

Parkland School District

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Health and Safety Plan Update

January 2022





Summary

Pennsylvania School Districts are required to review and re-affirm their Health and Safety Plans every 6 months. The Parkland School District Administration modified the District's Health and Safety Plan as a result of this review. Our recommendations are informed by Parkland data, observations, community feedback, regional COVID data as well as continued reference to local and national medical recommendations. We believe the changes reflect our continued commitment to student, staff, and community safety. We also recognize the need to move toward a long-term plan in our approach to the spread of COVID-19 and emerging variants.

Along with the medical community, we continue to learn about how the virus spreads and impacts the learning environment. This modified plan has been developed with the intent to make gradual changes so we can monitor the impact of each change.

Final board approval of changes and recommendations will occur January 18, 2022. The plan can be modified and changes implemented as deemed necessary by Administration. If substantial changes are necessary, those changes will be presented to the school board for approval.

We value community input in our decision making process. After reviewing the proposed changes, please feel free to offer input via the survey link at the end of this document.



Health and Safety Plan Revisions

Key Changes and Modifications:

- Positive Cases, Close Contacts and Quarantining
 - *effective* January 3, 2022
- Face Coverings- [Updated Tiered Matrix](#)
 - *effective* January 19, 2022
- Building Level Plans
 - *effective* January 31, 2022 (Anticipated)



Quarantine/Isolation Periods:

Effective December 30, 2021, the Department of Health issued PA-HAN 615, and updated it on January 7, 2022, which changed the quarantine and isolation periods for individuals exposed to Covid-19 and those diagnosed with Covid-19.

Reduction of quarantine and isolation times to 5 days.

Reduction of the quarantine time for the household close contact to 10 days.



Communicating Positive Cases

For the 2021-2022 school year, Parkland School District developed a COVID-19 dashboard. This dashboard is updated daily to communicate positive COVID-19 cases by building. This information provides continued district-wide data for the school community. There are three charts found on the dashboard:

- **Positive Cases**
 - (reported to the District but do not impact school)
- **Positive Cases Impacting School**
 - (those cases that were present at school during the 2 days preceding symptoms or from testing)
- **10-Day Rolling Number**
 - (data used to determine potential school closures and help in determining face coverings tier)

Parkland School District continues to notify individuals who are considered close contacts, but does not send building communication for each positive COVID-19 case.



Building Level Plans - Elementary

- **Beginning January 31 (*anticipated):**
 - Whole group instruction may occur on the carpet with social distancing to the maximum extent possible
 - Students will not be required to cohort by homerooms for outdoor recess (effective January 19)
 - More than one bus may be called at a time during dismissal
 - Pre-pandemic traffic flow in hallways may return
 - PE and recess equipment will be sanitized midweek
- **February (*anticipated) to transition from eating in gymnasiums to returning to cafeterias:**
 - February 14: Kernsville, Ironton, Schnecksville
 - February 22: Fogelsville, Jaindl, Veterans
 - February 28: Cetronia, Parkway Manor, Kratzer

Field Trips/Assemblies/Concerts: Reviewed on individual basis for approval



Building Level Plans – Secondary

- **Beginning January 31 (*anticipated)**
 - All students will return to eating in the cafeteria. There will be no overflow seating in the gymnasiums.
 - Teachers may bring small groups together during class for remediation purposes with social distancing to the maximum extent possible
 - Teachers may utilize small cooperative learning groups in class with social distancing to the maximum extent possible
 - PE equipment will be sanitized midweek
 - Return to 2-way hallway traffic during transitions

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Athletic Plan

Interscholastic Athletics (Began with Post-Season Fall Sports):

- PSD will follow PIAA and PADOH recommendations for student athletes
 - While actively participating in their sport, students are not required to utilize a face covering
 - Coaches, spectators, athletes not participating will follow PSD Tiered Matrix

Visual and Performing Arts After School Activities:



Jazz Bands, Chorale, Strolling Strings, Dance Teams, Indoor Percussion, Indoor Color Guard, & Theater Productions (January 31*anticipated)

- Social distancing requirement for rehearsals/performances to the maximum extent feasible continues
- While actively performing, students will not be required to utilize a face covering
- High School music practice rooms will be fully opened and available for student rehearsals
- The use of bell covers on all woodwind and brass instruments (rehearsals & performances) continues
- Spring concerts and performances district-wide (elementary & secondary) to include in-person audiences



Vaccinations

Updated definition of “fully vaccinated” person per PA Department of Health:

- People 18 and older are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson [J&J] / Janssen) **AND** have received the booster
- Children from 5-17 years old are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson [J&J] / Janssen).

Parkland School District continues to encourage all individuals eligible for vaccination to consult with their family physician for guidance. Vaccines are the number one tool we have to combat Covid-19.

- Parkland School District will continue to partner with our local medical providers to offer vaccinations and help answer questions. [Vaccine Locator](#)
- Parkland School District does not plan to have a vaccination requirement. Parkland School District will follow all state and federal requirements for vaccinations.



Face Coverings

Face Coverings are a mitigation layer designed to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

- We will continue to evaluate our guiding metrics every two weeks. Decisions will be communicated to the school community as needed.
- Changes may be made for the entire school district or individual school buildings based on transmission rates within the community, building or district at large.
- In the absence of any state or federal masking requirements, the Parkland School District will follow our [Face Coverings Matrix](#) (modified January 2022).

Highlighted Changes:

- Tier 1- No recommendations for face coverings provided.
- Tier 2- Face coverings recommended indoors for all students, staff, and visitors (K-12).
- Tier 3- Face coverings required indoors for all students, staff, and visitors (with noted exceptions: athletics, cafe, individualized exemptions, etc.) (K-12).
- Per the federal order, masking is still required on all District Transportation vehicles (School buses, vans, etc.)
- KN95 Masks will be available for all main office areas for visitors and nursing suites for students and staff.



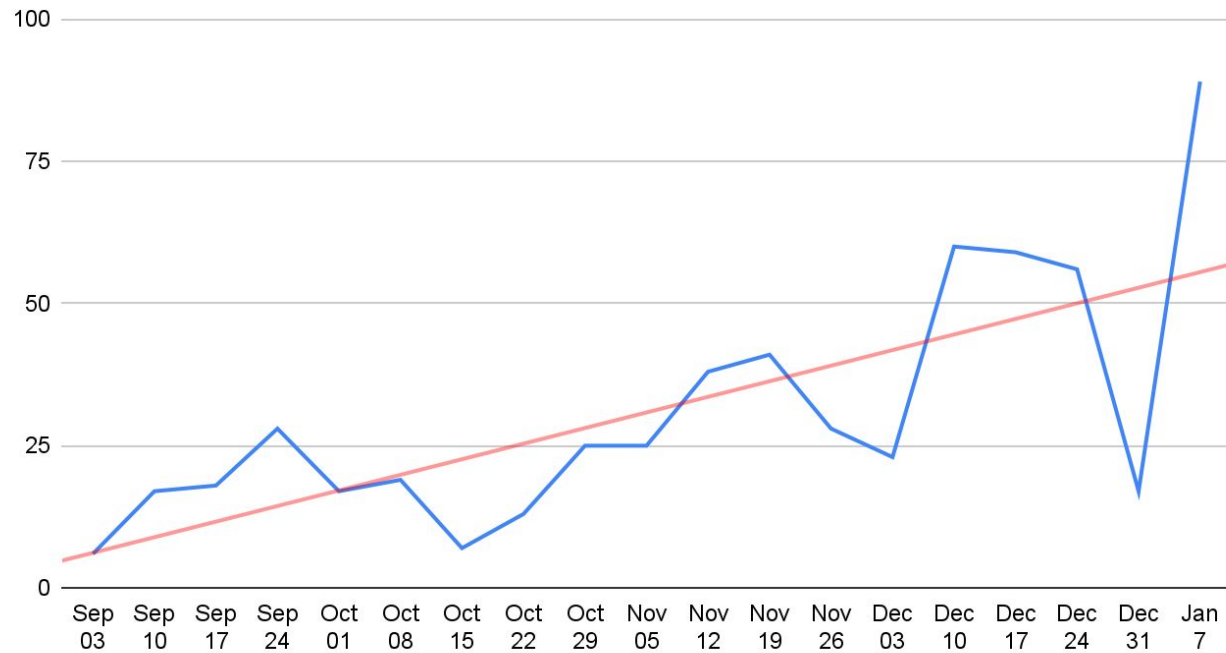
COVID Data

Parkland School District continues to communicate COVID cases via the District Dashboard. The next few slides summarize the data since the beginning of the school year. This data includes:

- 10-day Rolling Window for Cases Impacting School (Districtwide)
- Employee Cases (Districtwide)
- High School Student Cases
- Middle School Student Cases
- Elementary School Student Cases
- Districtwide Cases

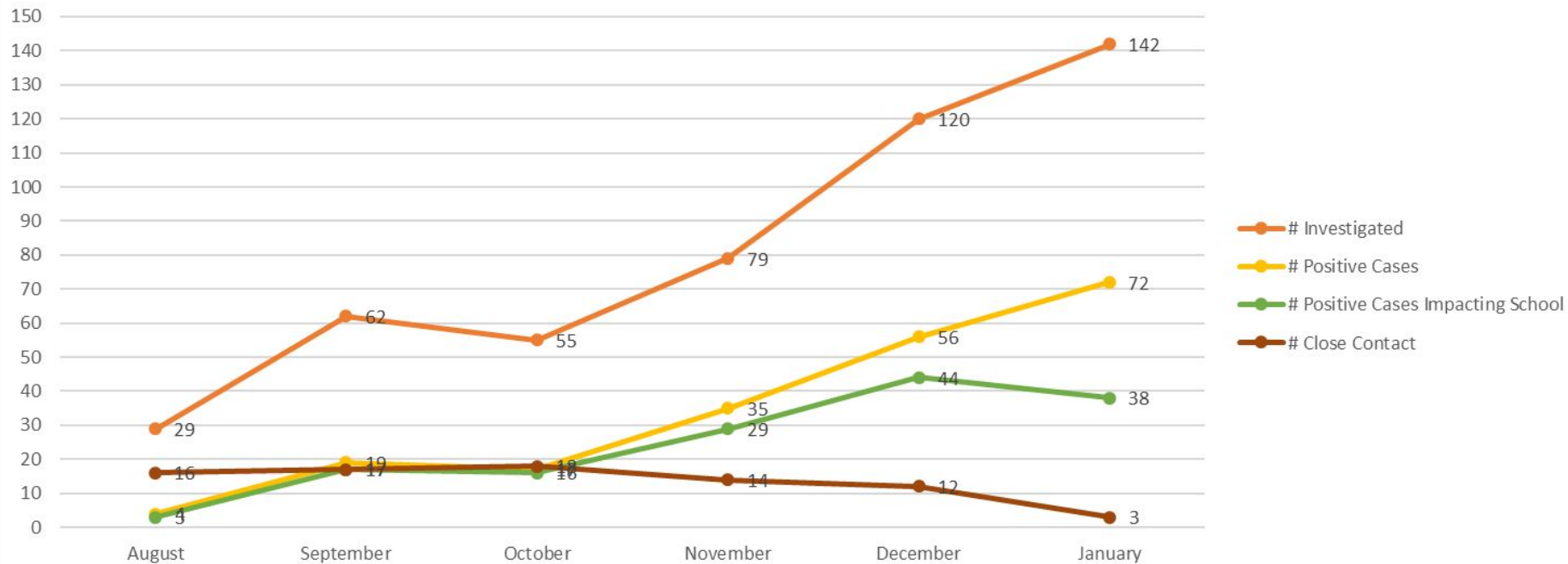
Rolling Window

10 Day Rolling Window of Impactful Case Counts



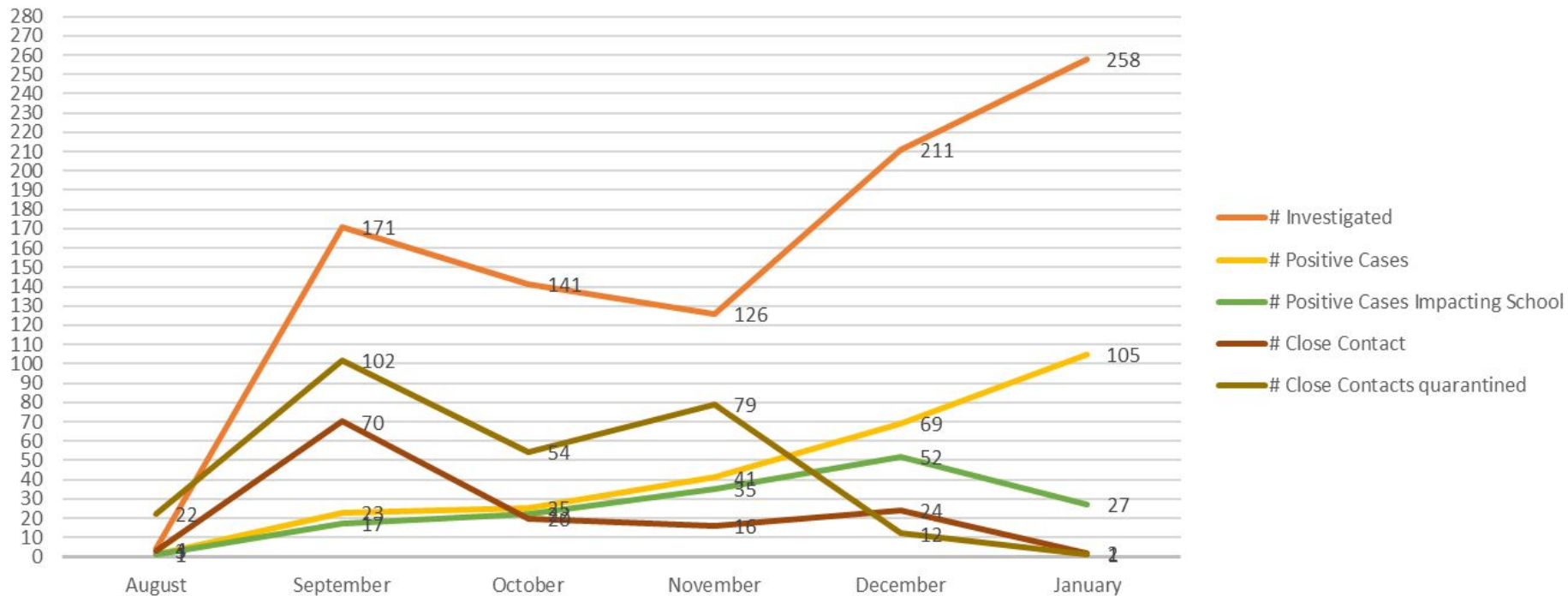
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Employees 21-22



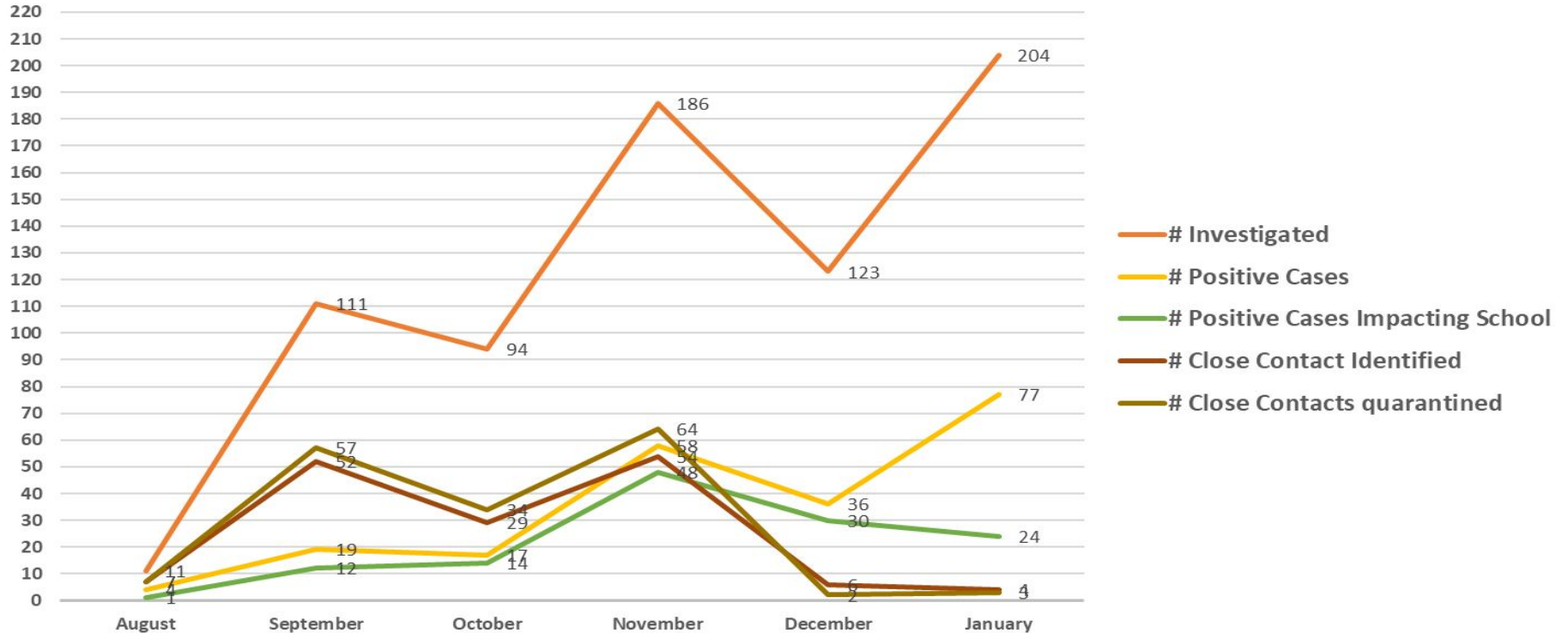
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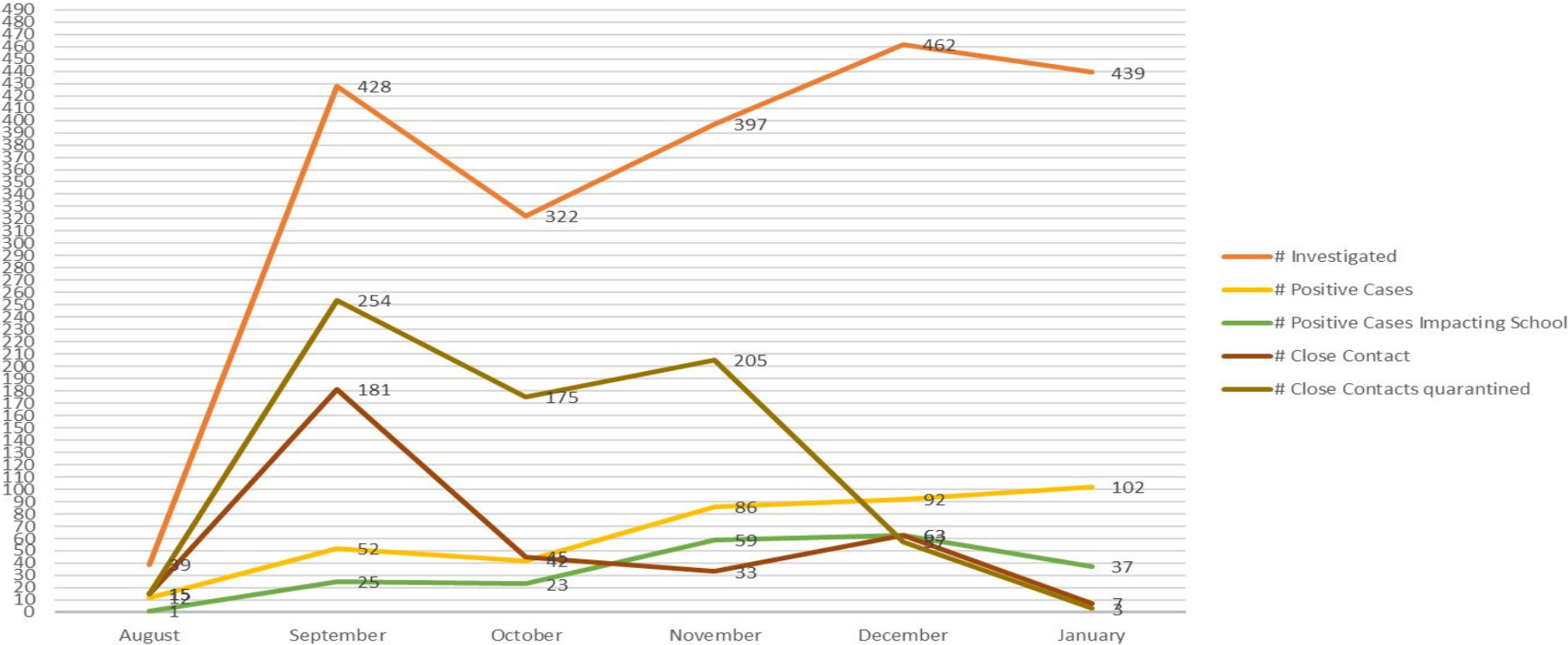
Middle Schools

MIDDLE (GRADES 6-8) 21-22



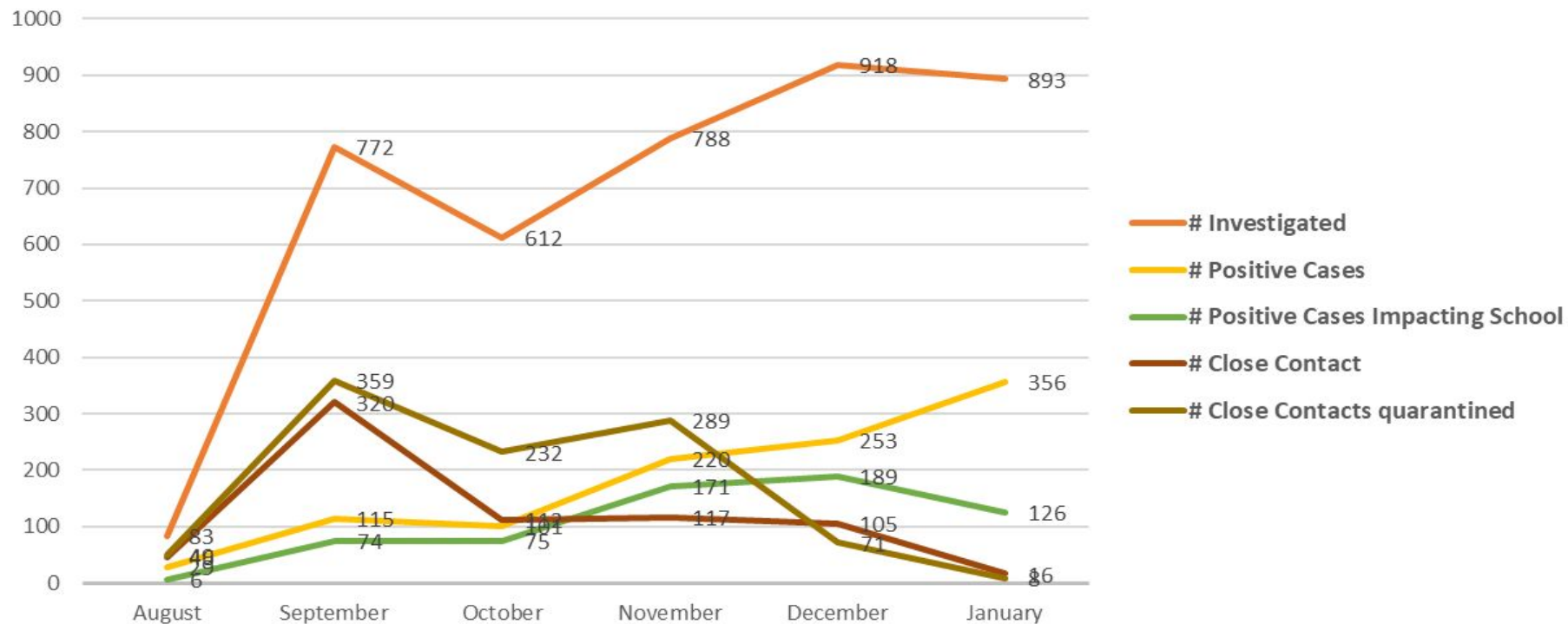
Elementary

ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-5) 21-22



Entire District

ENTIRE DISTRICT 21-22





Questions/Comments

As always, we appreciate and encourage feedback. Please use the provided link to help us in our continued decision making. Prior to final review of the school board, community feedback will be reviewed by administration.

[Community Comment Feedback Form](#)



Revision Timeline

- Initial Plan Modifications Implemented January 3, 2022
 - *Updated CDC guidelines for Isolation and Quarantine*
- Post Draft of Revised Plans January 11, 2022
- Community Input January 11-14, 2022
- Board Approval January 18, 2022
- Building Plan Modifications Implemented January 19, 2022



Thank you

Parkland School District