

Monroe County schools, other districts in region are hit during latest surge

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In the last 14 days, 773 students at public schools in Monroe County have tested positive for COVID-19, according to data compiled by the New York State Department of Health.

No school district has been immune to the effects of the pandemic, which is surging across the region. Among those feeling the brunt of the latest wave are:

- Pittsford's Thornell Road Elementary School had 39 students test positive in the last 14 days, including 16 new cases reported on Monday.

Victor Intermediate School reported 19 new positive cases Monday, bringing the 14-day total to 40 students.

- Churchville-Chili Middle School reported 28 students have tested positive in the last two weeks, including 9 on Monday.

- Fred W. Hill Elementary School in Brockport reported 12 new cases over the last seven days and 12 in the week before that.

Data on each district and each school in the state are updated daily at SchoolCovidReportcard.health.ny.gov. That site also tracks private and charter schools.

Every school district is required to report COVID-19 test results for students enrolled in a school district, teachers, and staff to the state daily. Schools acquire this information from the parent/guardian of a student, teachers, and staff, or the local health department as a part of the state's contact tracing effort.

Between Sept. 13 and Nov. 15, 2,223 students at public schools in Monroe County tested positive for COVID, according to an analysis of state data. Another 300 teachers and 264 staff members also had positive tests.

Across the nine-county Finger Lakes region, 5,559 students have tested positive since the beginning of the school year, along with 1,176 teachers and staff members.

The latest data from the Finger Lakes vaccine hub shows that roughly 60% of Monroe County residents aged 12-18 have been vaccinated. Children aged 5-11 just become eligible to receive the shot in recent weeks.

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