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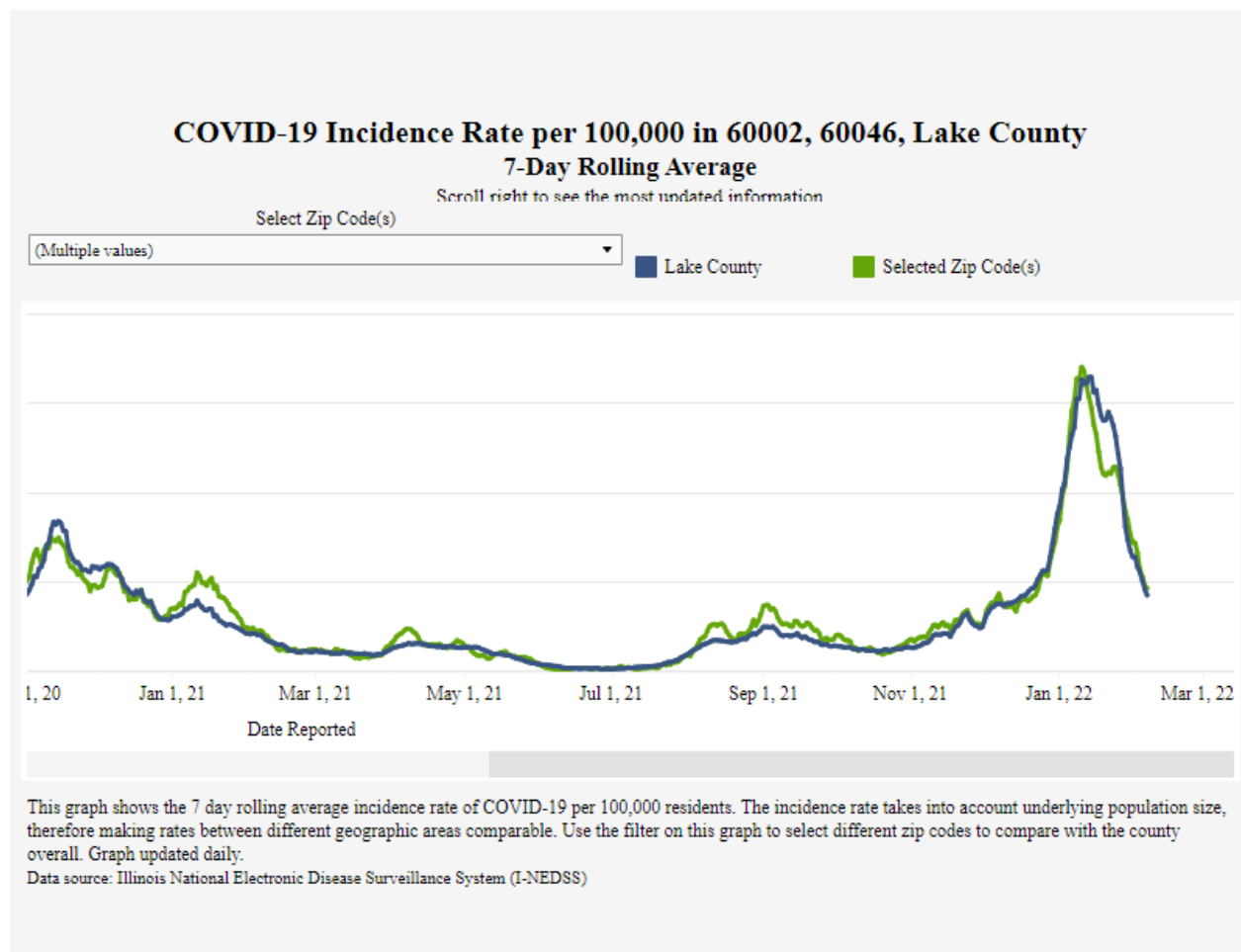


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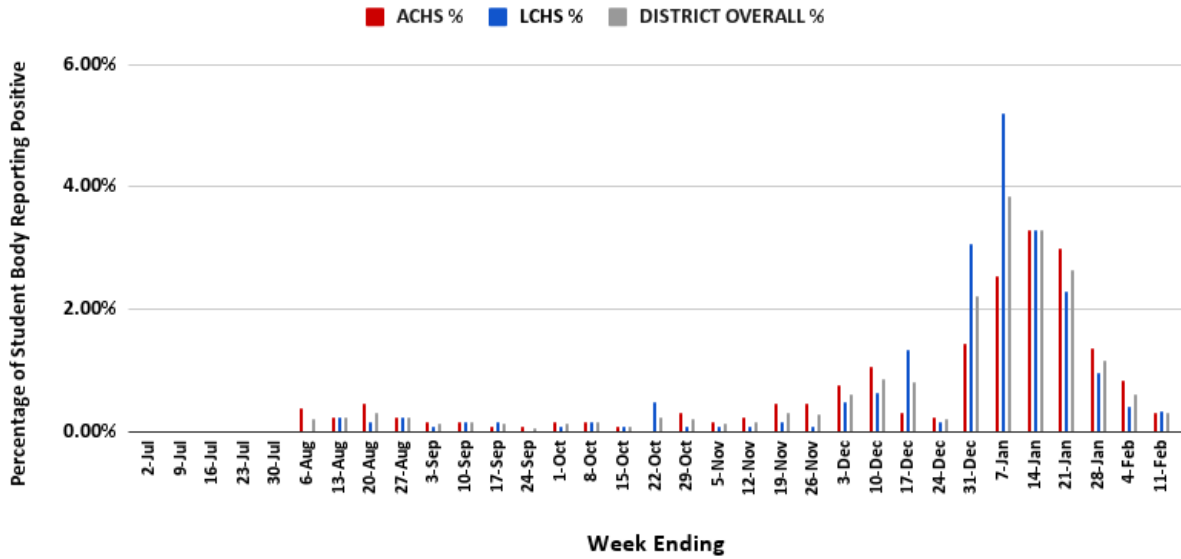
Community High School District 117 Families,

I would like to begin with some good news, below, you can see that the incidence rate continues in a steady decline, similarly our student and staff positivity continues to trend down as well. Additionally, our average daily attendance this week in both buildings remains strong at nearly 93 percent. I'm sure we all are hopeful these trends continue and that in-person instruction, with limited interruptions, will extend for the remainder of this school year.



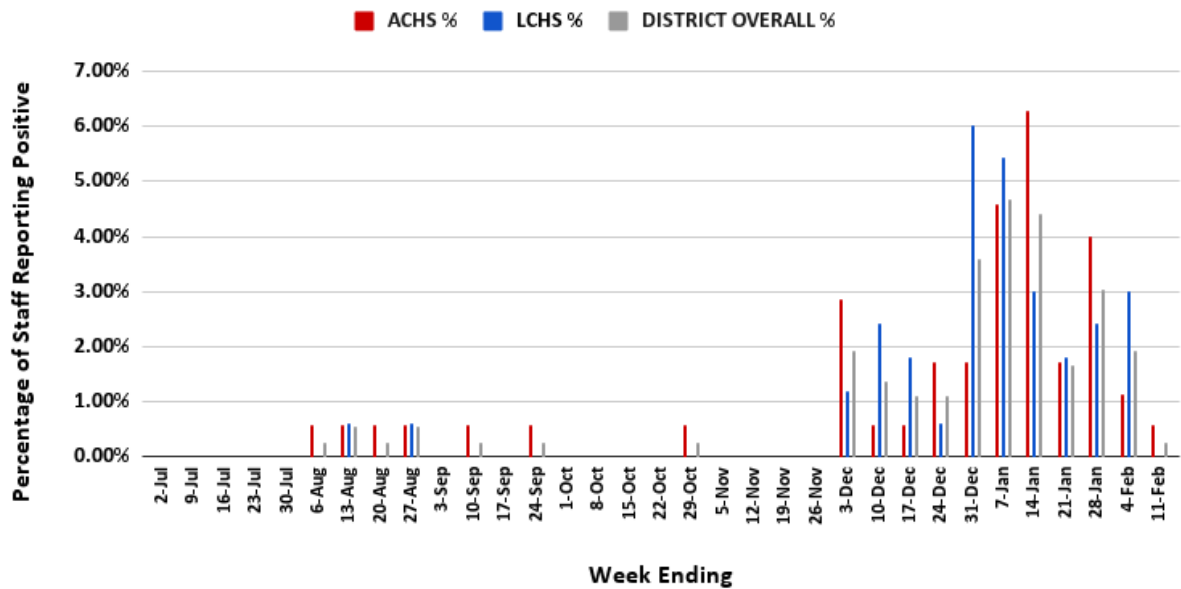
Students Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test

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Staff Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test

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The District continues to work very closely with the Lake County Health Department and other state agencies to help navigate these rapidly changing and often confusing times. For those families that are worried about increased transmission of the COVID virus, masks continue to be a good mitigation measure. The following infographic from the Centers for Disease Control provides information on the relative effectiveness of the various types of masks.



<https://bit.ly/MMWR7106>

The District continues to practice a layered mitigation strategy that involves the following:

- Recommended masking
- Social distancing to the greatest extent possible
- Increased testing
- Building sanitation
- Increased building air filtration and enhanced ventilation
- The District tracks, on a weekly basis, the building student and staff test positivity, <https://datahub.chsd117.org/data-hub>
- Hand hygiene
- Anyone that is symptomatic should remain home
- Staff have access to KN95 / N95 masks
- Collaboration with Lake County Health Department

Importantly, the current litigation that involves the District continues to develop. The Court's decision has already been appealed and the District will be responsive to further rulings as required.

While adjustments were made this week for students regarding face masks and exclusions for close contact, it is important for everyone to be tolerant and empathetic to others' choices. There are many strongly held opinions regarding these issues. It is important that we work together in a respectful manner and demonstrate civility as anything less will only diminish our kids' learning experiences.

The February Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17. Due to the Board observing COVID quarantine protocol, the meeting will be conducted remotely. The District will provide multiple ways for public comment. Those that want to submit a written comment prior to the Board meeting, please complete [this form](#). All comments will be entered into the Board of Education minutes. Public comment is also available during the meeting using the following [link](#).

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim McKay
Superintendent