



DANSVILLE, NY

December 9, 2021

Dear Parents, Students, Employees and School Community Members,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on current COVID-19 conditions and some challenges facing the District as we approach mid-December.

School bus transportation. As many of you know, we have been struggling to provide consistent school bus transportation. This is especially true at the end of the day when bringing students home because we have fewer bus drivers in the afternoons. We are facing this dilemma daily and we typically take the following actions or some combination of these:

1. Combine some runs when possible.
2. Hold student passengers at school and supervise them while they wait for a bus to return.
3. Hold students and place them on the 3:30 bus runs.

The Transportation Department will continue to take advantage of consolidating runs when possible. This will cut down on the number of total trips going to and from school. However, many students will ride the bus longer.

Like other businesses, agencies and school systems, our transportation challenges are the direct result of a labor shortage. School bus drivers are central to operations. In the past, the District has tried to attract more drivers with \$1,000 incentives for new drivers, paid training and very good health insurance. We have advertised with little or no luck so I ask you to share our needs with responsible adults. Word of mouth may help with recruiting so please tell interested persons to call Dan Proctor at 335-4070.

COVID-19. On the COVID-19 front the number of positives and quarantines remains elevated as Livingston and Steuben counties continue to experience a very high number of active cases. There are 61 known active cases in the 14437 zip code area today accounting for about 20% of all cases in Livingston County which has 319. Many more undiagnosed positives are likely to be out there but they have not been tested. If you or a loved one has symptoms, please get tested and have them get tested.

Here in our schools, we had 59 combined student and employee quarantines and 22 combined positives as of 12/8/21. These figures are still too high but we are better off than we were before Thanksgiving (150+ quarantines and 45 positives). Please see the table and graphs below.

Community COVID-19 testing. If you or a member of your family or a friend has symptoms and needs to be tested, our testing clinic operates each day M-F from noon to 2:00 PM at GCC (walk up to the gym entrance). We begin weekend hours this Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. We hope that this service will help to prevent the spread of the virus. Email rapidtest@dansvillecsd.org to register for a free test. Include your name and phone number.

For the time being, DCS is holding its own. We are moving forward each day with our students' academic, social and emotional needs front and center. We need bus drivers, substitute teachers and substitute teacher aides. We continue to do our best during these trying times and we continue to appreciate your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

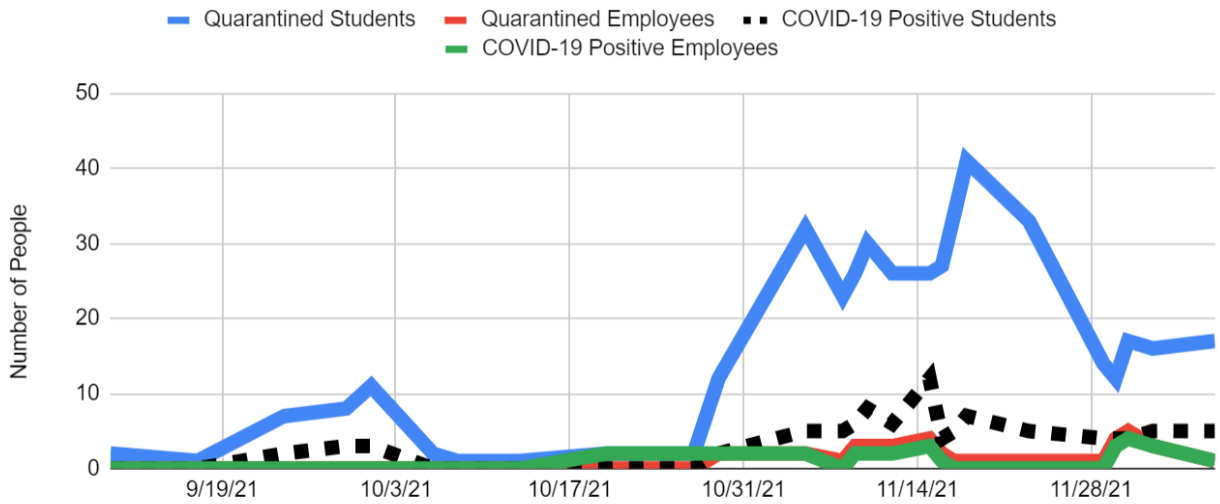


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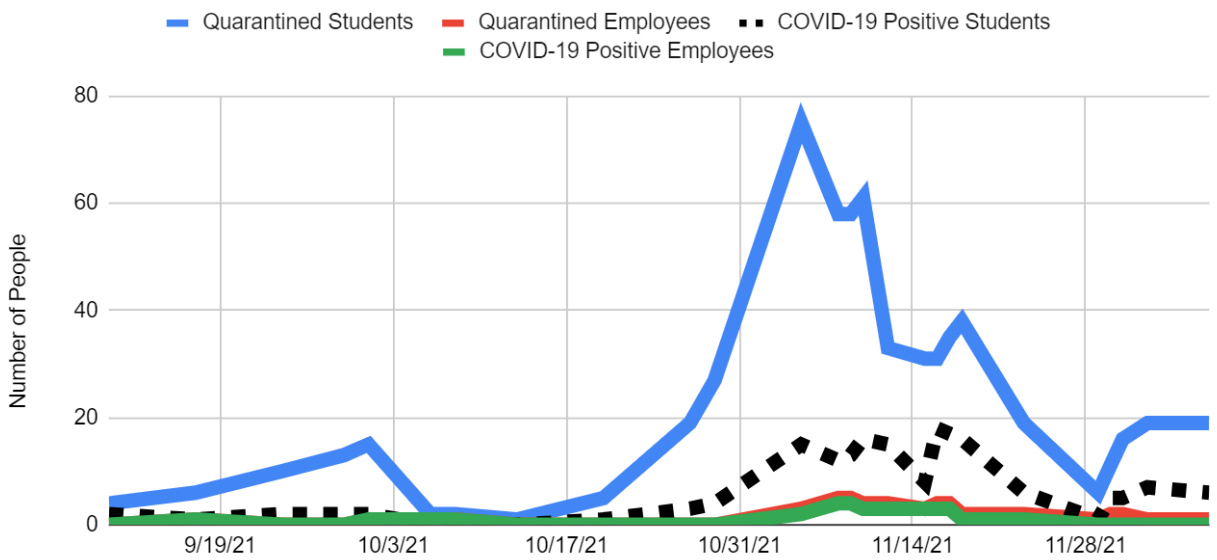
Quarantines and positives.

12/8/21	DPS	EBH ES	DHS	District	Totals
Quarantined Students	17	19	18	NA	54
Quarantined Employees	1	1	3	0	5
COVID-19 Positive Students	5	6	7	NA	18
COVID-19 Positive Employees	1	0	3	0	4

Dansville Primary School



EBH Elementary School



Dansville High School

