

# COVID-19 Update

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Lancer Families,

Happy Thanksgiving! There is still so much to be thankful for despite the increasing illness locally and within the nation. Thank you for continuing to keep your students home when sick and when they have been exposed to a COVID case. I feel blessed to be a part of this community.

Households, mine included, contain a lot of moving parts and opportunities to allow COVID to enter. Many district households have children that visit two different parent homes, go to sports, ride buses or go to babysitters. Our community is very closely connected, which becomes more evident as an illness like COVID-19 circulates.

I choose to wear a mask to protect myself, my family and those I care most about. By choosing to mask, I am also choosing to protect **YOUR** family, who may come into contact with my household members. Our decision, mine and yours, directly impacts the community at large. When contact tracing a bus with a positive student onboard, we have had to quarantine as many as 10 students/bus drivers for one positive case.

Simply put, a single positive case has now negatively affected 10 Edinboro/McKean families. One inconvenienced family may be a single mom that now can't work for 14 days while her child is in quarantine, causing financial hardship. Another family may have a live-in grandma with poor health that could pass away from COVID, if exposed. To protect our most fragile community members who are mixed in with the young and healthy, masking has to be done consistently at every opportunity. Please continue to care for yourselves, your families, and your neighbors. Please continue to MASK!

Have a quiet and restful Thanksgiving! Please contact me with any COVID questions or concerns.

Warmest regards,

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New COVID cases in the last 7 days:  
Edinboro **25**  
McKean **10**  
GM District PCR positivity rate **29.63%**

