

	Confirmed Case	Quarantine Due to Exposure	Healthy Quarantine to Avoid Exposure	Notes
Preschool	1	12*	7	*4 quarantined due to family exposure, 8 quarantined due to exposure in class
Kindergarten	0	1		
First Grade	1	1		Confirmed case exposed during past two-week quarantine. Rest of class was not exposed.
Second Grade	0	1		
Third Grade	0	2	1	
Fourth Grade	0	0		
Fifth Grade	1	1	1	Confirmed case was contracted while already quarantined. Rest of class was not exposed
Sixth Grade	0	1		
7th Grade	0	2		One exposed to positive family member, 1 awaiting results of test of family member
8th Grade	0	0		
Staff	0	2	0	1 preschool teacher quarantined due to family exposure; 1 preschool teacher quarantined due to class exposure
Volunteers	0	0	0	
Total	3	23	9	

Above you can see how our Covid numbers are playing out. I feel that with everything going on around us our numbers are holding remarkably well.

This past week, the Tazewell County Health Department held a meeting with all school principals and superintendents in the county. The most significant number to me was the increase in the number of cases in the 0 – 19-year old age range.

From August 17th – September 16th there were 136 cases for ages 0 - 19

From September 17th – October 16th there were 116 cases

From October 17th – November 16th there were 394 cases

With the numbers being what they are, we feel very blessed that we have been able to stay in session for as long as we have.

While some schools and districts have planned shutdowns, we have not. Our teachers, administration and school board are unified in the mission to continue to offer in person education to our students.

As I wrote last week, we fully understand that the holidays are a time for celebration and gathering with family and friends. With this year, however, we also understand that this could lead to increased exposure and spread of the Covid virus. While we certainly want you to enjoy all of the benefits of the season, we also ask that you continue to strictly adhere to our policies on school attendance related to testing and quarantining.

With the cases going up so drastically over the last month, and with an expected rise in cases during the holidays, we will be presenting a new procedure to follow to help us stay on top of the cases affecting our students and school families. This will be coming out the Monday following Thanksgiving.

Again, thank you so much for your diligence in helping us to mitigate this virus. We give thanks that we are able to serve you and pray for a peaceful, restful and safe Thanksgiving for you.