

January 21, 2022

Dear Parents, Students and Employees,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on changes in DCSD isolation protocols and current COVID-19 related conditions at DCSD.

**Changes in COVID-19 protocols.** Changes that affect our students are highlighted below. All other protocols remain unchanged.

- ❖ 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 must isolate for 5 days concurrent with the household positive. If asymptomatic after day 5, the student may return with a negative test at school on day 6. If day 6 falls on a non-school day, they must test on the next school day.
- ❖ 3PK children are working on wearing well fitting masks consistently. Because of this, 3PK positives and contacts of positives isolate from school for 10 days.

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.

**Free test kits available.** The District will distribute free test kits to DCSD families on Sunday, January 30, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Dansville Primary School drop off loop. DCS families with children in school may drive through the loop and receive up to 4 tests/family while supplies last. If your child tests positive at home, please notify your child's school nurse.

**Testing.** The District administered 334 tests between January 14 and January 24, 2022. 65 tests were positive giving the testing program, which includes community members, a 10-day positivity rate of 19.5%. 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](mailto:rapidtest@dansvillecsd.org).

**Positives and Quarantines.** These numbers are based upon the 5-day isolation period.

1/26/22	DPS	EBH ES	DHS	District	Totals
Quarantined Students	22	16	34	NA	72
Quarantined Employees	1	3	3	0	7
COVID-19 Positive Students	11	10	21	NA	42
COVID-19 Positive Employees	1	3	3	0	7

Trend charts follow this letter on pages 3 and 4.

Last night we honored the girls varsity volleyball team at our School Board meeting. Coach Gregorious attested to the girls' perseverance through the years and throughout the pandemic. In Coach G's words, "their resolve, resilience, flexibility and sense of togetherness" led to an LCAA championship.

It occurred to me that kids are windows into ourselves and that these life lessons serve to remind us that we, as parents and educators, have done a pretty good job raising and teaching our children. Our kids, our parents and our staff are champions regardless of whether or not a banner is hung on a wall. We are victorious because of our resolve, resilience, flexibility and sense of togetherness and we will emerge from these challenging times stronger, smarter and more cohesive.

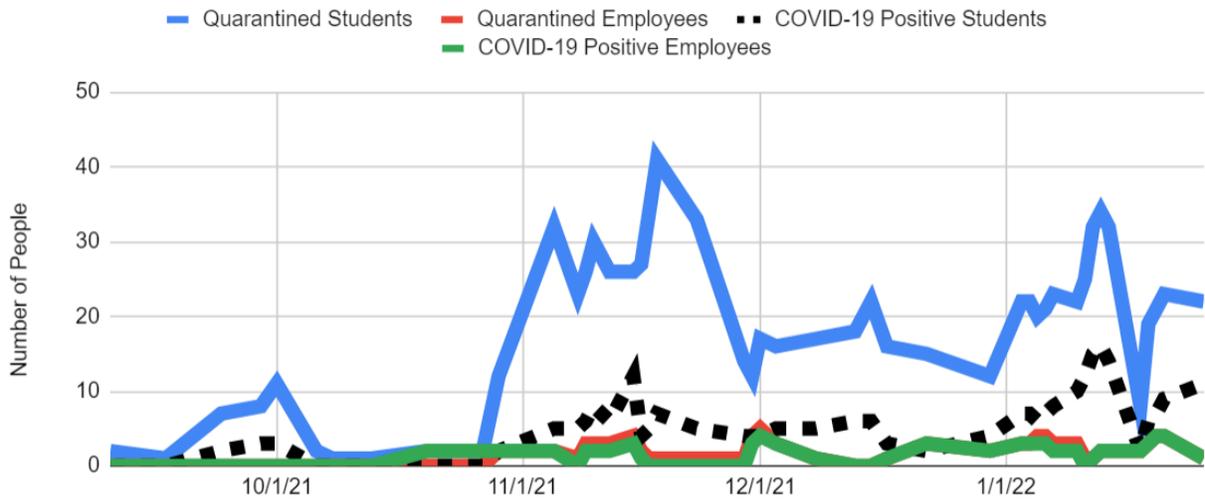
In spite of conflicting court decisions, sensationalist media reporting, polarizing politicians and government directives that don't always seem to make sense, real change is coming. Better times are ahead so keep the faith. Our kids and our families are depending on us to persevere and stick together.

Sincerely,

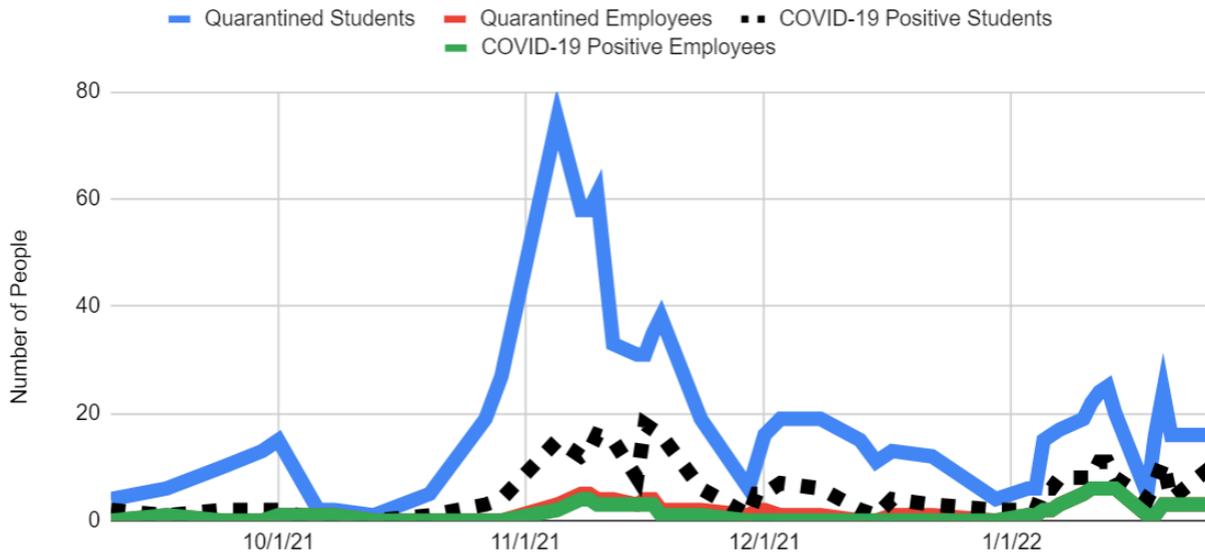


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## Dansville Primary School



## EBH Elementary School



# Dansville High School

