

Superintendent Monthly Report

General Updates: January 11, 2022

Community Health Center

Last year the Board approved a partnership with the Community Health Center (CHC), which will provide a space at Baldwin Middle School for mental health services for our students. The program has been delayed due to the challenge of recruiting. CHC had a great clinician in the pipeline and then she accepted a position in a different community. CHC has been working hard on finding another highly qualified clinician. A new Clinician has been hired. We anticipate the program opening up in March 2022.

Transportation

On December 28, Canterbury residents approved our request for two additional buses. Through the CIP a third bus was also purchased this year. All three buses are currently registered. Two of the buses are being used and the third bus is almost ready. We are no longer renting buses from Savino Transportation. Once all the buses are operational we will have three spare buses in the fleet; ages of the spare buses are two 2009 and one 2007. As a reminder we have condensed two runs this year. We anticipate a newly hired driver completing her certification in early February. Once her certification is complete we will balance out the bus runs and add an additional route, which will mean the district will have two spare buses.

The superintendent from Parish Hill has informed Canterbury they will be providing transportation for high school students to and from BMS. Any students wishing to go to Parish Hill may take advantage of this service starting in the 2022-2023 school year.

CDC and DPH Updated Guidelines

New guidelines have been shared with staff and our community, which has been posted on our website, <https://www.canterburypublicschools.org/>. The guidance eliminates the need for contract tracing and reduces the time for quarantining if someone contracts COVID-19. Due to the current surge in cases we will be implementing the guidance in a staggered manner. Staff quarantine days have been reduced to five days but students will remain at 10 days until mid-January.

COVID Self -Test Kits

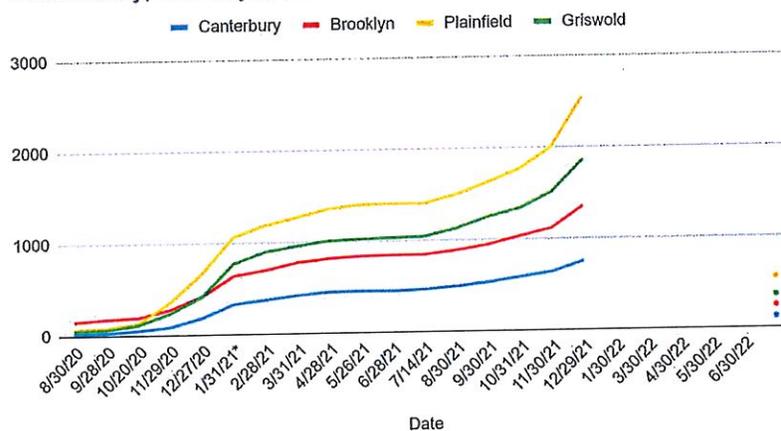
The district has received about 150 self- test kits. These kits will be distributed by nurses to symptomatic individuals on a case by case basis. Due to the limited supply we will initially ask staff or students to obtain testing on their own if they have the means. Otherwise, we will distribute test kits as needed. The tests can't be administered by school nurses.

COVID Rates

The district and community are experiencing a surge in cases, which is impacting attendance of staff and students. Currently absenteeism rates are hovering around 20%. The elementary schools seem to have slightly higher rates than the middle school. Below are the updated charts reflecting total cases reported to date and estimated monthly totals.

Trends seem to be mirroring last winter. If the trends continue to mirror last year, we will continue to see high transmission rates through January and a steep decline in February.

Canterbury, Brooklyn, Plainfield and Griswold - Total Cases



Canterbury, Brooklyn, Plainfield and Griswold - Monthly Rates

