

Nearly 200 at Victor schools in quarantine

COVID-19 surge affects students, staff in district

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The number of positive COVID-19 cases continues to spike at Victor Central School District, now with more than 170 people quarantined due to the virus, district superintendent Tim Terranova announced Wednesday evening.

One day after Terranova shared that two dozen cases had emerged within the district, he provided an update, stating that as of Wednesday afternoon the district had 28 positive cases, including two dozen students and four adults. He shared the update in a virtual town hall meeting held on Facebook.

The Victor Primary School continues to be particularly hard hit with 17 of those 24 positive student cases, he said. The school houses more than 600 students who are mostly in second and third grade. He said there are very few cases at the district's other schools.

Terranova said that two full classes of students were among the 105 people at the Primary School expected to be absent on Thursday due to the mandated quarantine.

In all, more than 170 people are expected to be absent districtwide on Thursday due to quarantines.

"This is a real challenging situation we're dealing with," he said adding that the school will remain open for in-person instruction as long as the Ontario County Health Department determines that it is safe to do so.

Much of the district's next steps depend on the next few days and weeks, Terranova said.

"If we see a continued spread of the virus, or we see continued quarantines to the point where we can't operate school," Terranova said the district may need to temporarily switch to virtual instruction at the Victor Primary School.

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