard.
- A separate, weekly chart of case locations and related quarantines will be provided each Friday for the previous week.
- Running totals of ALL cases (both on and off campus) will be provided in real time with a link to a chart on our website. The real-time numbers include both virtual and on-campus staff or students, and not just cases where the individual actually entered campus. These are ALL cases reported to us. The current day and the last 14 day trend will be updated in real time as they are added throughout the day.
- Numbers are based on tracking by our nurses and school staff and many are SELF-REPORTED by staff and parents. They are also changing constantly as cases are reported. Therefore, the numbers reflect the best data have been made aware of at the time you access the document.

As always, the best resource to make decisions based on Pitt County trends is the Pitt County Health Department site at:

<https://www.pittcountync.gov/672/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Information>

January 7, 2020: School Affected Cases vs. COVID-19 tracking

Parents, Staff and Community- This week's dashboard includes all cases from the date when staff returned on 1/4 to the end of the day on 1/7. Please remember, these numbers reflect cases of individuals who were ON CAMPUS within 48 hours of testing positive or symptomatic before testing positive. This is what we call SCHOOL-AFFECTED cases. As reported at a previous Board meeting, many more additional students and staff affected by COVID-19 are tracked by our hard-working school nurses and administration. These include individuals who are quarantined due to exposure, virtual students reporting a positive test who never entered a school campus, persons who became symptomatic but tested negative and had an alternative diagnosis by a physician (flu, cold), and those who were concerned about possible exposure from a family member or friend and stayed home out of precaution.

The difference in the 7 cases that actually entered our campuses (school-affected cases) and the large numbers we track otherwise to care for our PCS family means that parents, students and staff members are following protocol and staying home when symptomatic, exposed, and awaiting test results. WE APPRECIATE YOU for helping us keep students as safe as possible. We await the day when we can report ZERO cases of COVID-19 on our school campuses and will continue to work diligently to maintain all prevention and cleaning protocols. Together, we are #PittCountySchoolsStrong

December 11, 2020: Update on Dashboard, Contact Tracing, Presumed Transmission Transparency

As always, contact tracing is completed in all cases in partnership with our school nurses and with the Pitt County Health Department. Although contact tracing is not an exact science and depends on the information provided by the individual, we have been advised to "presume transmission" in several cases this past week. This means we can neither confirm nor rule out school transmission. Cases of "presumed transmission" have not reached the level of a cluster, which is defined as five or more cases with linkage between cases, according to the NCDHHS. Mandatory reporting of clusters can be found [in this document](#) and is updated statewide biweekly. We are continuing to follow all safety protocols as outlined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in the [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#).