



Onteora Central School District

COVID-19 FORUM

January 4, 2022



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Introduce Deputy County Executive,
Ulster County, Marc Rider





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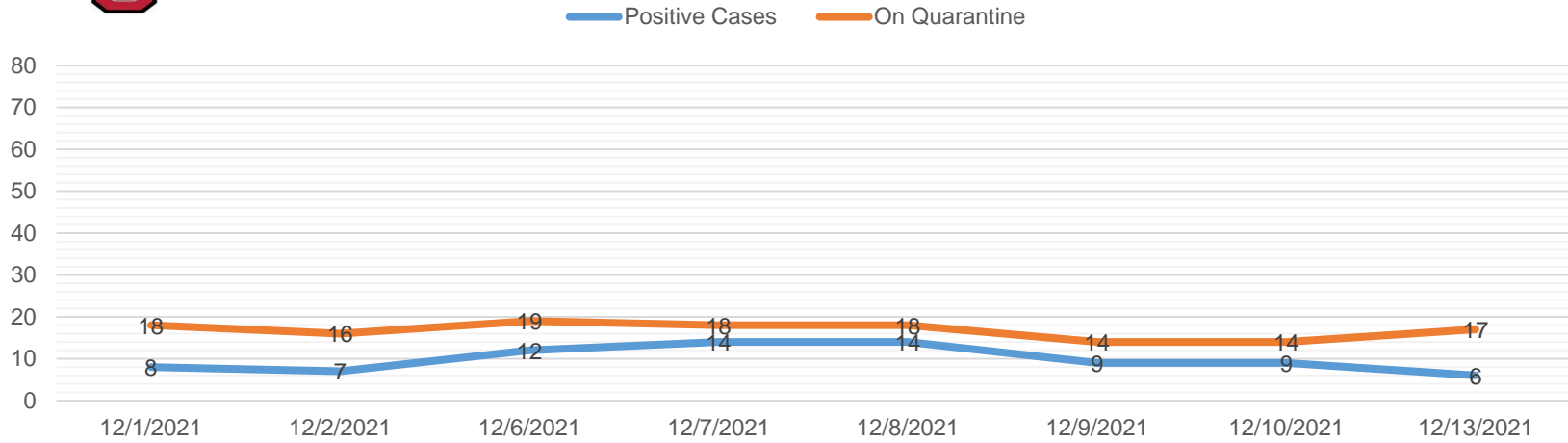
Questions for Marc Rider



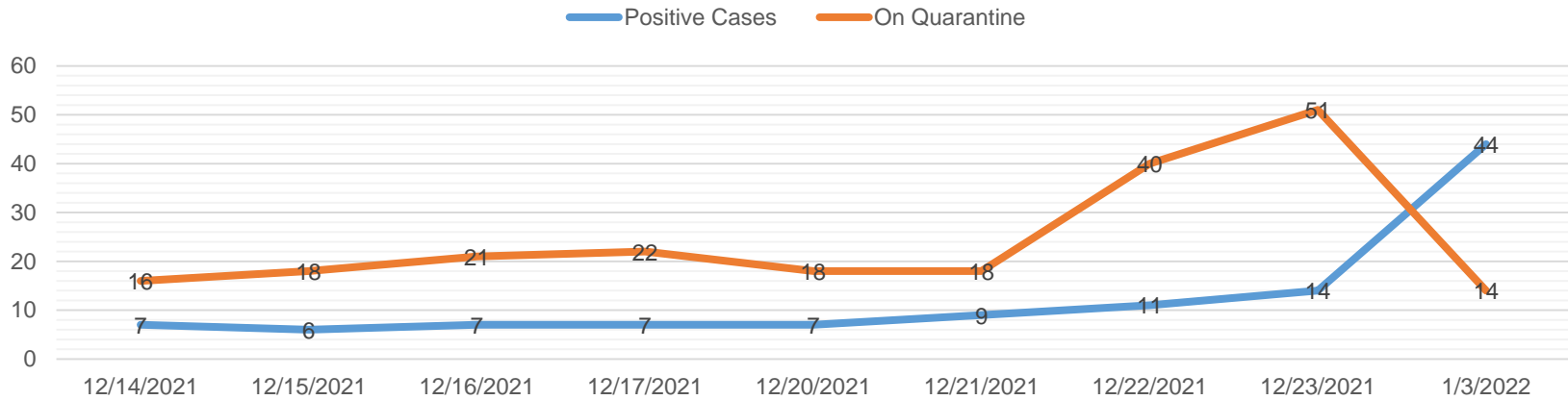


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December 1 - 13 2021



December 14, 2021 - January 3, 2022





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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

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

Day	Date	Daily New Cases	Daily # of Tests Administered	Daily Positivity Rate
1	December 25	93	927	10.0%
2	December 26	71	594	12.0%
3	December 27	111	568	19.5%
4	December 28	236	2,334	10.1%
5	December 29	200	1,575	12.7%
6	December 30	214	1,773	12.1%
7	December 31	270	1,554	17.4%
Totals:		1,195		
Total New Cases Per 100,000 Persons in the Past 7 Days*				673



**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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Returning to School if Symptomatic

Register first: <https://drnealsmoller.com/covid/onteoracovid/>

Walk in only 1:00PM-5:00PM Monday to Friday

Saturday 10:00AM-5:00PM

Ask for Rapid Antigen Test



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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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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** or if you have tested with a home test please report using this link: <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/hometest/>
- 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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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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Vaccinations

Currently New York State considers the following as fully vaccinated

You are fully vaccinated two weeks after your second shot of a two-dose vaccine like Pfizer's or Moderna's or after a single-dose vaccine like Johnson & Johnson's.

They have not (yet) expanded that definition to include a booster shot.





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Changes for School Staff ONLY

1. Can allow a person to return to work after **day 5 of their isolation period**
 - Day 0 is defined as either date of symptom onset if symptomatic, or date of collection of first positive test if asymptomatic)
2. The individual must be fully vaccinated
3. The individual can return to work if they are asymptomatic or if they had mild symptoms. When they return to work they must:
 - a. Not have a fever for at least 72 hours without fever-reducing medication
 - b. Have resolution of symptoms or if still with residual symptoms then all are improving
 - c. Not have a runny nose
 - d. Have no more than minimal, non-productive cough (not disruptive to work does not stop the person from wearing their mask)
4. The individual must consistently and correctly wear a **disposable (no cloth)** well-fitting face mask.
5. If an individual needs to remove their mask they should separate themselves from others and continue to self-monitor for symptoms and speak with their healthcare provider.
6. Individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are not eligible to return to work under this guidance



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Test to Stay

- Would allow for **asymptomatic unvaccinated school-based close contacts** (students, teachers, school staff) to avoid school exclusion (but not other restrictions of quarantine) by testing negative through serial testing using rapid NAAT or antigen tests during a seven day period following exposure.
- This can include all Pre-K(if in a building that also serves older students) to grade 12 schools
- If you are considered vaccinated and are asymptomatic you currently do not have to quarantine



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Test to Stay Rules

1. The exposure **must have occurred in the school setting** and while both the person with COVID-19 and exposed person were consistently and properly masked.
2. The exposed person **remains asymptomatic (if symptoms develop they must be excluded)**
3. The exposed person is tested a minimum of three times during the seven day period following exposure (unless it falls on weekends or school breaks)
 - a. The seven day period is measured in calendar days the last day of exposure is considered day 0.
 - b. The first test should be done as soon as possible after exposure identified.
4. The exposed person is allowed to remain in school through TTS but must be quarantined outside of school instruction/academic period **(on weekends, holidays, evenings, no community activities or extracurricular participation including clubs, sports, arts/performances)**
5. Students can continue to ride the bus but must follow all existing guidance including masking



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Onteora and Test to Stay

Partnering with Dr. Smoller for testing to start with grades 7-12 and all staff.

Parents/staff would need to register and consent for testing:

<https://drnealsmoller.com/covid/onteoracovid/>

Testing would occur certain days per week before and at the beginning of the school day



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Covid Community Screening and Student/Staff Screening Registration

- **FREE COVID Testing Event on January 9, 2022 11:30-1:00 pm in the Middle/High School gym for participants ages 2 and older. To sign up please visit Dr. Smoller's website at <https://drnealsmoller.com/covid/onteoracovid/>.**
 - The sign up is listed under Upcoming Events

- **Staff Screening at Onteora:**
 - Tuesdays from 7:30 - 10:30 for MS/HS & Bennett at HS
 - Wednesdays from 1:30 -2:30 at Phoenicia
 - Wednesdays from 1:30 -2:15 at Woodstock

- **Student Screening at Onteora:**
 - Wednesdays from 1:30 - 2:30 at Phoenicia
 - Wednesdays from 1:30 - 2:15 at Woodstock
 - Thursdays from 7:45 - 8:30 at the MS/HS
 - Thursdays 8:45 - 9:30 at Bennett

NOTE: Everyone who wants to be screened must register with Dr . Smoller, if parents want students to be screened in-school, they must also register with us: <https://forms.gle/K5bynUMU8UFHy2Hq6>



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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

To keep everyone safe....

- **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

To keep everyone safe....

- » Ulster County & New York State provided districts with Home Antigen Test kits for distribution to families. If you have not secured a test kit for your child, please contact



Questions? Feedback?

Please utilize the Q & A function