

# Vollmer and Crane schools report virus cases among their students

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Rush-Henrietta Central School District reported that two students who attended school in person last week have been diagnosed with COVID-19, the first of a stream of infections expected by school officials throughout the area.

One student was at Crane Elementary School and the other at Vollmer Elementary School, Superintendent Bo Wright wrote in a letter to families and staff on Friday. Both went to school last Tuesday, the first day of the school year, and then stayed home the rest of the week.

“(Monroe County Department of Public Health) officials tell us they do not believe anyone in our schools is at risk, given the masking and physical distancing protocols we have in place,” Wright wrote. “No one from our schools has been identified by the department of health as having what is called a ‘close contact’ with these students.”

Like many districts, Rush-Henrietta asks families to complete an online screening form for their children before sending them to school each day. School will open Monday as scheduled, Wright said.

School districts were required to lay out their plans for containing positive COVID-19 cases in the reopening plans they submitted to the state. Rush-Henrietta’s plan includes a designated “isolation room” for potentially sick children or adults as well as a protocol for informing

health officials and the public.

“Rush-Henrietta likely will encounter additional cases this year, as will school districts near and far,” Wright wrote. “We will continue to do everything we can — in partnership with you — to mitigate the risk and minimize the spread.”

There are 290 active COVID-19 cases in Monroe County, according to the latest figures, including 30 people in the hospital and six in the intensive care unit. Almost 300 people have died since the pandemic began in March.

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