

Parkland School District

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Health and Safety Plan Update

February 2022





Summary

Parkland School District has continued to monitor metrics that help guide decisions related to its Health and Safety Plan. Since January 18, 2022, when the Parkland School Board approved the updated Plan, our community has experienced a decline in both community and school cases, all students have had the opportunity to become fully vaccinated, and anyone over the age of 12 has been able to receive a vaccine booster. While keeping our schools open for full time in-person instruction within a safe environment remains our number one priority, we recognize that this includes a responsibility to move our community closer to a sense of normalcy. To that end, we are pleased to announce some modifications to the COVID-19 mitigation strategies that we have been utilizing.

Effective on the following dates, Parkland School District will be instating the changes outlined below:

- **February 9 - Contact Tracing** will no longer be conducted by school personnel
- **February 9 - Quarantining of Asymptomatic Individuals** (except for unvaccinated household contacts) will end
- **February 14 - Parkland will move to Tier 2 of the [Face Covering Decision Matrix](#)** (face coverings are recommended, but not required)

Parkland will continue to implement symptom screening, enhanced cleaning and sanitizing, personal hygiene reminders, and social distancing to the maximum extent feasible. As conditions change, further information will be provided. Please review the following slides for more details.



Contact Tracing

- **Effective February 9, 2022:**
 - Parkland School District will no longer conduct contact tracing.
 - The community has seen a high volume of COVID-19 cases with the latest surge. St. Luke's reports 1 in 5 people have or had COVID during this surge. With this level of community spread, it makes it very difficult for our school nurses to identify persons who may have been in contact with a case.
 - Contact tracing has always been the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH). Our district nurses trained to be able to assist the DOH during this pandemic and have gone above and beyond to provide this service for our school community. The DOH will manage the contact tracing moving forward. Should we experience another surge of COVID-19, or any other communicable disease, our nurses will stand ready to support our community.
 - Students who test positive for COVID-19 must still report this information to their school nurse and staff will continue to utilize the covid response email.



Quarantine of Asymptomatic Individuals

- **Effective February 9, 2022:**

- Individuals exposed to COVID-19 and are not exhibiting any symptoms will no longer be required to quarantine from school.
- We recommend individuals continue to follow the PA-Department of Health's recommendations, which currently are to quarantine for 5 days, self monitor, test 5 days after last contact, and mask for 10 days from date of last exposure.
- Students and Staff should stay home if they develop symptoms or test positive and notify their school nurse. Employees will also notify their supervisor and the District via the COVID response email.
- **Exception for Unvaccinated Household Close Contacts** - The household close contact is an exception due to having a continuous exposure to the virus. Even if one is separating at home, it is the same air. Therefore, parents and staff should continue to follow the notification process we have established with our nursing department, should a household member be diagnosed with COVID-19.



Face Coverings

- **Effective February 14, 2022***
 - All Parkland School District Buildings will enter Tier 2 of the **Face Covering Decision Matrix**. In Tier 2, face coverings are recommended indoors for all students, staff, and visitors (K-12).
 - Per the federal order, masking is still required on all District Transportation vehicles (School buses, vans, etc.)
 - Face coverings will also be required in the Nursing suites and Athletic Training rooms.

*This recommendation will be reviewed weekly.

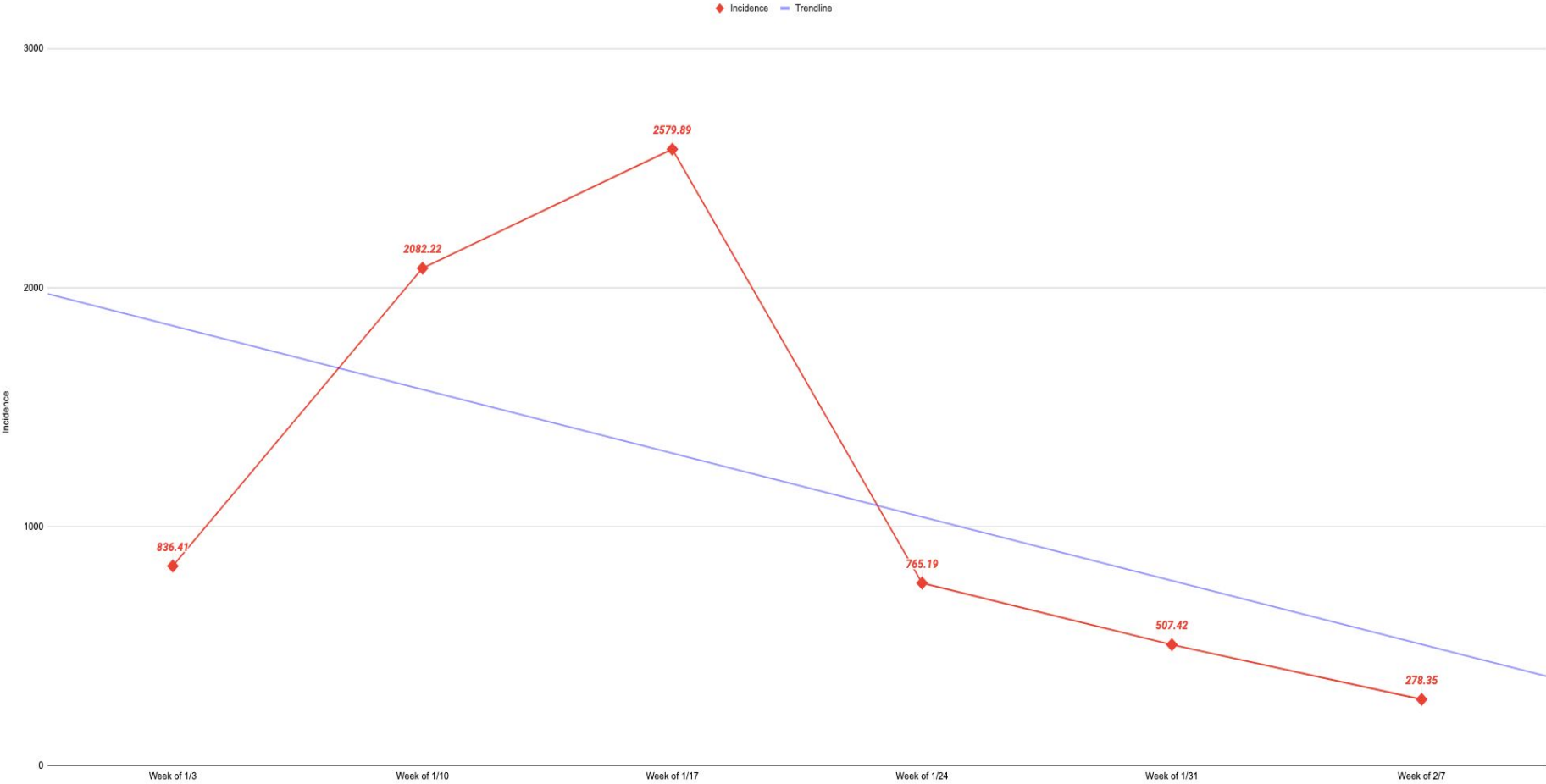


COVID Data

Parkland School District will continue to communicate all reported COVID cases on its website [COVID-19 Dashboard](#). The next few slides summarize the data since the beginning of the school year. The data includes:

- Lehigh County Incident Rate per 100,000 (January)
- 10-day Rolling Window for Cases Impacting Schools (District-wide and Building)
- Employee Cases (District-wide)
- High School Student Cases
- Middle School Student Cases
- Elementary School Student Cases
- District-wide Cases

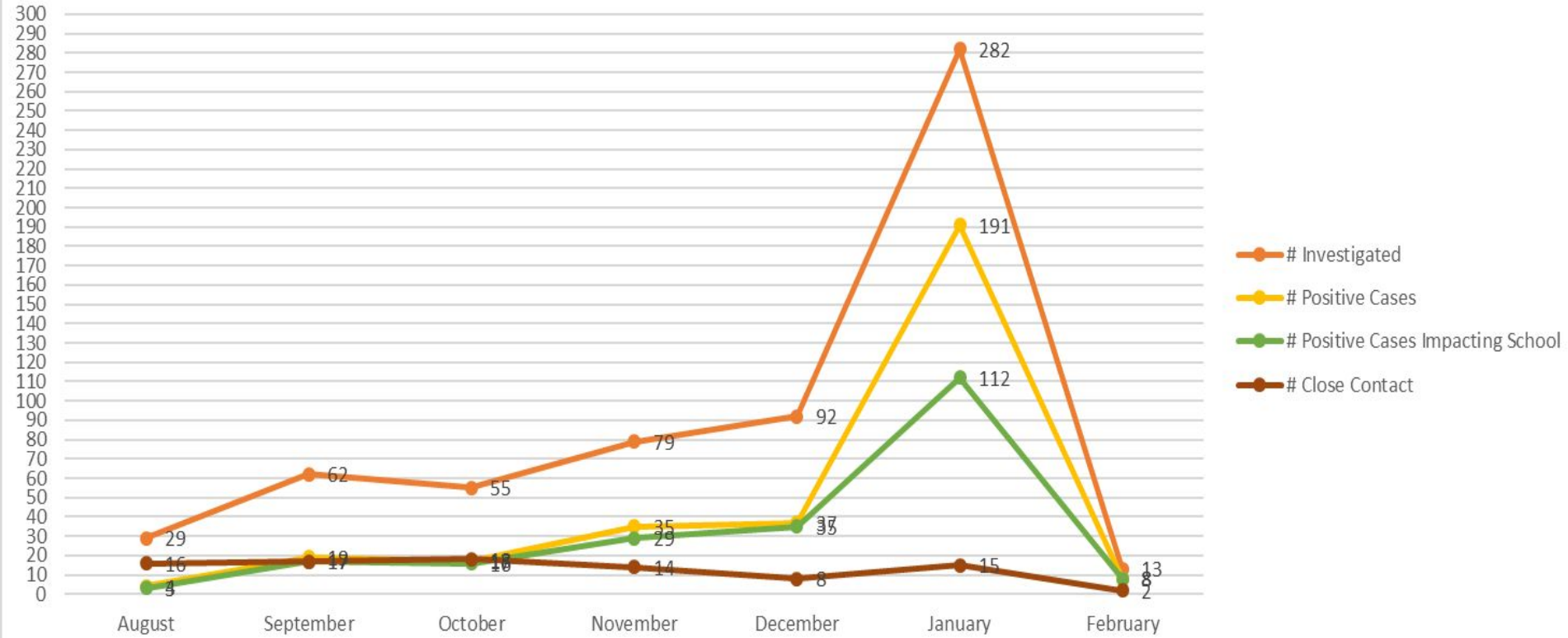
Lehigh County Incident Rate Since January 1 (per 100,000)



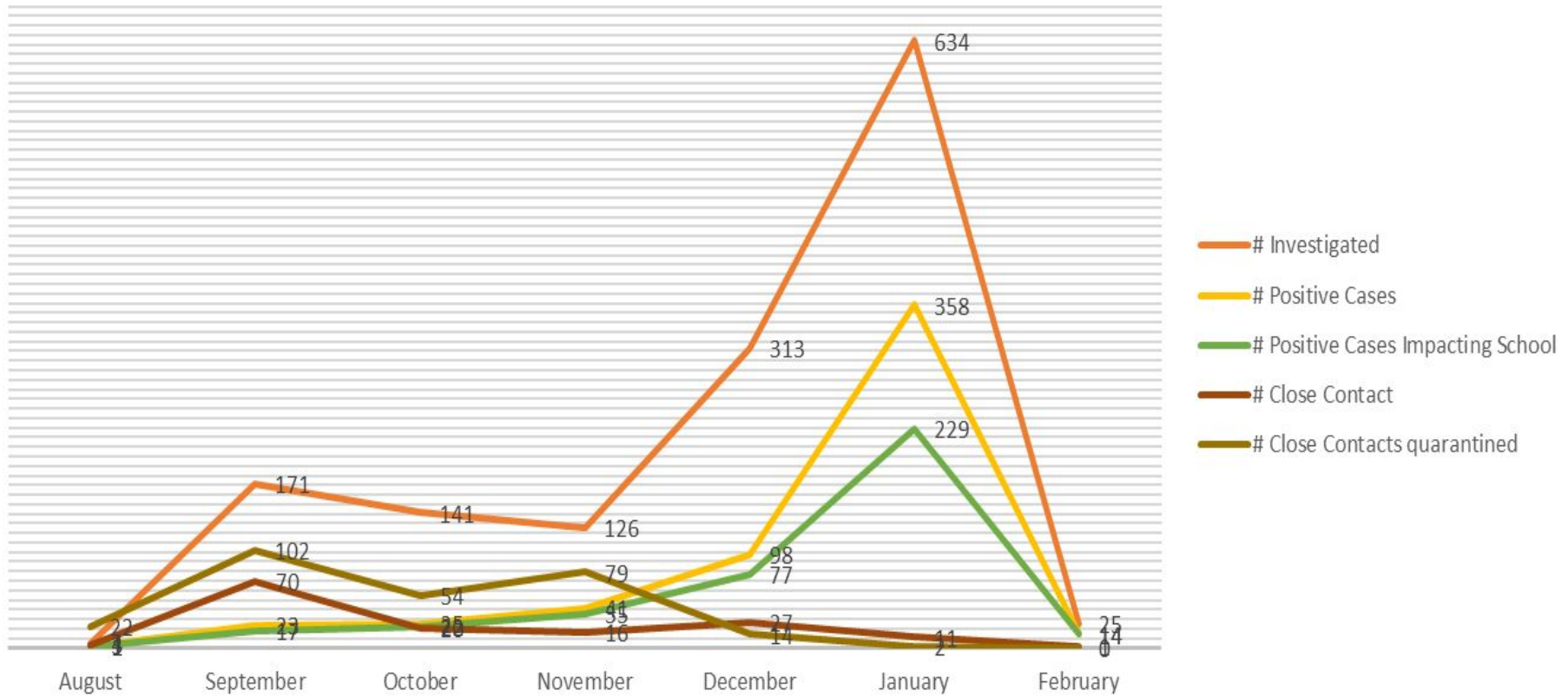
February 7, 2022

School	10 Day Rolling Total
PHS	13
OMS	6
SMS	5
Cetronia	1
Fogelsville	4
Ironton	3
Jaindl	1
Kratzer	2
Kernsville	2
Parkway Manor	4
Schnecksville	1
Veterans Memorial	4
Admin Center	0
Troxell	1
Transportation	0
Totals by Schools	47

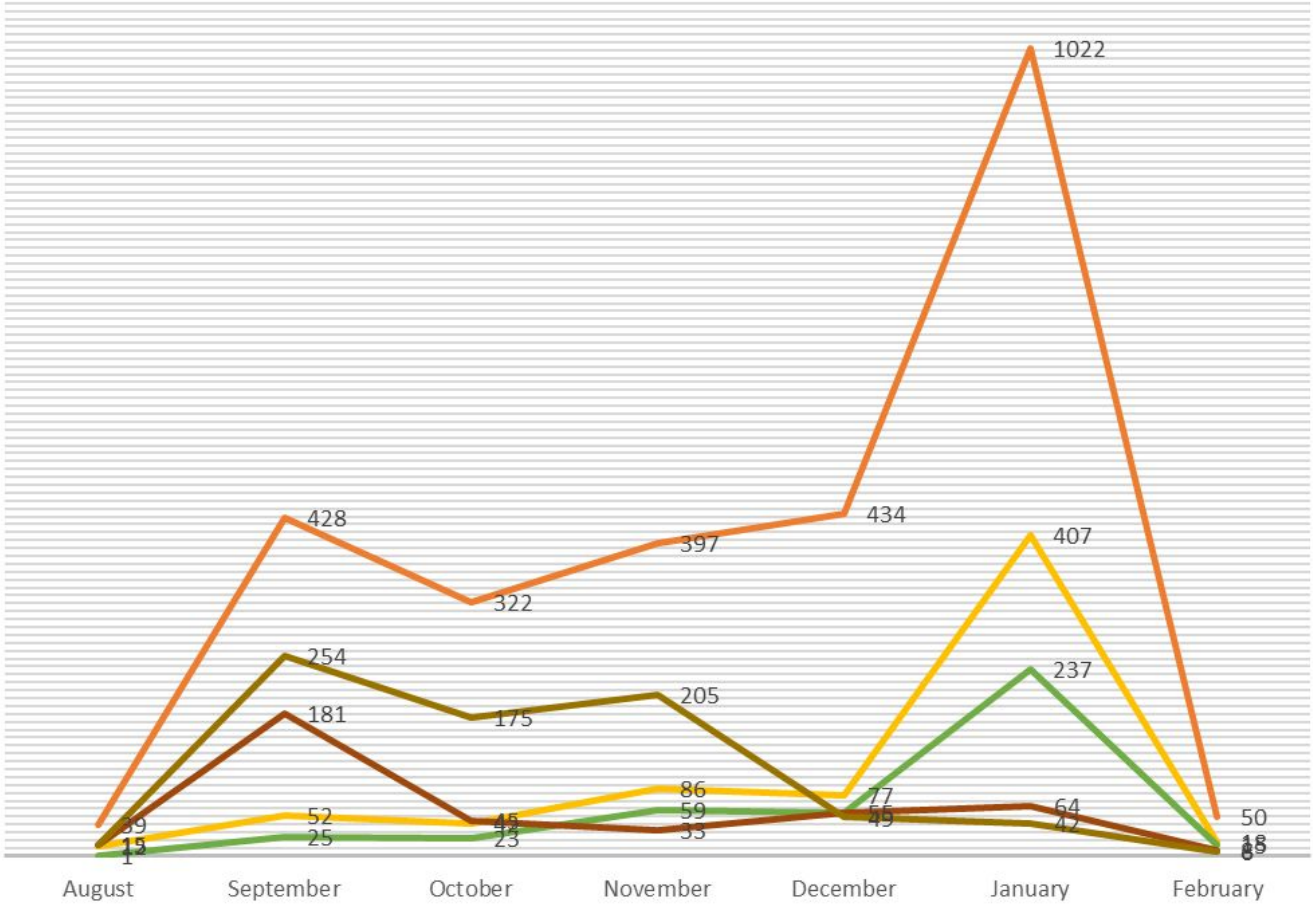
Employees 21-22



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12+) 21-22

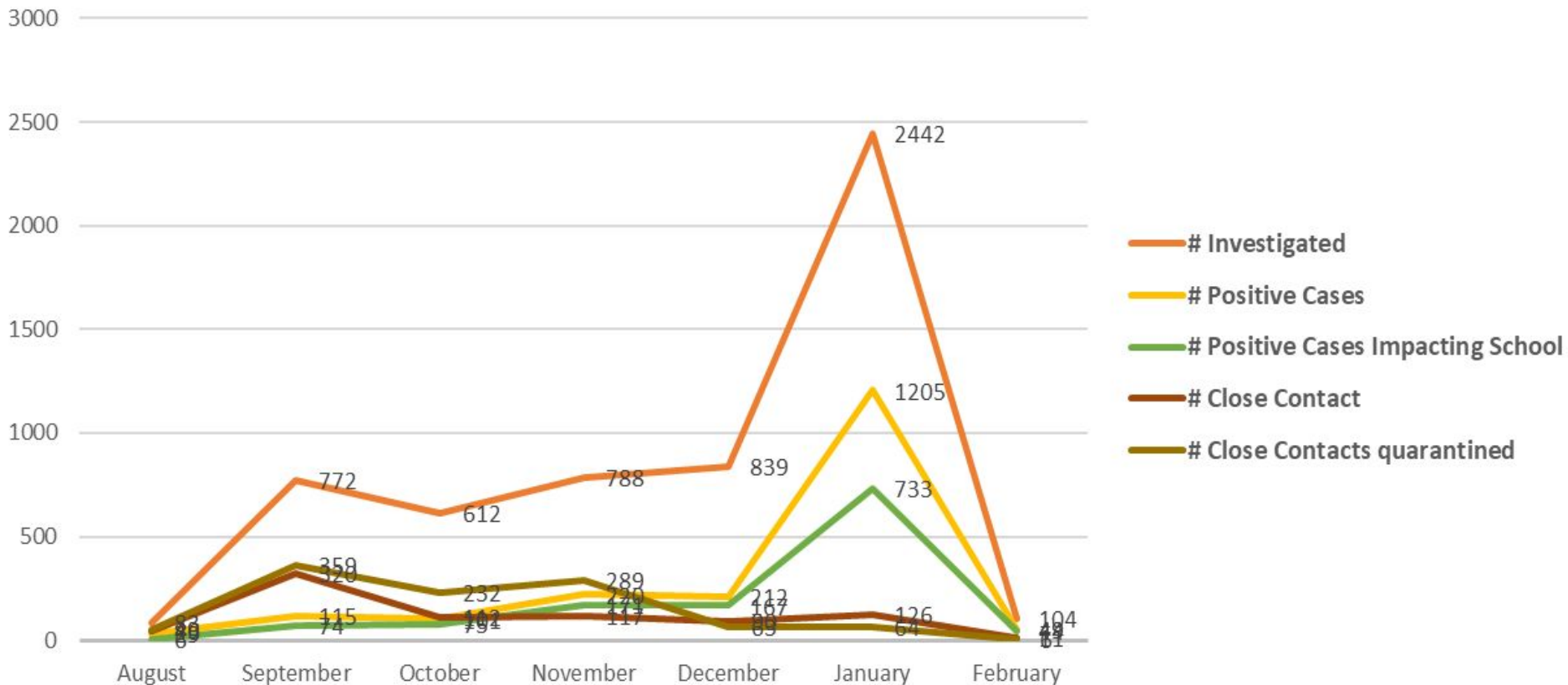


ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-5) 21-22



- # Investigated
- # Positive Cases
- # Positive Cases Impacting School
- # Close Contact
- # Close Contacts quarantined

ENTIRE DISTRICT 21-22





Questions