



January Family Update

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ADM Families,

I hope you all had a great holiday break; although it already seems a long time ago! I am looking out my office window as I write this and the sunrise is amazing - the days are slowly getting longer and our creep towards spring and out of winter continues. In a way, this represents our year at ADM - a slow, steady, predictable march towards something better. Each day we welcome kids here is a small win and builds towards something larger and awesome. I can't thank you enough for trusting your children with us. And I can't thank the ADM staff enough for their toughness and resoluteness to show up each day and get it done. And then do it again the next day.

The Dallas County positivity rate was 17.6% on 1/11/21. Another important variable we monitor is our student attendance rate. Our last five day attendance rate was 94.35%. This compares very favorably with our last year's average daily attendance of 95.34%.

As of 1/11 we have a total of 6 current positive student cases (0.28% of total students) and 2 current positive staff members (0.62% of total staff). Our data also currently demonstrates that staff and students are not likely to become positive if exposed to Covid while at school. In fact, of the 138 students found to have been exposed to a positive case while at school and placed in quarantine by the health department, 0 have subsequently tested positive within 14 days.

We have also worked very hard to ensure that we have an adequate substitute teacher pool in order to manage teacher absences due to isolation or quarantine and that work continues. Our "fill rate" for all teacher vacancies is very high and this contributes to much less stress on our system when vacancies are covered. It is typical for us to have 0 unfilled teacher vacancies on any given day.

The ADM Board of Education reviewed our [most recent Covid data at the January 11 Regular Board Meeting](#). Our local data clearly supports the continuation of full-time, on-site learning (with parent option for remote learning).

Enjoy the 40 degree weather and beautiful sunshine today. It is great to be a Tiger!

COVID-19 Numbers at ADM

Travis Wilkins, Director of Innovative Learning and Communication

ADM continues to study a variety of metrics to make determinations about the learning format most appropriate given the current context of COVID-19 in the school and broader community. Below are current student COVID numbers at ADM. Parents and community members can view all COVID-19 positive case notices and the ADM COVID-19 Dashboard at ADM's COVID-19 website: www.admschools.org/COVID19.

Positive Cases: The following data represents the current and historical numbers of positive cases of COVID-19 at ADM.

- **Current:** As of 1/11/21, ADM currently has 6 (0.28%) positive students and 2 (0.62%) positive staff members.
- **Historical:** As of 1/11/21, ADM has had 98 (4.65%) students and 41 (12.85%) staff members test positive for COVID-19 since the start of the school year.

Quarantines: The following data represents the current and historical numbers of individuals identified by the local health department as close contacts who are required to quarantine due to an exposure to COVID-19.

- **Current:** As of 11/11/21, ADM has 38 (1.80%) students and 1 (0.31%) staff member in quarantine.
- **Historical:** As of 1/11/21, ADM has had 585 students and 37 staff members placed in quarantine since the start of the school year.

The majority of students and staff identified as close contacts have been quarantined due to an exposure to COVID-19 that takes place OUTSIDE of the school setting. The following data represents the historical numbers of individuals identified by the local health department as close contacts who were required to quarantine, comparing exposures taking place at ADM and exposures taking place outside of ADM.

- **Historical - Exposed At ADM:** As of 1/11/21, ADM has had 138 students identified by the local health department as close contacts and quarantined due to an exposure to COVID-19 **in a school classroom, on a school bus, or an ADM event.** Of these 138 students, 0 ended up testing positive during their quarantine period.
- **Historical - Exposed Outside Of ADM:** In contrast, as of 1/11/21, there have been 447 students identified as a close contact due to an exposure taking place **outside of a school classroom, bus, or ADM event.** These are close contacts that are likely to have occurred whether or not ADM School was even in session, as they typically occur over the weekend, at family events, social gatherings, etc.

County Positivity Rate: The county positivity rate measures the percentage of individuals that receive a COVID-19 test who test positive. The data is reported daily in each county using a 14-day average.

- On August 12, the Dallas County Positivity Rate was 7.0%. As of 1/11/21, the county positivity rate is 17.6%.

Average Daily Attendance Rate: The average daily attendance rate measures the average daily attendance rate for students expected to learn on-site or virtually but who were unable to participate due to illness or absence.

- During the 2019-20 school year, ADM's average daily attendance rate was 95.34%. As of 1/11/21, ADM's 5-day average attendance rate was 94.35%. At this time, it does not appear that COVID-19 is having a significant impact on ADM's 5-day average daily attendance rate, as the current average rate is only slightly lower when compared to the 2019-20 school year average.

On-site and Remote Learners: Currently 93.40% of ADM students are attending school on site, with 6.60% of ADM students enrolled in the second 9-week remote learning period from October 26 - January 19.

ADM Wellness Screener: Families are reminded to use the [ADM COVID-19 Daily Wellness Screener](#) to identify if they are ill and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. This tool has been created in consultation with the Dallas County Health Department to help families and staff determine if and when they should come to school. One of the most critical safety mitigation measures is for staff and students to stay home when not feeling well. If you ever have any questions about whether your child should come to school or not, please reach out to the building nurse. They are very adept at helping work through these questions with families.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Greg Dufoe, ADM Superintendent