



Rochester Community Schools

Dear RCS Families,

Thank you for your continued support as students at all grade levels complete their first week of full-time, in-person learning for the 2020-21 school year. We are so pleased to have our children back in the school buildings, and we remain committed to evaluating our processes and protocols to keep our community as safe as possible.

To that end, we have been looking at different reporting options to help our families better understand the number of positive COVID-19 cases within our district, along with the number of students and staff who are quarantined. We will continue to notify individual school communities of building-specific cases. Students or staff members who may have had direct exposure will be personally notified and will receive a separate communication providing specific guidance.

We expect to report this data weekly. The following information is from March 4, 2021. Please note that this information is reflective of one point in time. Having cases present in school buildings does not indicate that the person's exposure occurred at school.

COVID-19 REPORTING IN-PERSON LEARNING - MARCH 4, 2021				
STUDENTS	POSITIVE AND SYMPTOMATIC CASES	PERCENT OF ACTIVE CASES PER STUDENT POPULATION	QUARANTINE (FOR THOSE EXPOSED)	PERCENT OF QUARANTINE CASES PER STUDENT POPULATION
ELEMENTARY	9	0.18%	110	2.27%
MIDDLE	5	0.17%	89	3.08%
HIGH	8	0.19%	86	2.06%
ATPS	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

STAFF	POSITIVE AND SYMPTOMATIC CASES	PERCENT OF ACTIVE CASES PER STAFF POPULATION	QUARANTINE (FOR THOSE EXPOSED)	PERCENT OF QUARANTINE CASES PER STAFF POPULATION
ELEMENTARY	2	0.30%	5	0.77%
MIDDLE	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
HIGH	2	0.44%	2	0.44%
ATPS	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
OTHER	1	0.22%	3	0.68%

*Other includes: Administration, transportation, food Services, custodial, and the facility operations center.

We will continue to follow the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) emergency order that requires school districts to report school-associated cases of COVID-19 within 24 hours after being notified by the local health department. This information is provided by the Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) and is located on our [website](#).

Earlier this week, Dr. Shaner joined other local leaders for a community outlook discussion, hosted by the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce. As a panelist, Dr. Shaner was quick to respond with gratitude for the love and support our community has shown our children, especially during the past year. To view a portion of the dialogue, please click on the following link: <https://vimeo.com/519601629>. Here, Dr. Shaner addresses questions about pressing issues within our educational system, potential educational gaps as students return to the classroom, and the impact of legislation on our schools.

Members of our community are welcome to join us virtually for the Board of Education regular business meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7 p.m. Board of Education members and district administrators will meet in person. Due to gathering limitations imposed by [the March 5, 2021, order from the MDHHS](#), which limits limiting indoor gatherings to 25 individuals, the meeting will be broadcast on [YouTube Live](#) or [Zoom webinar](#) so that the public is able to watch the meeting and interact with the board.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your building administrator or use the Talk to RCS feature on our website at www.rochester.k12.mi.us.

We wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

Debi Fragomeni

Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning