



Onteora Central School District

COVID-19

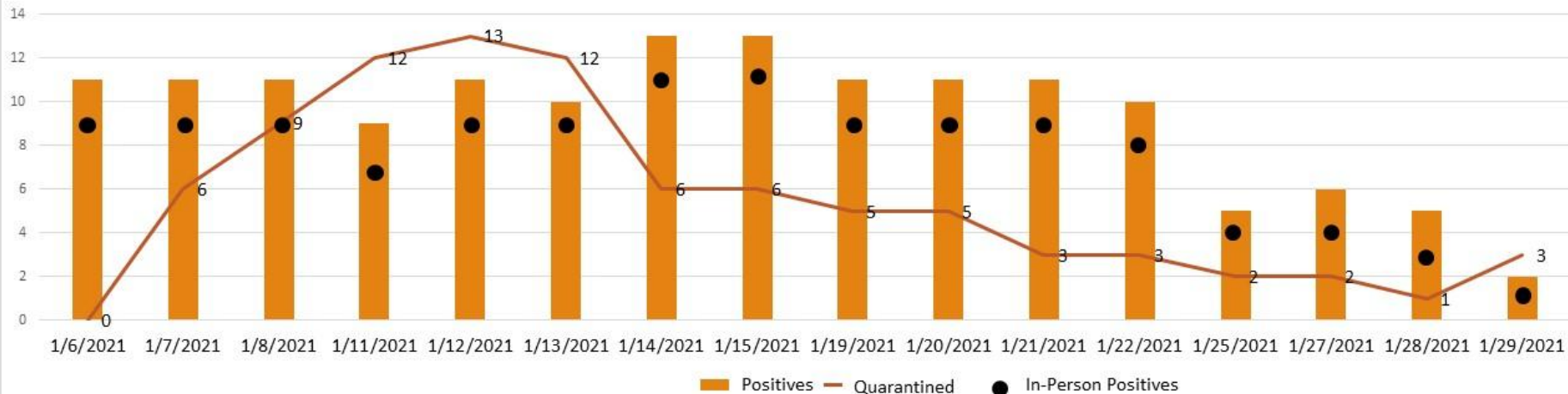
Informational Meetings

Board of Education

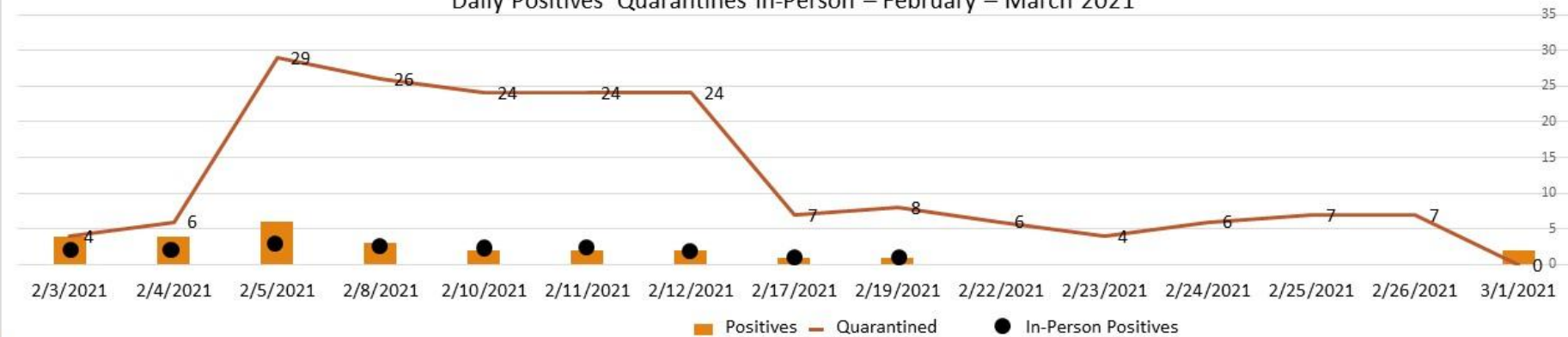
Communications Committee

March 2, 2021

Daily Positives Quarantines In-Person – January 2021



Daily Positives Quarantines In-Person – February – March 2021





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Current Consent to Testing Status

	Students		Staff		Total		% Consent
	Consent	In-School	Consent	In-School	Consent	In-School	
Bennett	55	123	18	50	73	173	42%
High School	57	169	26	69	83	238	35%
Middle School	32	79	16	23	48	102	47%
Phoenicia	58	107	20	38	78	145	54%
Woodstock	37	77	21	40	58	117	50%



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UPDATE: Effective the week of November 16, 2020, schools in yellow zones must test 20% of in-person students, faculty and staff over the two-week period immediately following the announcement of a yellow zone designation. If the results of the testing reveal that the positivity rate among the 20% of those tested is lower than the yellow zone's current 7-day positivity rate, testing at that school will no longer be required to continue. A positivity rate in a school that is lower than in the yellow zone is a sufficient demonstration that in-person instruction is not a significant driver of local viral spread. The current positivity rate for zones can be found at:

<https://forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-county-dashboard>

However, if the results of the testing over the first two weeks reveal that the positivity rate among in-person student, staff and faculty is higher than the Yellow Zone's current 7-day positivity rate, the school will be required to continue to test 20% of the in-person population on a bi-weekly basis.



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Clarification from NYSED Sent on February 16, 2021:

*The Department has received reports from the field that some school districts are requiring parental consent, on behalf of their children, to COVID-19 testing as a condition of activities including in-person learning and extracurricular activities. **The Department hereby clarifies that parent/guardian consent for COVID-19 testing of students may not be a condition of in person learning or other school activities.***



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School Staff Vaccination Reporting:

- *On February 22nd, Governor Cuomo enacted an Executive Order that requires schools to report the number of teachers that have received a COVID-19 vaccination. Reporting was to begin on Wednesday, February 24th, and be required on a weekly basis thereafter.*
- *On Wednesday, February 24th, schools were notified that this requirement was not going to be in effect immediately and that the state is continuing to explore options for collecting and reporting this information.*
- *On Friday, February 26th, this Executive Order was repealed, but the burden of reporting has been placed on the local health departments.*



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School Staff Vaccination Status:

- *The Ulster County Department of Health has continued to set aside 15 vaccination appointments per week for each school district in Ulster County, following an initial release of appointments county-wide.*
- *Following last week's appointments, Onteora has approximately 53 individuals waiting for an appointment. This includes full time staff, part time staff, substitutes, and coaches.*
- *The County had anticipated receiving a bulk of vaccinations over the weekend, but that did not take place. They are hopeful that this may still happen. These would have been Pfizer vaccinations. The weekly vaccinations to date have been Moderna.*



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Information on the District Website:

- We have experienced a trend of very few positive cases and several days with no active positive cases within our District.
- Notifications of positive and presumptive positive cases are posted here:

Potential & Confirmed COVID Cases

Charts include any new cases, and also indicate the changes that have taken place, including clearances, new quarantines, or individuals released from quarantine.



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Resources

Cluster initiative guidance:

- » <https://forward.ny.gov/cluster-action-initiative>

Guidance for schools:

- » <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/12/guidanceforschoolsinredandorangezones.pdf>

Yellow Zone Testing Guidance for Schools:

- » <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/11/yellow-zone-update-11.14.20-addendum-final.pdf#:~:text=Pursuant%20to%20the%20Interim%20Guidance,instruction%20in%20yellow%20zones%20are>

Ulster County COVID-19 Dashboard

- » <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/dashboard/>

Onteora website showing history of COVID-19 cases, presumptive positive cases, and quarantines

- » <https://www.onteora.k12.ny.us/about/2020-2021-school-year/letters-about-potential-confirmed-covid-cases>

Onteora Website chart showing positive, quarantine, and in-person positive cases

- » <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1610736998/onteorak12nyus/q8watauhvxnnh8z0nxzq/PositiveCasesw-inpersonquaran.pdf>



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