## ECS Updated COVID Numbers – 1/18/2022

Dear ECS Community,

I'm sharing updated information related to how COVID is continuing to impact ECS.

Two weeks ago, on Tuesday January 4th, we had 12 active cases of COVID; 10 students and 2 staff members.

We missed reporting last week (1/11/22) as we were hit hard and focused on safely staying open.

On 1/11/22, we had 24 active cases of COVID; 18 students and 6 staff members. Unfortunately, I do not have an accurate count of how many people were placed on quarantine for these cases, due to a number of factors such as people moving from the quarantine list to the "positive" list.

Since 1/11/22 through today (**1/18/2022**) we have had 17 active cases of COVID reported to the school; 10 students and 7 staff members. These numbers are a little different in nature, as the isolation/quarantine timelines have changed. It is now possible for someone to test positive and be released from isolation between Tuesdays.

Moving forward we will do our best to post accurate numbers for positive cases of COVID, but they will only be as good as the information that is shared with us. It is important for parents of students and staff to report positive test results to Mrs. Hager (school nurse) at 699-2318 or <a href="mailto:khager@ecsny.org">khager@ecsny.org</a>. This will allow us to conduct our own tracing so that we can notify possible close contacts to quarantine/watch for symptoms.

Since Cattaraugus County is no longer engaged in Contract Tracing, we are unable to provide an accurate number of individuals placed on quarantine the past two weeks and will no longer report those numbers with this weekly post.

Please keep in mind that these numbers only represent a snapshot in time. They can and will change as we move forward.

We truly appreciate everyone's help (testing, staying home if sick, etc.), patience and understanding as we continue to move forward to provide a quality education to students in an environment that is safe for students and staff.

We will strive to keep you informed.

Thank you. Bob Miller