

COVID Update

PTA General Council Meeting

January 27, 2022



COVID Prevalence

CDC Rates

- 420.15 cases/100,000 residents per 7 days as of January 24 (down from 1401.98 on 1/10)
- 14% positivity rate as of January 22 (down from 28.45% on 1/8)

	1/22-26	1/15-21	1/8-14	1/1-7	12/18-23	12/11-17	12/4-10	11/27-12/3	11/20-26	11/13-19
Staff	112	202	492	738	353	88	78	95	40	44
Students	361	649	1654	1413	613	343	369	331	120	191

Outbreaks

- 11 outbreaks since beginning of January
 - One outbreak involves 7 students
 - Remainder are small with 3-4 students in a group
 - No change in number or nature of outbreaks since fall
 - Continue to see infrequent and limited spread in schools

Quarantine

- Student quarantines are going down
- Week of January 8-14: 711 students in quarantine
- Week of January 15-21: 453 students in quarantine

Diagnostic Testing

	January 3-7	January 10-14	January 18-21
Number Rapid	329	392	95
Number Positive Rapid	77	51	13
Percent Rapids Positive	23%	13%	14%
Number PCR	25	26	15
Number Positive PCR	11	9	1
Percent PCRs Positive	44%	35%	7%

Athlete Testing Program

- Expanding program to middle schools; piloting in 11 schools week of 1/24 and to all week of 1/31
- Students who participate in extracurricular activities encouraged to participate
- Results
 - January 11 – 12 positive
 - January 14 – 9 positive
 - January 21 – 3 positive

Home Tests

- FlexFlow Home Tests distributed to all students and staff
- Additional kits ordered – 126,000
 - Use in classrooms with outbreaks

Student Vaccination Rates

- High Schools – 62% vaccinated, range from 43-83%
- Middle Schools – 49% vaccinated, range from 30-78%
- Elementary Schools – 31% vaccinated, range from 9-92%

Masks

- Well-fitting mask is the priority
- Schools order procedure masks for students who forget and/or have damaged masks
- KN95 masks added as a resource
 - Adult masks distributed week of January 10
 - Additional adult masks expected to be distributed week of January 31
 - Pediatric masks ordered, delivery anticipated week of January 31

COVID Protocols

- Adopted shortened isolation and quarantine protocol on January 18
- Calendar on website to assist in calculating return dates – See [Isolation Periods](#)

Summary

- Rates are coming down quickly
- Rates remain very high
- Mitigation efforts must continue
- Resources and Data available on the BCPS COVID [webpage](#)