

Transitional Model of Reopening

Special Board of Education Update

December 4, 2020

Close Contact Exclusions Update

CCDPH Change to Guidance

Only contact trace upper respiratory infections symptoms if they were ALSO exposed to a positive Covid-19 case.

Exception

Siblings and household members have such significant contact that they will be considered a close contact for any case and should be sent home.

Probable Case

Positive antigen test OR person with clinically compatible COVID-like symptoms and epidemiologically linked via known exposure to a confirmed case

IDPH School Outbreaks

- Outbreak information is reported once the outbreak investigation is considered complete. Some outbreaks are pending processing and evaluation and will be added as more complete information is available. The outbreak information is reported by local health departments to the Illinois Department of Public Health through an outbreak reporting system. (last update 11/27/20)
- Specific outbreaks included are those that have been identified by the local health department to have five or more COVID-19 cases who may have a shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households. Case counts for school-related outbreaks also include those associated with before and after school programs (e.g., school-sponsored sports). These outbreaks do not include secondary cases that may occur in a household member who has not been on school grounds.

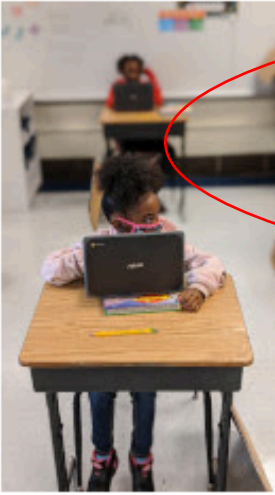
FOREST PARK, IL – Due to increased rates of COVID-19 transmission, and to prevent having to implement more restrictive mitigation measures, Cook County Department of Public Health officials are advising all suburban Cook County residents and visitors to follow the below guidance to curb the increased spread of COVID-19 in Illinois Region 10. Over 99,000 people in suburban Cook County have been diagnosed with COVID-19, and positivity rates are over 15%.

This guidance is in alignment with the State of Illinois, and in accordance with public health science. It will take effect Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 at 6 a.m., and will last at least 30 days.

- **STAY HOME.** As much as possible, please refrain from any non-essential activities and stay home. If you must go out for essential activities, such as work, to attend school, get tested for COVID-19, get a flu shot, or to shop for groceries:
 - Wear a mask consistently and correctly over your nose and mouth.
 - Avoid close contact with others and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others who do not live with you.
 - Wash hands often with soap and warm water.
- **LIMIT GATHERINGS.** As much as possible, please refrain from attending or hosting gatherings with people who do not live in your household. This includes recommendations to postpone holiday gatherings or host virtual celebrations to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- **LIMIT TRAVEL.** As much as possible, do not engage in any non-essential travel, including vacations or trips to visit relatives or friends.
- **WORK FROM HOME.** As much as possible, CCDPH is calling on employers in suburban Cook County to re-establish telework protocols for staff who are able to work from home.

“Now more than ever, we must come together to stay apart,” said Dr. Rachel Rubin, CCDPH Senior Medical Officer and Co-Lead. “We know limiting gatherings with friends and family can be hard, but we also know that virtual celebrations will save lives.”

Friday, November 13,
2020



Dear Colleagues:

Governor JB Pritzker today announced that additional COVID-19 resurgence mitigations will take effect statewide on Friday, Nov. 20, in an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. With the exception of youth sports, these [Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations](#) do not apply to schools. At this time, local school officials, in consultation with local departments of public health, remain the best situated to make decisions about additional mitigations that may be necessary in schools. That means it's more important than ever for schools to follow the directions of local departments of public health.

The health and safety of Illinois students and educators is our first priority. It is your continued diligence in wearing face coverings, social distancing, and staying home when sick that has allowed in-person instruction to continue to be possible. Thank you.

The Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations do address organized group recreational activities (sports, indoor sports and activity facilities, etc.), which include school-based activities. The mitigations pause all indoor group sporting and recreational activities, including youth and adult recreational sports, park districts, and travel leagues, and require the closure of locker rooms. Individual training may occur indoors (with facility reservation), and outdoor sports and recreation are allowed, but are limited to 10 persons or less with social distancing. Face coverings are required for all activities at all times.

While the Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations exempt schools, with the exception of youth sports, school leaders may want to consider additional creative safety measures in light of the upcoming holidays. School leaders may consider a pivot to remote learning for two weeks after the winter break -- long enough for students and staff who may have unknowingly contracted COVID-19 during the holiday to quarantine and avoid inadvertently bringing the virus into the classroom. This pause would also give schools time to do a deep clean in school facilities.

For example, Monmouth-Roseville CUSD 238 is currently utilizing a hybrid learning model and plans to transition to remote learning for two weeks following the December break as an additional precaution to ensure the safety of the school community, a decision that the district made in consultation with the Warren County Health Department. I applaud this district for using available tools to promote a safe and healthy learning environment.

School leaders might also want to think about taking other precautions, including adjusting spring calendars to break up the solid week of spring break, which might be more likely to encourage travel, and to instead plan three-day weekends throughout the semester or an extra week of summer.

As a former district superintendent, I am painfully aware of the immense pressure our school and district leaders are struggling under in making these heavy decisions. I want you to know I appreciate your thoughtfulness and care – not only for your students but also for the support you show each other. Your efforts are making a tremendous difference.

You have my faith and gratitude for all you do.

Sincerely,

Carmen

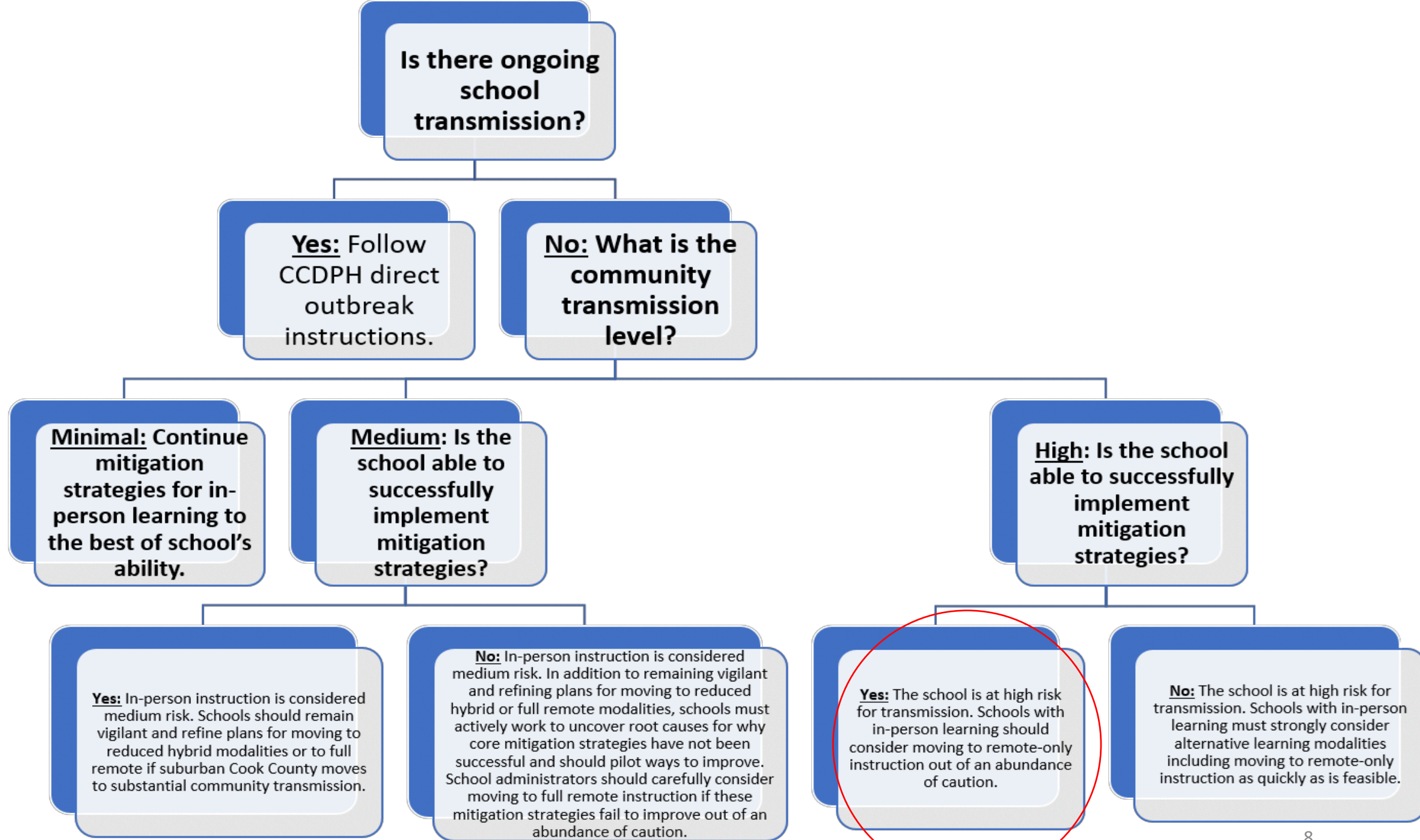
IDPH Adaptive Pause

If suburban Cook County **meets the criteria for substantial community transmission** according to the criteria outlined in Table 1 but a **school has successfully implemented and maintained core mitigation strategies**, this would still be considered **high risk**.

Schools with in-person learning either predominating or as part of a hybrid model **should consider moving to remote only-instruction out of an abundance of caution**. If schools opt to continue in-person instruction, CCDPH recommends schools conduct more frequent (e.g., daily or twice-weekly) self-risk assessments and pay strict attention to the possibility of school-related transmission.

Any suspected or confirmed cases in students, faculty, or staff must be reported to CCDPH immediately.

	Minimal Community Transmission	Moderate Community Transmission	Substantial Community Transmission
County-Level Metric	Alert for 1 metric but remained BLUE at any point in the last 4 weeks	Transitioned to ORANGE once in the last 4 weeks	Remained in ORANGE for ≥ 2 consecutive weeks
	Weekly county case rates ≤ 50 per 100,000	Weekly county case rates > 50 to ≤ 100 per 100,000	Weekly county case rates above > 100 per 100,000
	Weekly county overall case numbers increase for 2 consecutive weeks with a $> 5\%$ to $\leq 10\%$ increase occurring each week	Weekly county overall case numbers increase for two consecutive weeks with a $> 10\%$ or $\leq 20\%$ increase occurring each week	Weekly county overall case numbers increase for two consecutive weeks with a $> 20\%$ increase occurring each week
	Weekly county youth case numbers increase for two consecutive weeks with a $> 5\%$ to $\leq 10\%$ increase occurring each week	Weekly county youth case numbers increase for two consecutive weeks with a > 10 or $\leq 20\%$ increase occurring each week	Weekly county youth case numbers increase for two consecutive weeks with a $> 20\%$ increase occurring each week
	Weekly test positivity $\leq 5\%$	Weekly test positivity $> 5\%$ but $\leq 8\%$	Weekly test positivity $> 8\%$
Regional Resurgence			Region moved to Tier 1 mitigation



Display Data by Public Health District

Overall

449

Weekly Case Rate per 100,000




13.3%

Test Positivity Last Week



Warning (Orange)

Current IDPH Risk Level for Suburban

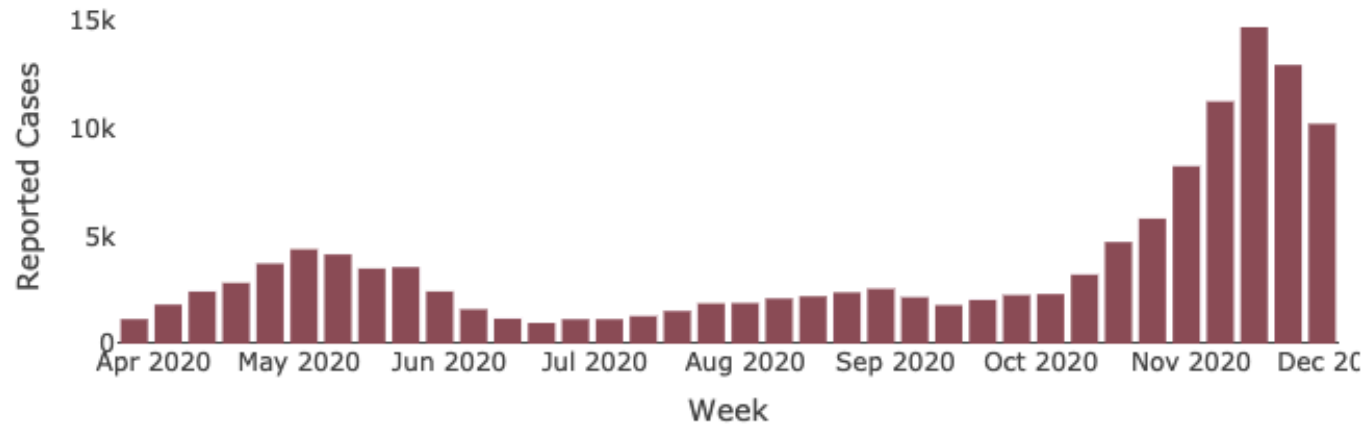


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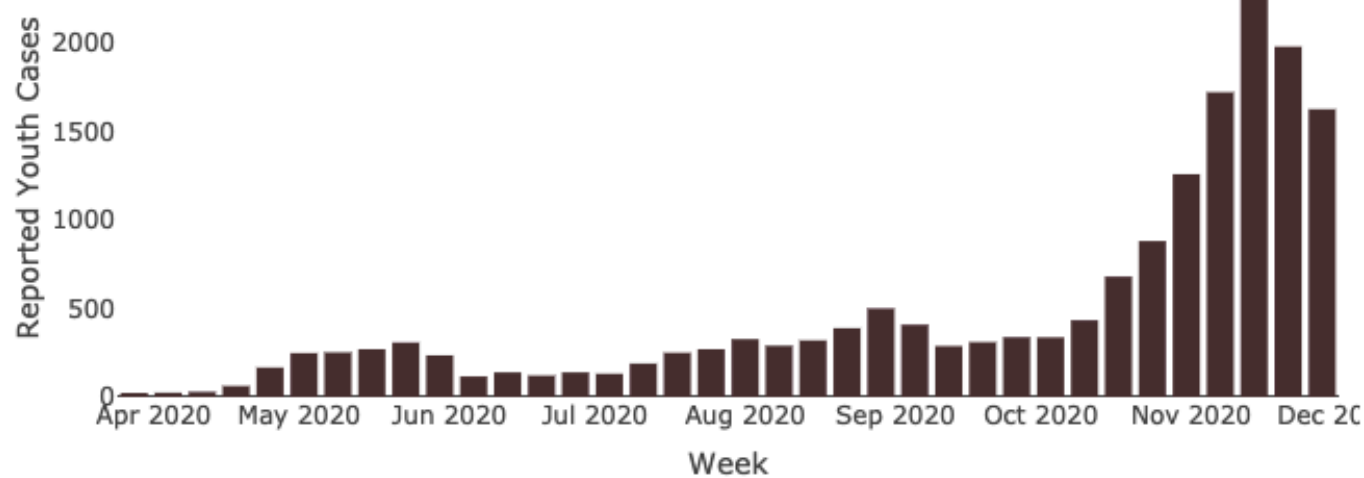
Number of Times IDPH Risk Level was Warning (Orange) in Last 4 Weeks



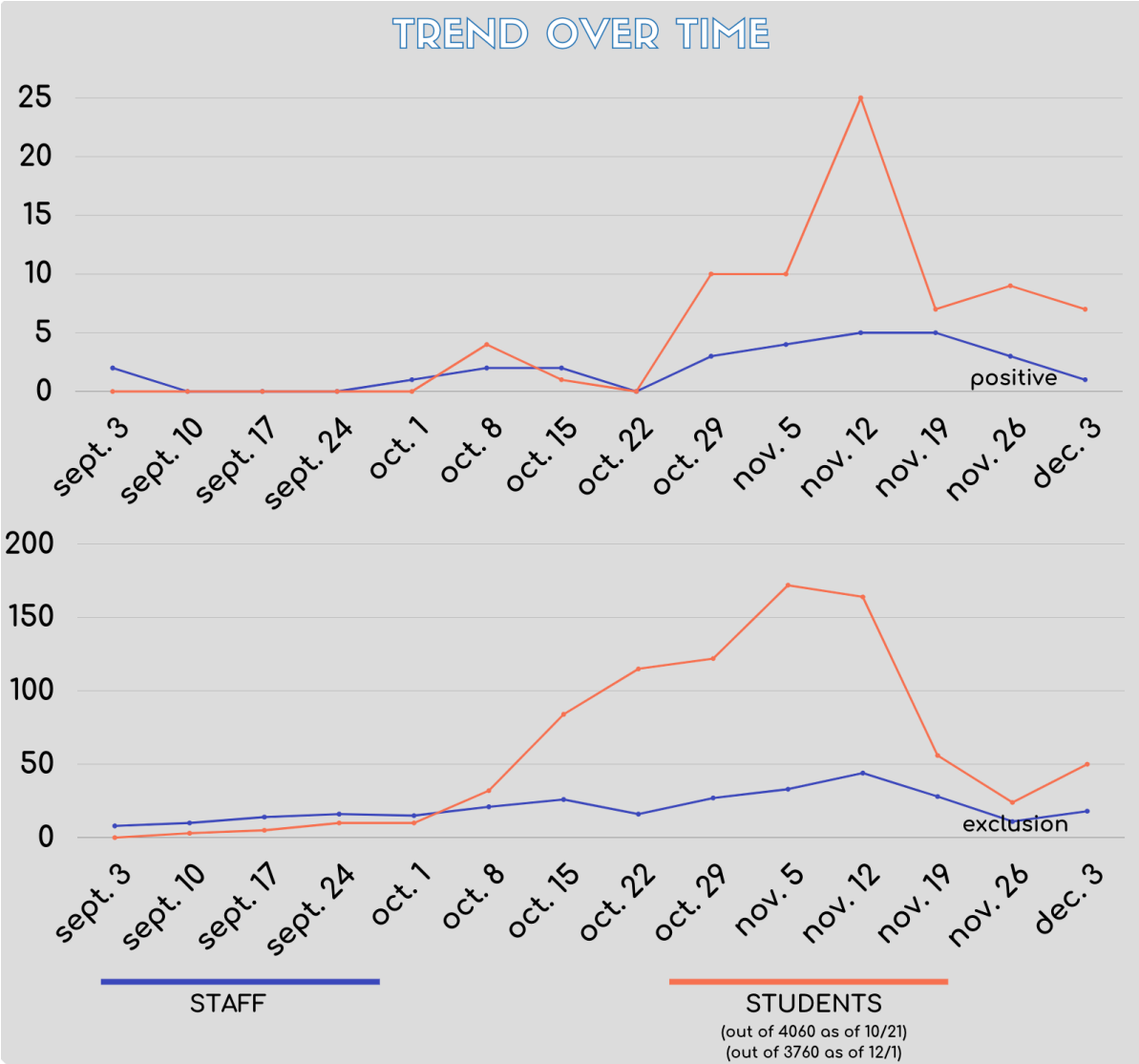
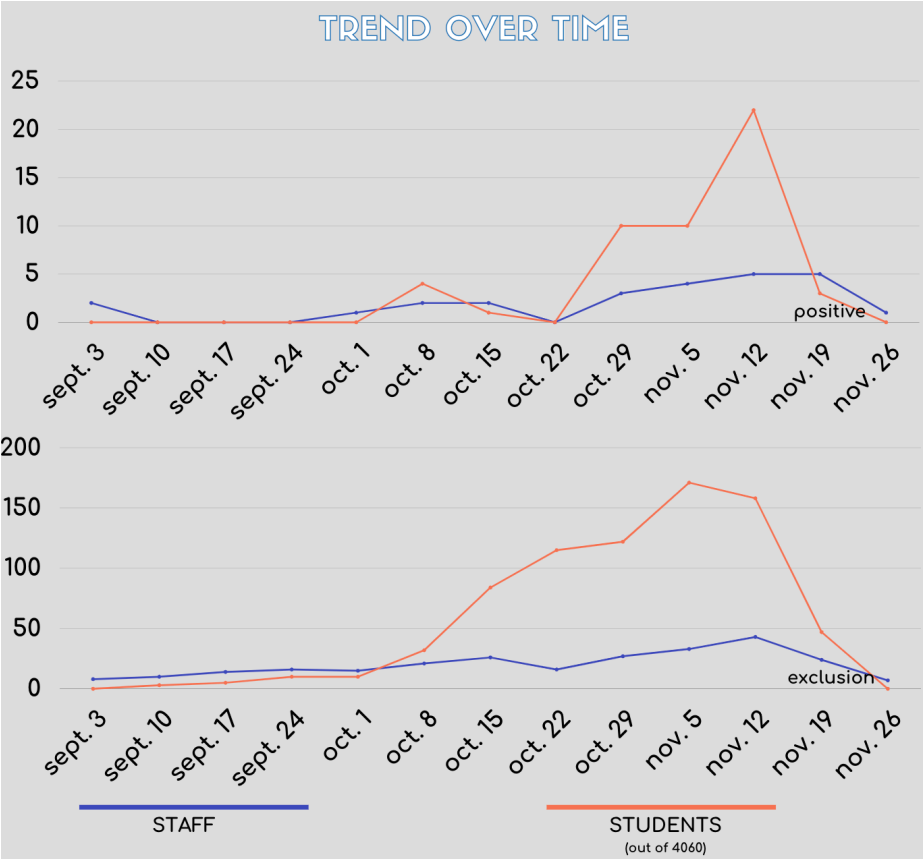
COVID-19 Cases by Report Week in Suburban Cook County, IL



COVID-19 Youth Cases (< 20 yrs) by Report Week in Suburban Cook County, IL



Trend Over Time



Metrics

Enter Hybrid

< 8%

positivity Region 10

70-175

new cases/100,000 in Arlington Heights
Zip Codes

Operational Barriers

D25 Covid Cases &
Exclusions

Current

13.3%

positivity Region 10

449

new cases/100,000 in Arlington Heights
Zip Codes

45% unfilled absences

Increase trend for
students

D25 Covid Cases & Exclusions

Enter Full in-Person

< 8%

positivity Region 10

or <70

new cases/100,000 in Arlington
Heights Zip Codes

Maintain Staffing including
substitutes

D25 Covid Cases &
Exclusions