

January 14, 2022

Dear Parents, Students and Employees,

The purpose of this letter is to update you on current conditions at DCSD and inform you of significant changes in quarantine protocols for students who test positive and students who are contacts of positives.

Current conditions. COVID-19 has been on the rise among DCS students and employees. The number of active known cases in Livingston County was about 1000 earlier this week. That number is now in the 500 to 600 range. However, the numbers decreased when NYSDOH decreased the isolation period from 10 days to 5 days. All active cases that were 6 days old or more were removed from the figures. A similar scenario played out in the 14437 zip code area when numbers dropped from over 150 to closer to 100.

DCSD will also adjust how we calculate the number of school positives and quarantines based upon NYSDOH guidance. It is important for you to know, however, that despite the numerical decrease, the virus continues to spread quickly and easily.

We transitioned two EBH classes and one DPS class to remote learning this week. The District continues to deploy multiple mitigation strategies including distancing, masking, temp checks upon entry and testing. Please see the table and graph at the end of this letter for updated numbers and statistics.

Changes in COVID-19 protocols. NYSDOH and the governor's office have announced many changes to quarantine protocols over the past 2 weeks leading to confusion across the State. Those changes that affect DCS students and school families are detailed below.

- ❖ Any student who tests positive must isolate for 5 days. The test date is day zero (0). If symptoms persist or worsen after day 5, stay home. If asymptomatic after day 5, come to school.
- ❖ Vaccinated students who are close contacts of a positive **in the school environment** and have no symptoms may continue to come to school.
- ❖ Unvaccinated students who are close contacts of a positive **in the school environment** and have no symptoms may continue to come to school and Test to Stay for 5 days. If day 5 falls on a non-school day, they must test on the next school day.
- ❖ Vaccinated students who are close contacts of a positive **in the household** and have no symptoms may continue to come to school and Test to Stay for 5 days. If day 5 falls on a non-school day, they must test on the next school day.

- ❖ Unvaccinated students who are close contacts of a positive **in the household** must isolate for 5 days beyond the end of the positive household member's isolation. If asymptomatic after day 5, the student may return with a negative test at school on the return day.

Students who are in school or are returning to school under the conditions listed above must properly wear a well fitting mask, preferably a KN95. Students with symptoms must stay home and should get tested. All of this can be confusing so please call a school nurse if unsure.

COVID-19 testing clinic. Our testing clinic remains open every weekday that school is in session from noon to 2:00 PM at GCC and from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturdays and Sundays. If you or a member of your household has symptoms and wants to be tested at no cost, please register for a test by emailing rapidtest@dansvillecsd.org. Be sure to include the name of the individual who needs to be tested and your phone number in your email. Walk ups won't be turned away.

The past two weeks have been challenging. We expect the number of local cases to level off and begin to decrease. We continue to do our best to keep students and employees safe and keep our doors open. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

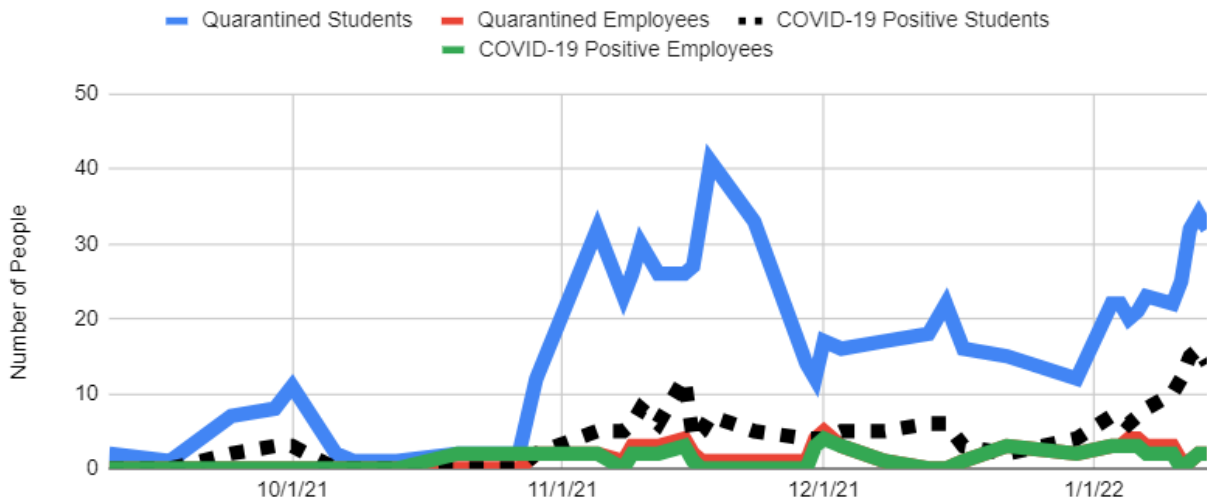
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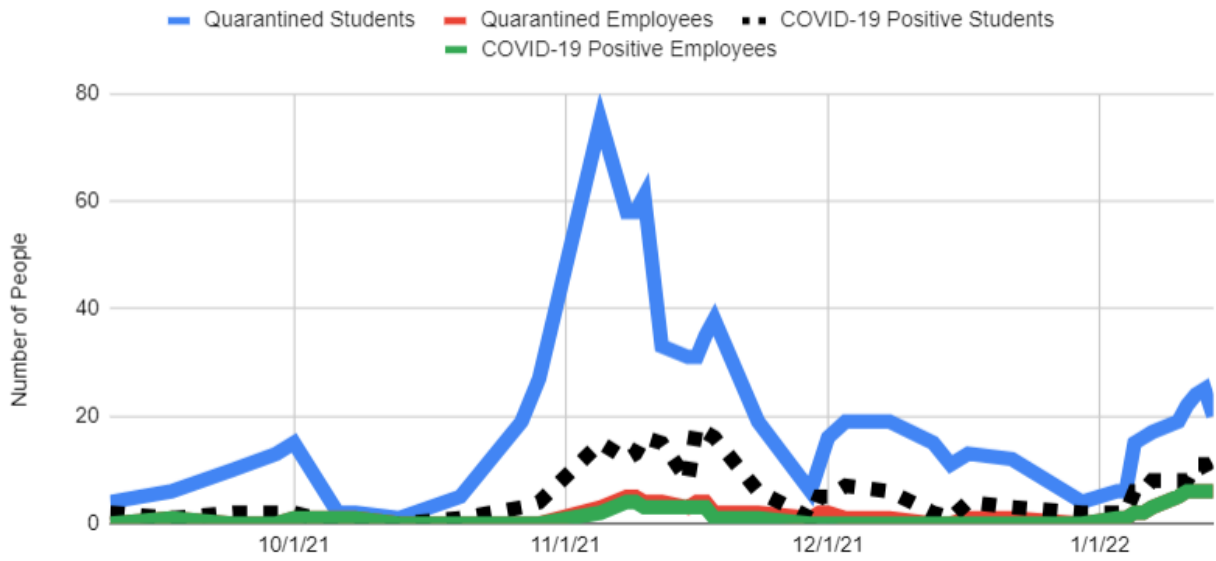
Quarantines and positives.

1/14/22	DPS	EBH ES	DHS	District	Totals
Quarantined Students	32	20	40	NA	92
Quarantined Employees	2	6	5	4	17
COVID-19 Positive Students	14	8	19	NA	41
COVID-19 Positive Employees	2	6	5	4	17

Dansville Primary School



EBH Elementary School



Dansville High School

