



Onteora Central School District

COVID-19

Informational Meetings

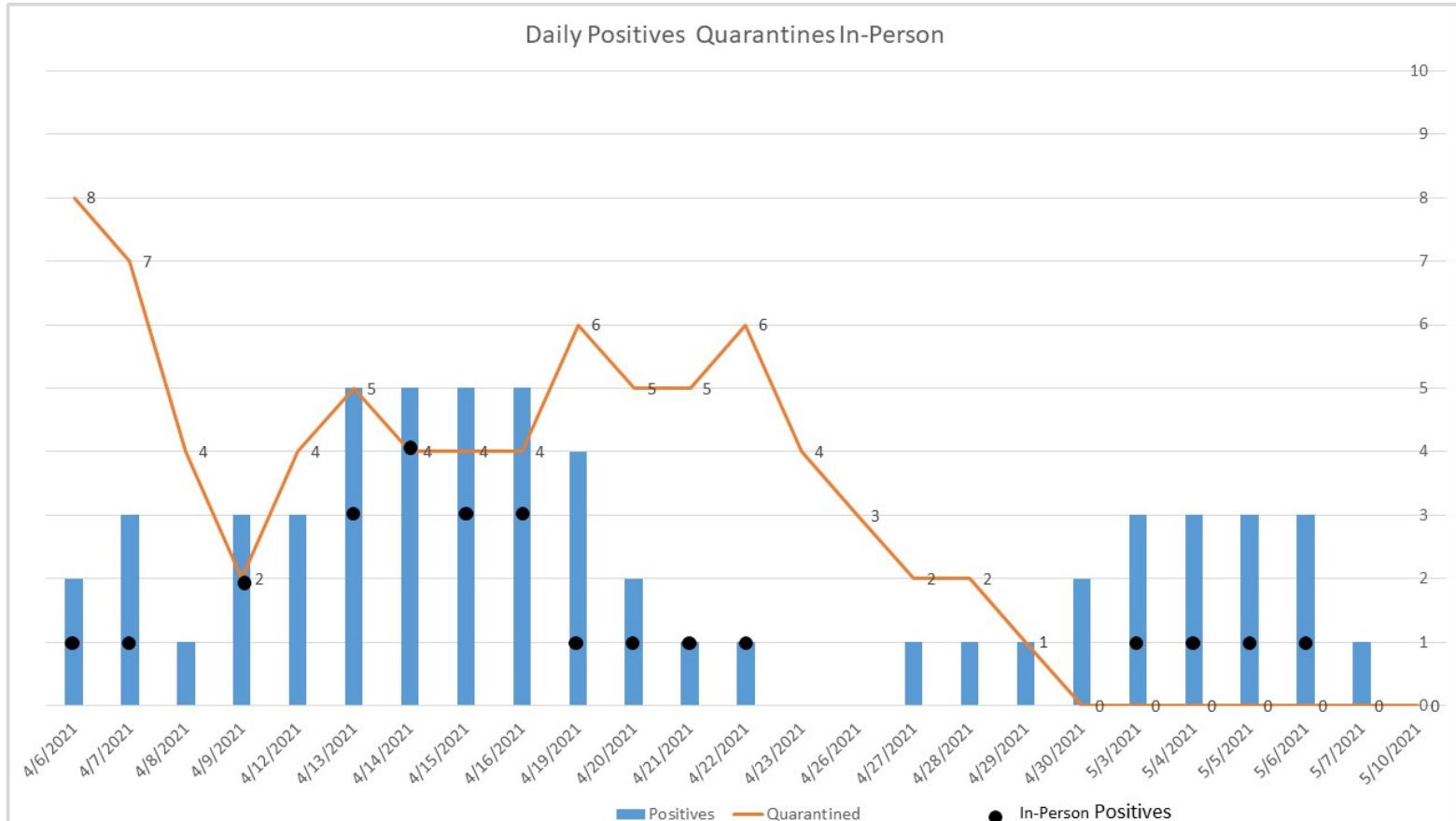
Board of Education

Communications Committee

May 11, 2021



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NOTE: Due to continued decline this chart has been rescaled to a maximum of 10 cases.



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ULSTER COUNTY DAILY POSITIVITY RATE May 11, 2021

Day	Date	Daily New Cases	Daily # of Tests Administered	Daily Positivity Rate
1	May 2	22	1017	2.2%
2	May 3	17	612	2.8%
3	May 4	20	1249	1.6%
4	May 5	24	1285	1.9%
5	May 6	18	1451	1.2%
6	May 7	25	1659	1.5%
7	May 8	16	1213	1.3%
Totals:		142	8486	
Total New Cases Per 100,000 Persons in the Past 7 Days*				80

**Total number of new cases per 100,000 persons within the last 7 days is calculated by adding the number of new cases in the county in the last 7 days divided by the population in the county (177,577) and multiplying by 100,000.*





COVID -19 Vaccination Clinic

Middle / High School Gyms

- The District will be sponsoring an on campus COVID-19 vaccination clinic for students aged 12 through 18, and their families on a Saturday as soon as vaccines are available for distribution. The Pfizer vaccine will be administered by licensed pharmacy workers. As soon as the date is finalized, communications will be sent out to the Onteora community.
 - Thank you to our community partners for making this possible.



Operational Strategy for Onteora Schools through Phased Prevention Update of District Impact Secondary Schools

- On May 3rd, the middle and high schools shifted to a 4-day-a-week model.
- Additional mitigation strategies were implemented in areas where physical distancing is reduced from six feet (increased ventilation and/or physical barriers/ desk shields.)
- Lunch period and cafeteria have been restructured to maintain proper social distancing during lunch. The middle school gym is being used as additional overflow space.
- Special masks & bell covers which will allow for vocal and instrumental music performances in our music classes are being used.



Operational Strategy for Onteora Schools through Phased Prevention (cont'd)

Secondary Schools (cont'd)

- The required addendum to our Re-Opening Plan was submitted to the Ulster County Department of Health and New York State Education Department.
- Daily 4-day-week in-person attendance:
 - High School – approximately 70%;
 - Middle School – approximately 83%
- Mental Health Awareness Month –May 17th-21st Spirit Week

Date	Color & Theme
Monday, May 17th	Red for Addiction/Substance Abuse
Tuesday, May 18th	Yellow for Suicide Prevention
Wednesday, May 19th	Blue for Anti-Bullying
Thursday, May 20th	Teal for Anxiety Disorders
Friday, May 21st	Green for Mental Health Awareness Month



Operational Strategy for Onteora Schools through Phased Prevention (cont'd)

Elementary Schools

- Approximately 85% of Grades K-3 students are attending in-person learning five days per week.
- Approximately 67% of Grades 4-6 students are attending in-person learning five days per week.
- Students continue to eat in classrooms and remain in cohorts for specials and recess. This practice will remain the same.
- Outdoor playgrounds are now being used for recess and physical education classes.



Operational Strategy for Onteora Schools through Phased Prevention (cont'd)

End of Year Celebrations –

- High School – Senior class meetings continues to meet regarding end of year events. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13th. Final decision anticipated by May 20th.
- Additional clarification/ guidance from UCDOH on end of year celebrations is forthcoming which may allow more flexibility for upcoming end of year events.



Operational Strategy for Onteora Schools through Phased Prevention (cont'd)

End of Year Celebrations –

- Middle School moving up ceremony will take place on Monday, June 21st from 6:00-7:00 pm. This year's celebration will be in the form of a car caravan.
- Bennett School's moving up ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 23rd 6:00-6:30 pm. A car caravan celebration is in the planning stages.
- Primary School celebrations are being finalized.
- All end of year school celebrations must follow NYSDOH guidance (April 12th, April 27th Update)



Looking ahead to 2021-2022 School Year

- Staff surveys/ initial forums to serve as a foundation for 2021-2022 reopening plan began last week with Grades K-3 teachers.
- Staff surveys/ initial forums will continue through next week.
 - Reflecting on instructional models, programs, strategies, what specific systems/ structures were beneficial to our students/ families that should be continued?
 - What systems/ structures did not work well or presented the greatest challenge?
 - What were the “Lessons Learned” that we should be aware of?
 - What were the benefits & challenges of: In-Person, Hybrid, and Remote teaching models?
 - What were the benefits/ challenges of technology?
 - What was the biggest barrier to student engagement?
 - How best to address the social-emotional well-being of students?

NOTE: Although yet to receive guidance from the state the process needs to start to ensure involvement and “voice” of all relevant stakeholders.



Looking ahead to 2021-2022 School Year (cont'd)

- Finalize student and parent surveys to ensure all stakeholders can participate.
- Utilize the June PTA Summit Meeting as a forum for parent feedback.
- Utilize the this COVID Forum as a vehicle for community participation.



Questions? Feedback?

Please utilize the Q & A function



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Resources

Interim Guidance for In-Person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools During The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (April 9, 2021)

- » https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Pre-K_to_Grade_12_Schools_MasterGuidance.pdf

Updated Interim Guidance for End of Academic Year Celebrations During the COVID-19 State of Emergency (April 12, 2021)

- » https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/04/doh_covid19_updatedgraduationguidance_041221.pdf

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/q&watauhvxn nh8z0nxzq/PostiveCasesw-inpersonquaran.pdf>

Board of Regent's Framework on Diversity, Action, and Inclusion

- » <http://www.nysed.gov/news/2021/new-york-state-board-regents-launches-initiative-advance-diversity-equity-and-inclusion>