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Dear Families & Colleagues,

I want to give you all a quick breakdown of our COVID-19 numbers since returning to school in January.

Currently, we have over 11,310 students receiving in-person instruction across our network. In January, which looks to be where we began to peak with case counts, 1.5% of our in-person student body and 3% of our 1,800 faculty/staff tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. You can see how things spiked dramatically from December to January in the table below.

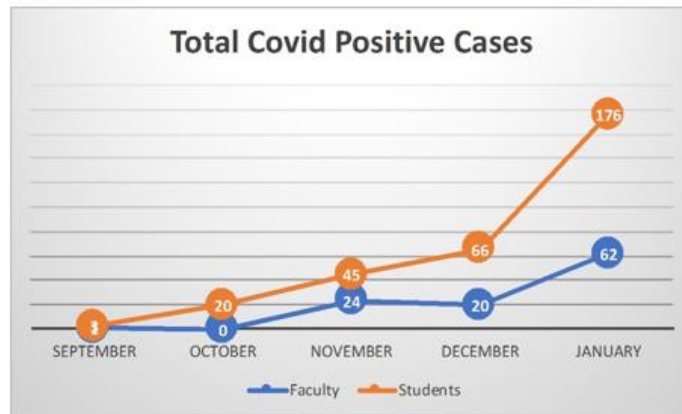


Table 1

This surge in cases directly correlated with the increase that occurred state-wide. The good news is that our internal numbers have started to drop, which is also the trend we are seeing state-wide.

At our peak, we have quarantined a total of 2,222 students and 149 faculty/staff since we opened in January. Even with these high numbers, well over 9,000 students have experienced no disruption to in-person learning, with most others experiencing no more than 10-14 days away. You can see this breakdown by month in table 2.

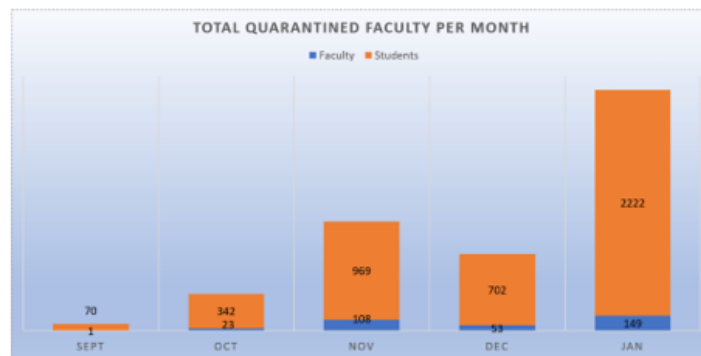


Table 2

As far as the spread of the virus is concerned, we have worked directly with the county health department on extensive contact tracing for each and every case that has had the potential to result in possible on-campus exposure. We have confirmed that about 5% of the total cases in our community were contracted at school with another 10% linked to the school but whose exact origin is unconfirmed. However, we can confidently say that over 85% of the total cases in our community came from outside of our schools. You can see the breakdown below in table 3.

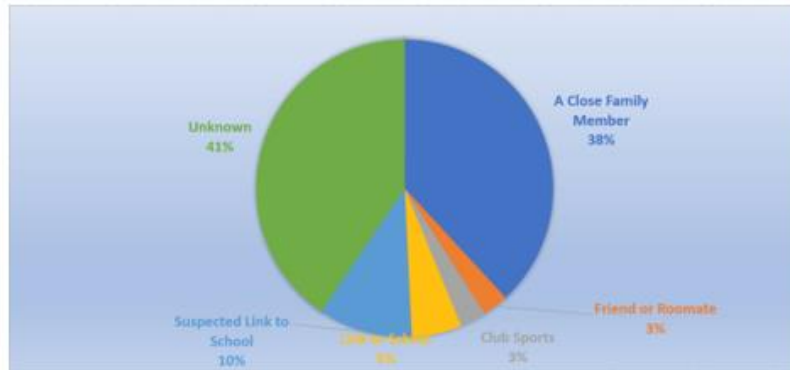


Table 3

Our strategy continues to be to mitigate spread through contact tracing and quarantining in the most local way – whether that be a single student, a section, or a grade level – allowing the vast majority of students to continue learning in the classroom.

We will keep sending you updates throughout the end of the year. If you have any questions about the data or want to better understand how the county health department sets parameters for contact tracing or quarantining, please do reach out to [Leanne Fawcett](#), our Executive Director of Archways (K-5), who also heads up our COVID-19 Response Team.

My very best to each of you,

Erik