

School District 12 Update

January 28, 2022

*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



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Board of Education Meet and Greet: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. (Village Hall)

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Next SMART Day: Wednesday, February 2, 2022

8th grade graduation: Tuesday, May 24

Illinois Department of Public Health [Trend Data](#)

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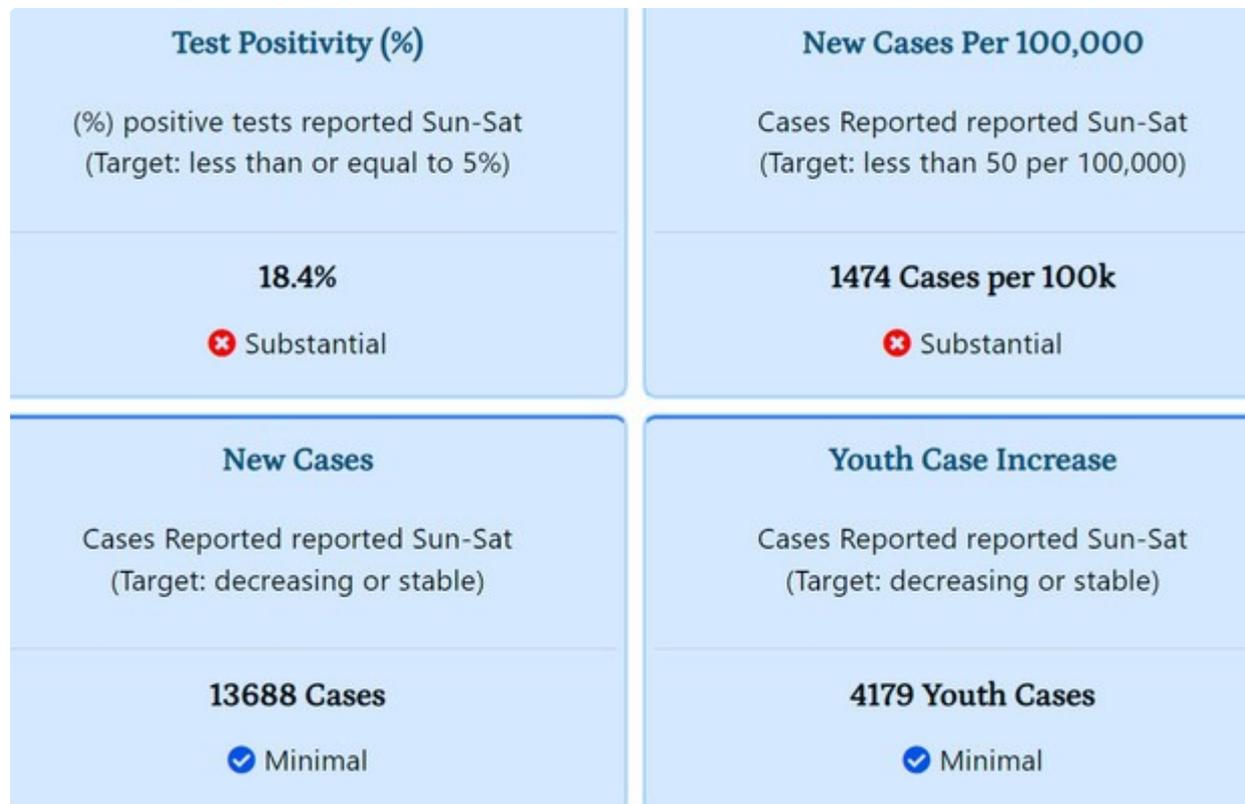
Dear Roselle D12 Families,

After surviving a few snowfalls and this week's frigid cold, we are ready for sunshine and spring weather! While we are likely to still have winter weather, as we turn the corner into February, we inch closer to both.

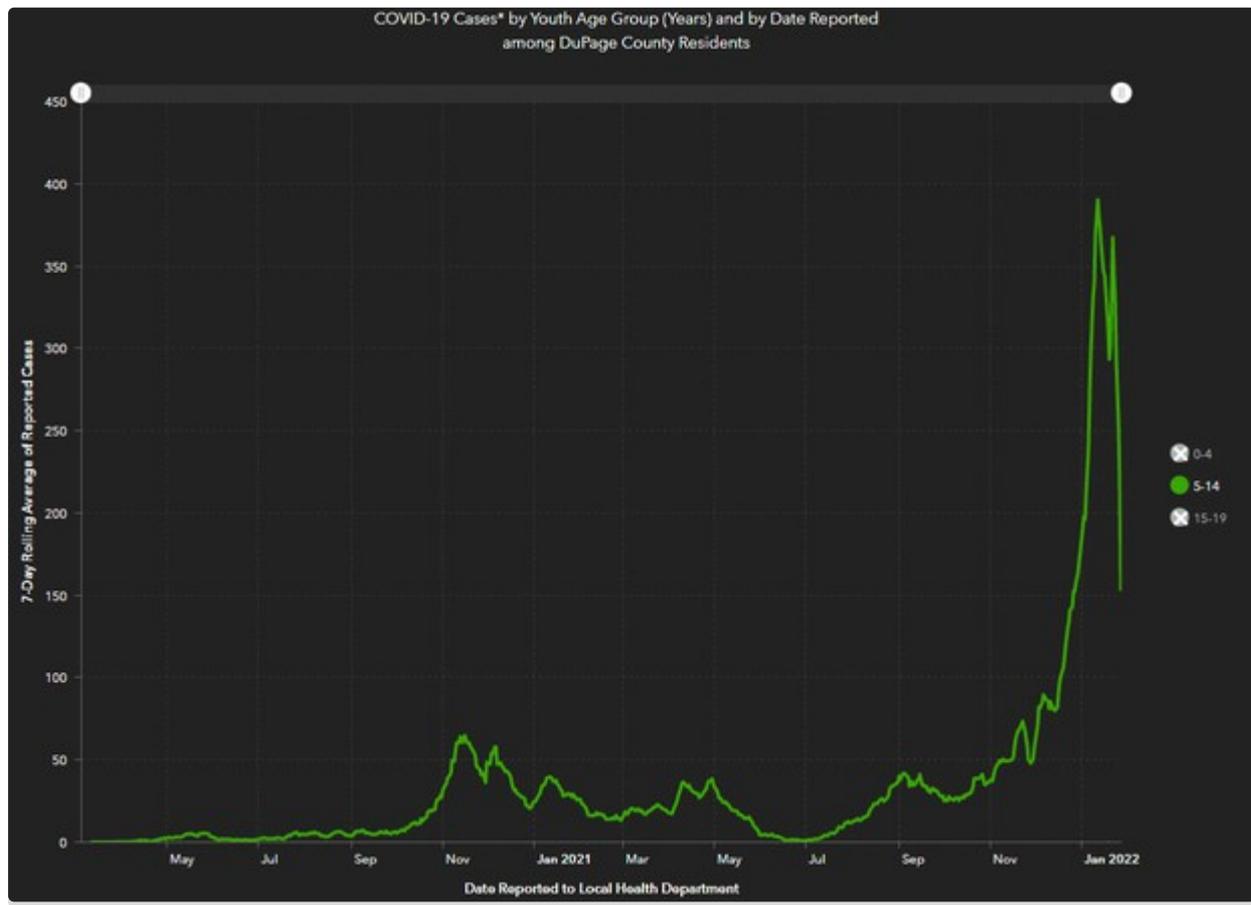
COVID-19 Metrics and D12 Impact

This week's metrics from IDPH are a bit mixed in terms of improvement. While the positivity rate increased, the youth cases remain at the minimal level. In D12, we have had 4 new COVID-19 positive cases this week. That, specifically, is the type of improvement we have been hoping to see. Additionally, each week more families have signed their student up for either Test to Stay or

symptomatic screening, allowing more of our students to remain in school for instruction. When we are able to decrease the number of students who have to be out for several days at a time, decrease the amount of classrooms juggling remote learning with in person learning, reduced time spent contact tracing, etc. we are able to return our focus to more normal classroom experiences and school operations.



The graphic below show the count of COVID-19 positive cases for 5-14 year olds in DuPage County. These data are reported daily which is why you will often see some big spikes and dips. It's not uncommon for there to be a lag in reporting over a weekend or holiday. The overall trend is a significant decrease in positive cases which is a great sign.



Shortened Isolation and Quarantine

We have been waiting for county and D12 COVID cases to come down in order to implement the shortened quarantine and isolation protocols put forth by the CDC at Winter Break. Given the recent trend downward, we will implement this for students beginning the week of February 7. Attached to this newsletter is a document that outlines the return to school scenarios for a student who has tested positive for COVID, a student identified as a close contact during the school day, and a student who is identified as a close contact outside of school hours (school sports or after school activities) or outside of school.

I encourage parents to read these carefully as there are restrictions for students for Days 6-10, and we want to be very transparent with those. Parents are able to choose if they want their child to return with those restrictions in place or if they prefer to wait until after Day 10. Each of the scenarios and requirements are based on latest IDPH/ISBE guidance and how we can best manage that guidance given any staff or facility limitations in D12.

COVID-19 Testing

We understand that some parents and staff have not receive their emailed COVID test results. We have contacted Northshore and they believe that they have fixed the issue. Please email me at mhenderson@sd12.org if you do not receive the results of this week's screening by the end of this weekend.

As a reminder, a parent will be contacted prior to administering any type of COVID test at school if you have signed your child up for either Test to Stay or Symptomatic Testing. Last week, our lab changed their process and are doing shallow nasal swabs and not cheek swabs. This will be explained to

families during the phone call and parents can change their mind and opt out if they choose. Families participating in weekly screening were notified of this change via email on Tuesday, 1/22.

2022-23 School Calendar

At the January Board of Education meeting, the board approved the 2022-23 calendar. It is posted on the district website and is linked at the top of this newsletter. Please note that once again we have a Winter Break that begins mid-week and continues into mid-week after New Year's. This was done to align to Lake Park High School's calendar. Also of note is that Election Day is a state mandated non-attendance day for students and staff.

Thank you for the continued support of our schools and staff!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent



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