

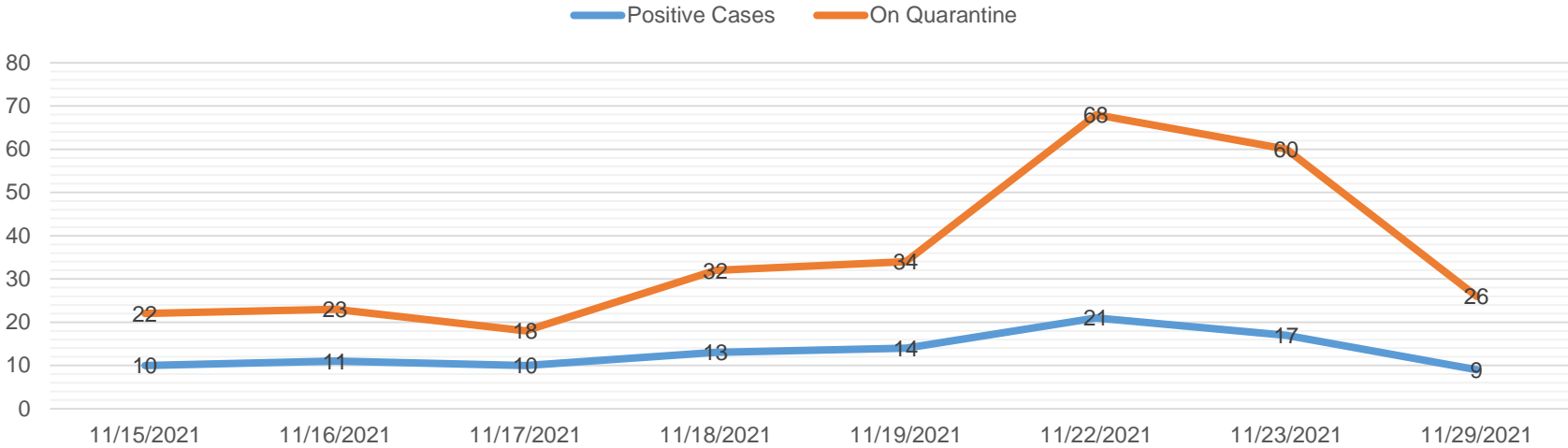


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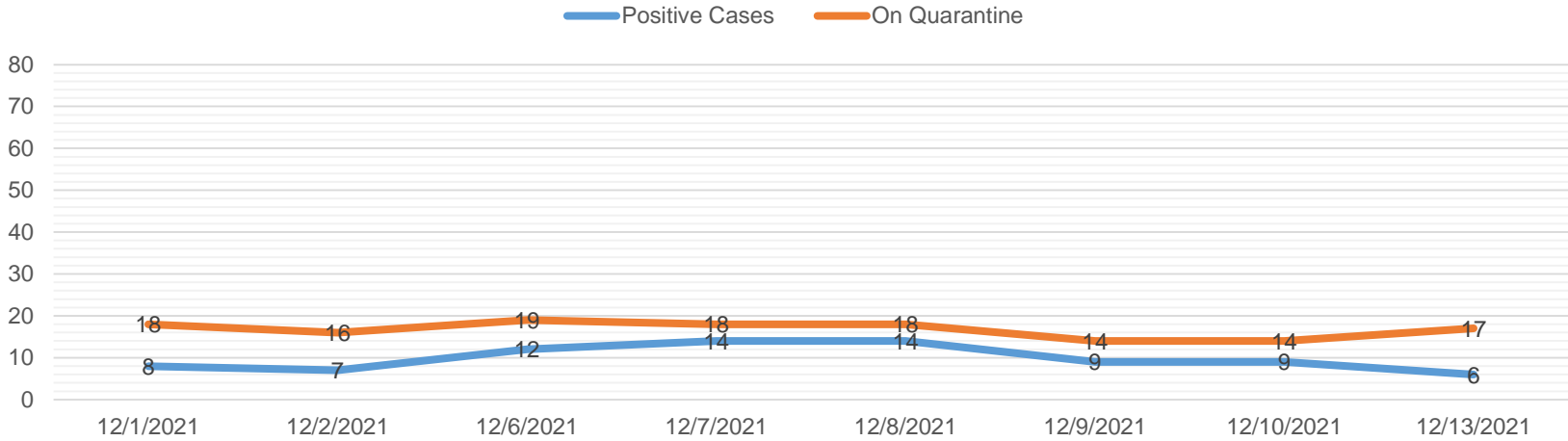
COVID-19 FORUM

December 14, 2021

November 15 - 29 2021



December 1 - 13 2021





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ULSTER COUNTY DAILY POSITIVITY RATE Week Ending 11/26/21

Day	Date	Daily New Cases	Daily # of Tests Administered	Daily Positivity Rate
1	November 20	60	1,380	4%
2	November 21	69	1,002	7%
3	November 22	37	627	6%
4	November 23	72	1,472	5%
5	November 24	84	1,440	6%
6	November 25	80	1,721	5%
7	November 26	43	856	5%
Totals:		445		
Total New Cases Per 100,000 Persons in the Past 7 Days*				251

ULSTER COUNTY DAILY POSITIVITY RATE Week Ending 12/10/21

Day	Date	Daily New Cases	Daily # of Tests Administered	Daily Positivity Rate
1	December 4	86	1,786	4.8%
2	December 5	70	1,002	7.0%
3	December 6	52	844	6.2%
4	December 7	76	1,686	4.5%
5	December 8	97	1,662	5.8%
6	December 9	112	1,662	6.7%
7	December 10	115	1763	6.5%
Totals:		608		
Total New Cases Per 100,000 Persons in the Past 7 Days*				342

*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.



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Next Steps

If your child is asked to stay or go home based on symptoms or positive test results, the following chart can help you with the next steps. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your healthcare provider, any of our building nurse staff or healthservices@onteora.k12.ny.us.

Reach out to your child's health care provider and Onteora Health Services

- Your health care provider can decide whether a PCR COVID-19 test or rapid antigen test is needed or if the symptoms are based on an already documented health condition (such as allergies)
- If your health care provider is not indicating a need for COVID-19 test, They MUST provide a letter indicating an alternate diagnosis for the symptoms it can not indicate an upper respiratory Infection (or URI)
- This documentation must be sent to healthservices@onteora.k12.ny.us and a health services member must send you written clearance to return to in person school activities.

PCR Test/Rapid Antigen Test

- As a parent or guardian if your child is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms you can ask your healthcare provider for a PCR Test or Rapid Antigen Test for COVID-19
- If there is no other explanation for symptoms a PCR test or Rapid Antigen test (with report) must be completed and results sent to healthservices@onteora.k12.ny.us.
 - (Once received, health services will send you written clearance for your child to return to in person school activities).





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Next Steps (cont'd)

If PCR or rapid tests are negative

- If PCR or rapid tests are negative (with report) please send results to healthservices@onteora.k12.ny.us.
- Once received, health services will send you written clearance for your child to return to in person school activities.

If PCR or rapid antigen test is positive

- If a PCR or rapid antigen test is positive, your child should isolate away from any other family members. You should alert your healthcare provider and contact the Ulster County Department of Health at 845- 443-8888.
- Please send a copy of the positive test to healthservices@onteora.k12.ny.us. A member of health services will reach out to find out more information for any contact tracing purposes.
- A student can only return once they are released from isolation from the Ulster County Department of Health. Once isolation orders are sent, please send them to healthservices@onteora.k12.ny.us.

Once received, health services will send you written clearance for your child to return to in person school activities.



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Next Steps (cont'd)

What would I do if my child was exposed?

- If your child was exposed and determined to be a direct contact of someone that tested positive for COVID-19. They must quarantine (unless they are fully vaccinated and not showing symptoms). If your child was determined by Onteora Central School District or Ulster County Department of Health to be a direct contact please contact healthservices@onteora.k12.ny.us.
- If asked to quarantine, your child must quarantine until given a quarantine release from Ulster County Department of Health. Once you have received the release, please send the paperwork to healthservices@onteora.k12.ny.us.

Once received, health services will send you written clearance for your child to return to in person school activities.

What do I do if someone in my home is positive?

- If someone in your home tests positive, please contact the Ulster County Department of Health and healthservices@onteora.k12.ny.us. The department of health will work with Onteora health services to determine if quarantining needs to occur.
- Anyone who is positive should isolate from others in the household.



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Updates in Practice

- Addition of Brianna Ashmore new floating nurse in district
- Priorities for Brianna will include:
 - Supporting MS/HS in contact tracing, contacting parents and clearing students to return to district
 - Supporting in providing school nursing coverage across the district
- If your child is fully vaccinated and has a direct exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. You will ONLY receive an email notification.
 - This is to limit the phone calls being made and provide our nursing staff more time to work with students and families.



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COVID-19 Testing to Permit Return to School After Symptoms

- Understanding that the turnaround time for some laboratory based NAATs may result in multiple-day exclusions from school for people with mild symptoms, NYSDOH is amending its guidance to allow people to return to school following a negative antigen test result.
- **Onteora Central School District is accepting the antigen, but not home tests. We require the written negative results.**



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Questions and Answers about Antigen Testing

- If a staff member or student is quarantined can a negative antigen test help students or staff return to in person earlier?
 - No. Antigen testing does not apply to quarantines at this time. If asked to quarantine you must stay out until released from quarantine by UCDOH.
- Can a staff or student take an antigen test at home and email the results to health services for clearance to return to school?
 - No. At this time Onteora is only accepting written reports. Once we have received tests from the county we will be able to allow parents to make appointments for drive thru testing with our RN's.
- If my child tests negative on an antigen test can they immediately return to school?
 - In addition to a negative PCR or antigen test, symptomatic individuals must be well enough to participate in school, not have rhinorrhea (runny nose) or cough severe enough to make mask wear difficult or unhygienic, be fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication, and meet other school or district requirements to return to school after a non-COVID illness.



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Community Events

Woodstock Apothecary -Vaccinations and Boosters

- Pediatric Pfizer at our standing clinics at the Woodstock Community Center **every Friday from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm** starting on December 10th
 - Registration: <https://drnealsmoller.com/kids/>
- Also offering Booster shots for anyone 16 or older at Woodstock Apothecary, and Woodstock Community Center
 - Registration: <https://drnealsmoller.com/vax/boosters/>
- In an effort to provide more proactive and preventive measures Onteora CSD will be offering a Free COVID-19 screening event for all families in partnership with Woodstock Apothecary on **Sunday, January 9th from 11:30 am-1:00 pm.**
 - Registration and updates will be sent home via shout point shortly.



REMINDER

As HOLIDAYS approach....

- **Report any COVID information such as quarantine notification, exposures, symptoms, test results to:**
healthservices@Onteora.k12.ny.us – This email is checked 24 / 7.

- **For symptomatic individuals - to return to school you are required to:**
 - **A Negative PCR or Antigen Test (with documented results.)**
 - OR**
 - **A note from your healthcare provider giving an alternate diagnosis and clearance to return to school**



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REMINDER

As HOLIDAYS approach....

- » Ulster County plans to provide Districts with Home Antigen Test kits for distribution to families. We will provide more information on how interested families can access these tests by Shout Point within the next week.



Questions? Feedback?

Please utilize the Q & A function