**DIXON PUBLIC SCHOOLS #170**

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| **DPS 170 Individual Building or District Health Metrics**  |
|  | **Low Risk** - Stay in school | **Medium Risk** – Stay in school but closely monitor data | **High Risk** – Consider closing school temporarily for an adaptive pause |
| % Positive Student COVID Cases | < 0.5% | Between 0.5% - 0.99% | 1% or greater |
| % Quarantined Students  | < 10% | Between 11%-19% | 20% or greater |

The numbers below are for the week ending February 20, 2022. When numbers fall in the medium and high-risk categories, we look at a multitude of factors in our decision making on whether to continue in-person learning or move to an adaptive pause with e-learning.

* Where are the positives and quarantines are occurring?
* Are contacts occurring outside of school?
* Have students been in attendance while exhibiting symptoms?
* Can we connect the numbers to an internal transfer?
* Are we able to maintain operations with current staffing levels?
* Do we have 30% or higher rate of absenteeism in the school or a grade level due to COVID? (Includes students who are positive and in quarantine)
* Do we have 10% or higher of the student body in isolation simultaneously after testing positive?
* Do local medical and public health professionals recommend an adaptive pause based on the local healthcare system’s capacity?

We monitor our numbers every day to ensure our environments are as safe as possible and continue our layered mitigations. I will continue to share our numbers with you to keep you informed. They will change daily as positives and quarantines are identified and people are released to return to school. Thank you for keeping the nurses informed so we can keep our buildings as safe as possible.

There have been questions regarding COVID numbers not matching what is listed on this report and the number of letters sent out during the week letting you know a positive has been identified in a building. These numbers are less likely to match up since the District has adopted the IDPH recommendation of the 5-day quarantine. If students are identified as positive by our nurses on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, or depending on when we receive notification letters from IDPH, they may already be cleared to return to school by the time the report is compiled. The report below reflects numbers of student and staff who are out of school and not cleared to return yet. They may have been positive during the week, but have returned after 5 days and are not counted below due to being back in school. This number is fluid and reflects those individuals whose return date is after the date I’m compiling the report.

**Remember to keep your children home if they are sick, for any reason.** **If you take a COVID test at home, please let your building nurse know the results.** If you are interested, you can still receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Click on the link for vaccination information from the Lee County Health Department. <http://www.lchd.com/covid19-vaccinations/> Please reach out to your building nurse or medical professional if you have any questions.

**COVID Data for Students & Staff Currently Out of School:**

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| **Washington School Week’s Averages** |
|  | Positive COVID Cases | % Positive COVID Cases | Quarantined | % Quarantined |
| Students |
| 453 students | 0 | 0% | 6 | 1.33% |
| Staff |
| 59 staff | 0 | 0% | 2 | 3.39% |
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| **Jefferson School Week’s Averages** |
|  | Positive COVID Cases | % Positive COVID Cases | Quarantined | % Quarantined |
| Students |
| 361 students | 1 | .28% | 3 | .83% |
| Staff |
| 50 staff | 0 | 0% | 1 | 2% |
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| **Madison School Week’s Averages** |
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|  | Positive COVID Cases | % Positive COVID Cases | Quarantined | % Quarantined |
| Students |
| 370 students | 1 | .27% | 0 | 0% |
| Staff |
| 47 staff | 1 | 2.13% | 0 | 0% |

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| **Reagan Middle School Week’s Averages**  |
|  | Positive COVID Cases | % Positive COVID Cases | Quarantined | % Quarantined |
| Students |
| 570 students | 4 | .70% | 2 | 3.17% |
| Staff |
| 63 staff | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

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| **Dixon High School Week’s Averages**  |
|  | Positive COVID Cases | % Positive COVID Cases | Quarantined | % Quarantined |
| Students |
| 837 students | 2 | .24% | 1 | .12% |
| Staff |
| 79 staff | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

**Community-Wide Virus Outbreak:**

Additionally, Dixon Public Schools will look at the following County Level Metrics as a baseline for making decisions on our learning model in collaboration with the Lee County Health Department.

1. Positivity rate over 8%
2. New cases per 100,000 – Target – less than 50 per 100,000
3. ICU bed availability – Target – at least 20% available
4. Number of CLI (COVID Like Illness) admissions – Target – decreasing or stable on our side

We consult with the LCHD on our County Level Metrics. We will consider going remote when any three of the four in the warning level. We would stay in remote learning until we come out of warning or see improvement in mitigation efforts and a declining trend in the specific metrics identified as warning. Parents will be notified if there is a concern of an imminent closing and moving to remote learning.

I utilize both County and School Metrics. The weekly numbers can be found at the following links:

County & School Level Metrics: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/data/countymetrics/countyschool.html?county=Lee>

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**Lee County/School Metrics: February 6 – February 12, 2022**

1. Positivity rate = 3.8% (Minimal)
2. New cases per 100,000 = 412 (Substantial)
3. ICU bed availability = 12.2% (Warning)
4. Number of CLI admissions = 5 (Target)
5. Deaths = 3
6. Youth Increases – 34 (Minimal)