



Onteora Central School District

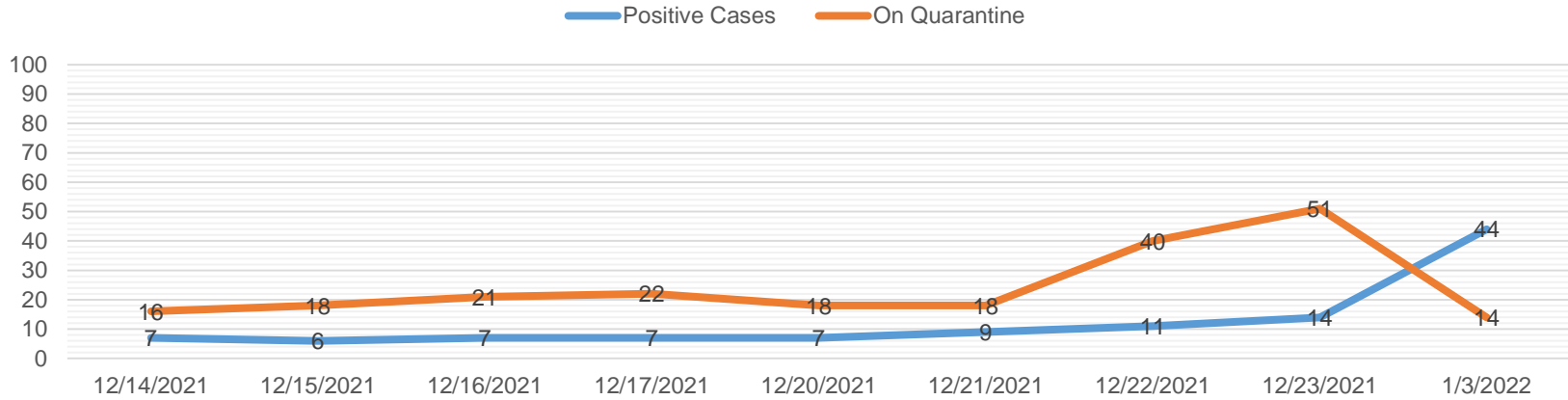
COVID-19 FORUM

January 18, 2022

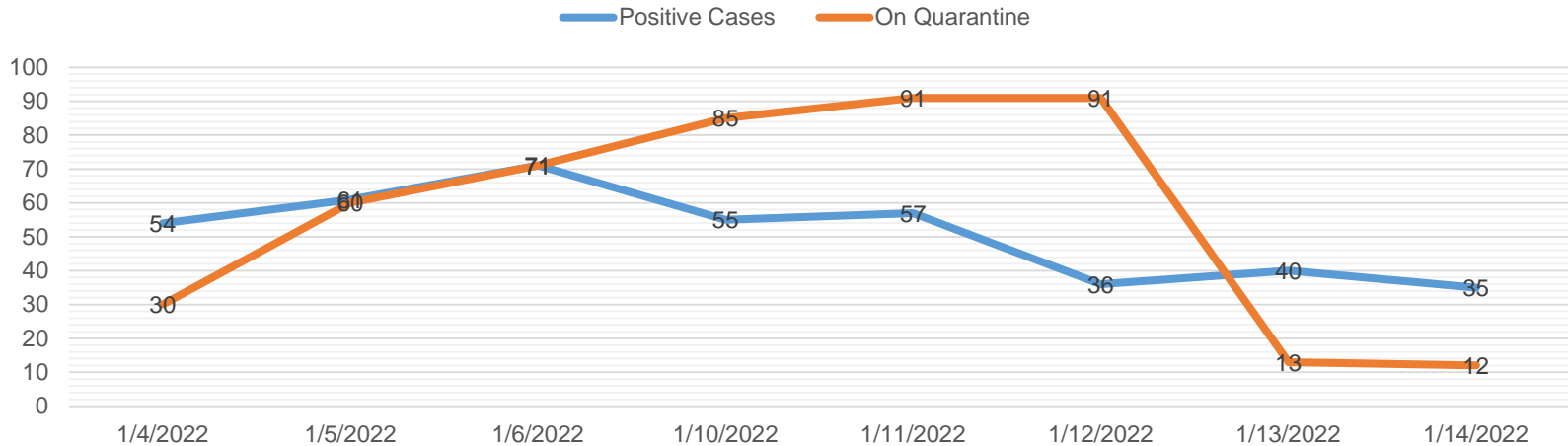


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December 14, 2021 - January 3, 2022



January 4 - January 14, 2022





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ULSTER COUNTY DAILY POSITIVITY RATE Week Ending 12/31/21

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

ULSTER COUNTY DAILY POSITIVITY RATE Week Ending 1/14/22

Day	Date	Daily New Cases	Daily # of Tests Administered	Daily Positivity Rate
1	January 8	408	2,034	20.1%
2	January 9	301	1,427	21.1%
3	January 10	193	959	20.1%
4	January 11	374	1,798	20.8%
5	January 12	313	2,686	11.7%
6	January 13	373	2,283	16.3%
7	January 14	354	2,222	15.9%
Totals:		2,316		
Total New Cases Per 100,000 Persons in the Past 7 Days*				1,304



*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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Why is there a discrepancy in the Positive Numbers from the State and from the District?

- In contacting the NYSDOH to ascertain the discrepancy the State indicated the following:
 - »The State numbers are cumulative & do not represent students who have been cleared to return;
 - »The State numbers include the private school students (138) , out of district placements (44) , and homeschoolers (109) that live in the Onteora attendance zone – for a total of 291 students.



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New Guidance -Vaccinations

Currently UCDOH 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 Quarantine and Isolation as of 1/11/22

1. Can allow a person to return to work/ school after **day 5 of their isolation period**
 - o 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 can return to work/school if they are asymptomatic or if they had mild symptoms. When they return they must:
 - a. Not have a fever for at least 24 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 (does not stop the person from wearing their mask)
3. The individual must consistently and correctly wear a **disposable (no cloth)** well-fitting face mask (only if positive -for 5 additional days.)
4. 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.
5. If an individual is severely immune compromised they should continue to isolate/quarantine for 10 days.



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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 five day period following exposure.
- If you are considered vaccinated and are asymptomatic you currently do not have to quarantine
- The above does not apply in a daycare or preschool only setting (cannot participate in a Test to Stay program.)



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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 two times during five day period following exposure (unless it falls on weekends or school breaks)
 - a. The five 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 students in grades 4-12 and all staff MWF in the mornings.

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

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

For students in grades K-3 & staff, testing will be coordinated through their school nurse.



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.

- **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**



Questions? Feedback?

Please utilize the Q & A function