

Weekly COVID-19 Update

November 17, 2020



Dear General McLane families,

As I'm sure you are aware, we have shared there have been numerous staff members and students that have tested positive for COVID-19 within General McLane School District over the span of the last few weeks.

We remain confident that there has been no spread of COVID-19 within our schools. We are thankful and grateful that all of our students and staff members have been diligent in wearing their masks properly and effectively and we encourage our families to continue mask-wearing and avoid gatherings and get-togethers when at all possible.

I'd also like to share a reminder that due to the currently high positivity rate with testing, we have changed our procedure for family members when other family members are going to be tested.

With positivity rates running between 20 and 30% in our community, we are asking that anytime someone in the family has shown symptoms and will therefore be tested, that all family members stay home from school until the results of the test are known.

We are also asking for all students and staff members that travel to or from an area with increased cases/spread of COVID-19 or out of the country to quarantine for 14 days upon return **UNLESS** his/her entire family:

- Wore masks at all times during travel
- Physically distanced themselves from others at all times (including travel by air, train, etc.)
- Was not knowingly exposed to a COVID-19 positive person
- Did not attend a mass gathering (as defined by CDC Considerations for Events and Gatherings): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

If all of those safety measures cannot be met, the staff member or student is strongly encouraged to quarantine for 14 days upon return. Some interesting information I'd also like to share:

Edinboro (in the last 7 days)

Positive cases: **21**

Negative cases: **84**

Positivity rate: **20%**

- COVID is the third leading cause of death in USA (only behind Heart Disease and cancer)
- 242,216 deaths since February, which is greater than all influenza deaths in the 6 flu seasons since 2014

McKean (in the last 7 days)

Positive cases: **10**

Negative cases: **35**

Positivity rate: **22.2%**

Your cooperation is appreciated in making the health of our students, staff and teachers a priority. As always, please contact me with any positive or close contact quarantine questions or concerns.

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