



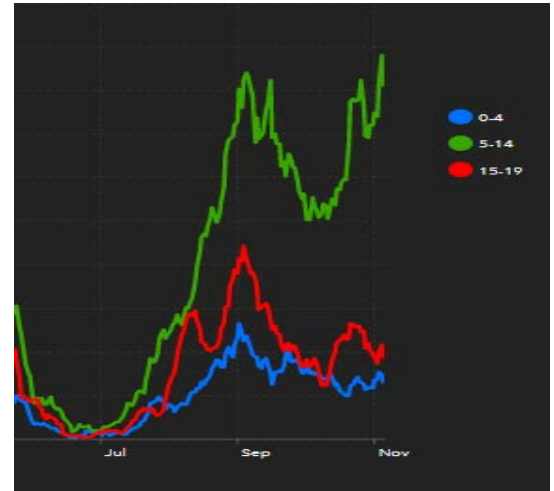
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Dear Center Cass Parents & Guardians –

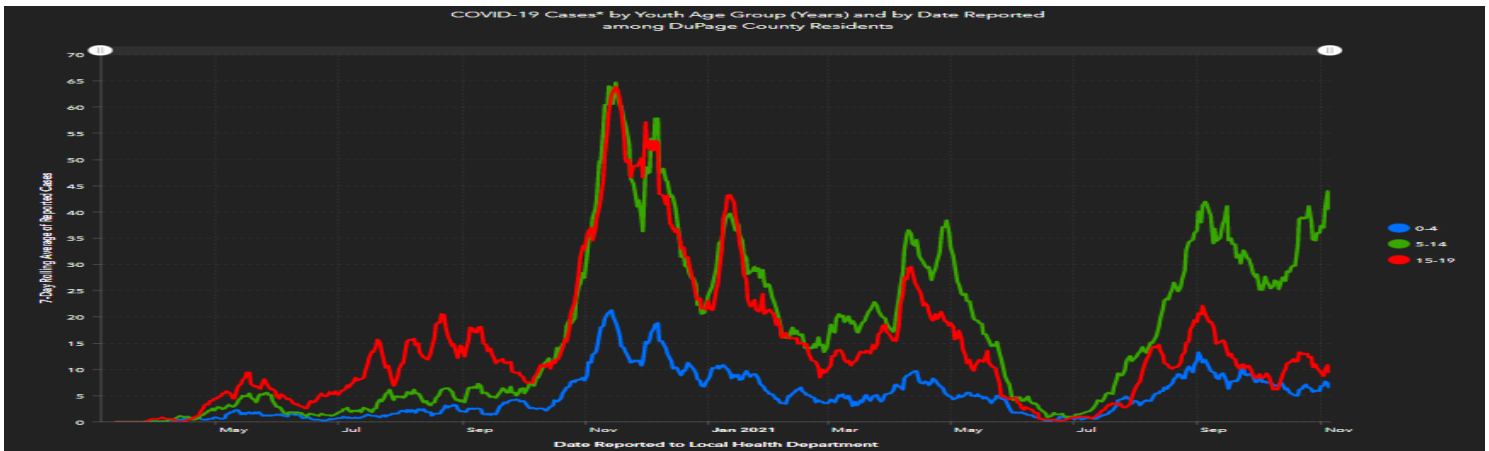
I hope that each of you had a nice weekend. Today was another busy Monday of contact tracing for our nurses. Since my last full district communication on Thursday, we have experienced

- Two additional 4th grade cases at Prairieview (Friday)
- One additional 2nd grade case at Ide (Friday)
- One additional 5th grade case at Prairieview(Monday)
- Two additional Kindergarten cases at Ide (Monday)

We have tallied 30 school cases in total since August compared to only 17 cases for the year at this point last year. Many of our cases this year involve siblings; however, they are usually reported a couple of days later as the sibling who isn't feeling well gets tested first, then when a positive diagnosis is received from the ill sibling, it prompts parents to test other members of the household. Of the 12 student cases since the Friday before Halloween, there have been 8 households, between our three buildings, with positive cases within.



Our struggles over the last week mirror the DuPage County data (above) for 5-14 years old students. In early September 2021, Delta appeared to peak and youth cases were starting to decline. Then mid to late September, the trend reversed, minus a couple blips, and has been climbing ever since. As you can see below from the historical COVID data reported on the DuPage County Health Department website, as a County, our 5-14-year-old population (green line) has not had this many cases since early December 2020.



The D99 Feeder Consortium is in communication with Kodocare to offer another student vaccination clinic since the last clinic booked within 24 hours. Stay tuned for details. If we stay vigilant together over the next 8 weeks while vaccines arrive, we can start to bend the curve back for our 5-14 year olds. Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely – Dr. Wise – Superintendent of Schools