

HOS Report
10/28/21

ESSER III

FIN 160/161 applications have been submitted to BKDV, and to MDE. We will work with BKDV to develop budgets to go along with the applications after we receive approval/feedback from MDE.

MACs schools are now getting organized to push policy around charter school ownership. The fact that we may not own the building in any way prohibits us from using ESSER money in any way that has a fixed asset to the building-so HVAC, outdoor classrooms that have a fixed piece like a pergola, etc.

Legislation/legislators

Tom DeGree at MACS is now their public policy advisor (here tonight). MACS often says that they want us to engage our legislators. Current focus is on shifting lease aid into facilities money. As we have discussed, ESSER money cannot go to the facility/HVAC/permanent or fixed additions. Charter ownership of the building would change that. I have recently been in contact with Senator Jeremy Miller about this, and am working on a meeting with Representative Drazkowski (Education Policy and Finance Committees).

I recently had a meeting with the Education and Business Outreach Director that works for the office of U.S. Senator Tina Smith. The focus was on generating federal opportunities for charter school facility upgrades, specifically around food service and kitchen upgrades with universal meal programs, HVAC upgrades to mitigate Covid, and bathroom upgrades away from binary constructs. Ridgway took advantage of one in 2008, and MDE worked with them to file a waiver to allow them access to the money. There has not been a similar opportunity since that time.

Hail damage

I submitted a Notice of Loss to our insurance company for hail damage to the roof on 9/28/21. The Corporate engineers were on site on 10/27/21 to do their assessment of the roof. They have not shared the results of their visit yet.

This is really a BMS Building Corp issue.

IEA

We are working with IEA on a time and material contract to address the needs of the OSHA ETS regarding Covid exposure, drafting a plan, and ensuring that OSHA requirements are met.

The [OSHA ETS compliance plan](#) is in the consent agenda folder.

DHS visit

3 Corrective Actions were issued-Two stemmed from a misstep with a student that has an allergy listed, that didn't get passed to. We changed the Special Dietary Statement doc while

the licenser was here, and had our process approved. Then the new form was filled out by the parent, shared, posted in an allergy binder in the gym, and the PK staff was informed.

The other correction was that I did miss running a fire drill and shelter in place drill in their "winter quarter" which is December, January, and February-I ran two in November and one in April, but none in the DHS calendar winter months. The recording sheet was changed, having annual drill months on it to ensure the timelines are done to meet this requirement.

All corrective actions were approved by DHS.

Fall Festival

This was a very successful event. We had several parent volunteers make strong contributions to the event. Will continue to plan this annually at Briggs Outdoors.

MDE COMPASS

Statewide framework that focuses on MnMTSS, data analysis and literacy, and resources that are evidence based. See the basic [COMPASS intro flyer](#) here. AHOS will lead this for BMS.

MA Billing/Third party billing

A source of revenue to capture that BMS has not been doing. 76% of our special education students are eligible for MA Billing. We are working with HVED and their contracted provider/coordinator School Project. HOS will lead this for BMS.

DHS base grant

This is the grant that we can apply for each month, based on the FTE of pre-k staff that requires 70% to go to the staff that directly serves the pre-k students (7 staff for a total of 6.03 FTE in September). This grant was not accepted last month. This is a strange situation. The bottom line is that we don't qualify for the waiver based on revenue/expenditures (we are in the black for September (fund 4 Rev. \$11,744, Exp. \$10,044.46) and they will not accept a standard set of procedures/payscale in lieu of an actual union contract regarding wages. Therefore, we decided that since we are running in the black financially and cannot receive the waiver, that the best option was to decline the grant this month. We will review this each month as it is offered on a monthly basis.

Covid reporting

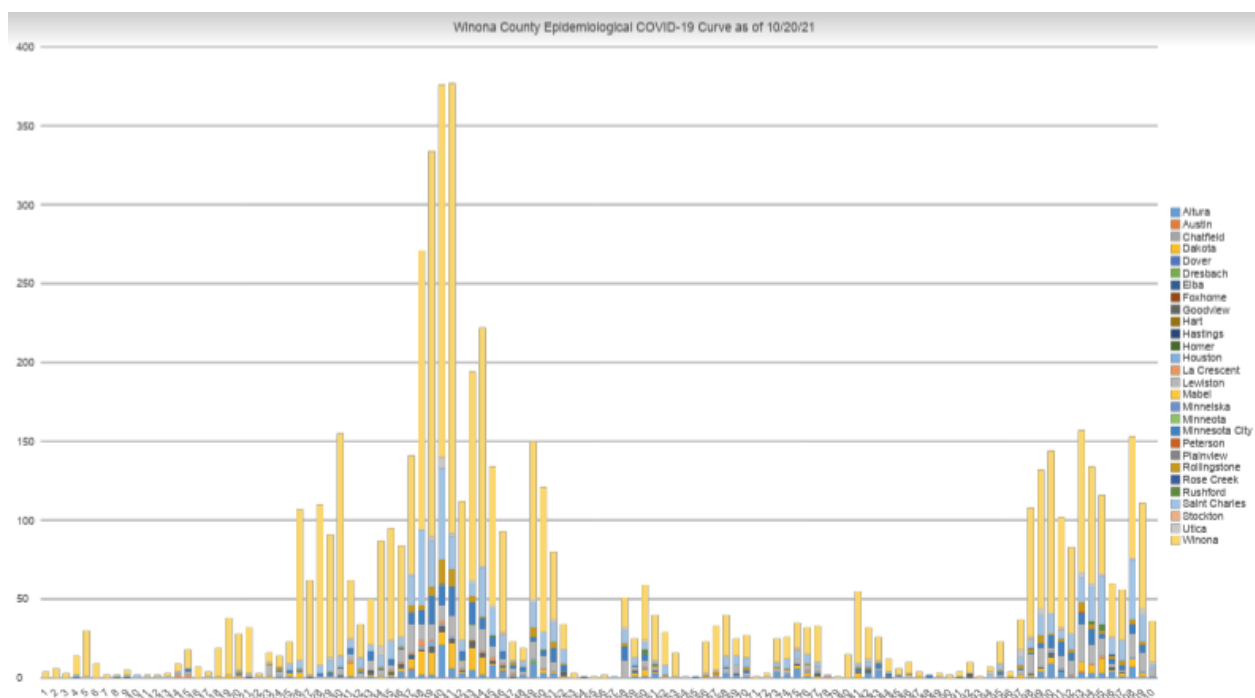
The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is changing the list of [Cases in Pre-K through Grade 12 School Buildings](#) to include a range of COVID-19 cases for each school. In addition, school case data will move from MDH's Situation Update page to the [Weekly Report page](#). This change will take place on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m.

Covid testing program

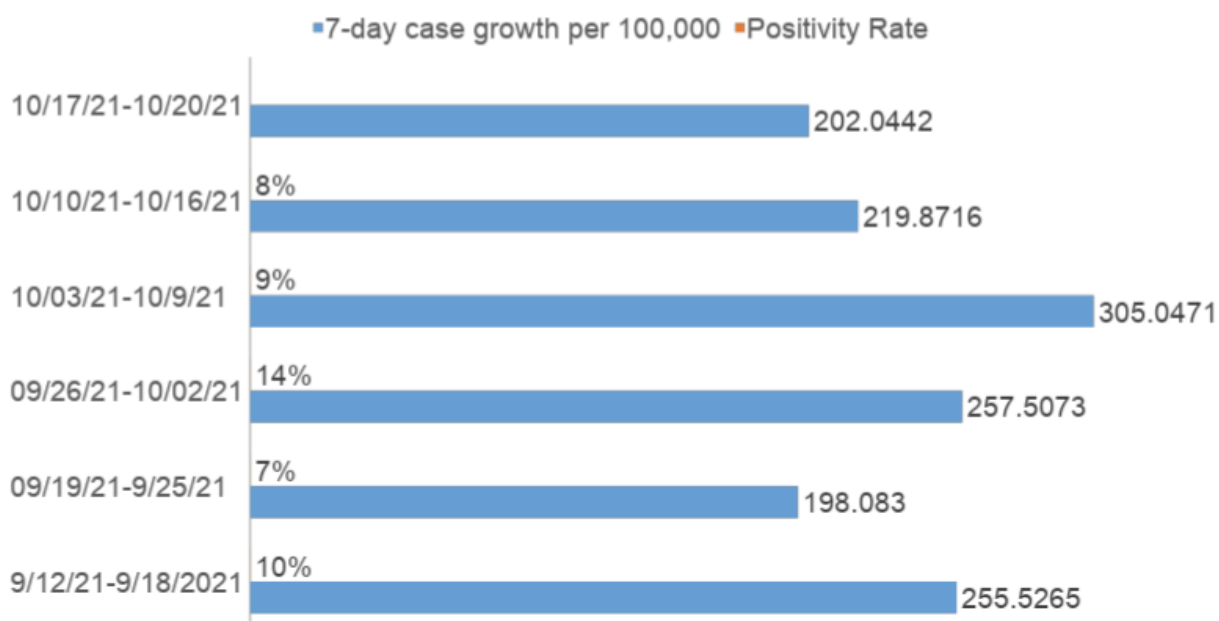
We are not currently offering a testing program. FIN 170 has \$40,000 in it for kits, PPE, and staff. Many schools are taking different approaches to this. Our position has been that there is a walk-in site next door in the mall, and Winona Health has a lot of open testing hours.

The state issued guidance states that for a 7-day quarantine to be acceptable, then the covid test had to be a PCR based test, and not an antigen or antibody test (questionable efficacy). The most commonly used is the [BinaxnowOTC](#) (doc in packet) kit. Information on test accuracy and any risks or side effects is available in the manufacturer's instructions. These testing kits have been approved for emergency use authorization under the FDA. Refer to the FDA fact sheet: BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card Instructions for Use (www.fda.gov/media/141570/download). Although PCR testing is recommended following negative results, if a student remains symptomatic, students will be advised to use the 2nd test in the kit 36 hours after the first and contact their health care provider.

We are not planning to engage in this yet, but it is still being discussed and may be implemented at any time. Thoughts?



Winona County 7-Day Case Growth Rate per 100,000



Cities	Un-Official 14-day Case Rate 10/06/21-10/20/21	# Of reported School-Aged COVID-19 cases within between 10/06/21-10/20/21	7-Day Case growth per 100,000 (cumulative weekly rate) 10/14/21-10/20/21
Lewiston-Altura	14.68 COVID-19 cases per 1,000 Lewiston and Altura residents	16	14 cases 685.27 cases per 100,000
Saint Charles and Utica	10.13 COVID-19 cases per 1,000 Saint Charles and Utica residents.	20	14 cases 345.93 cases per 100,000
Winona, Goodview, Dakota, and Rollingstone	4.61 COVID-19 cases per 1,000 Winona, Goodview, Dakota, and Rollingstone residents.	32	61 cases 191.25 cases per 100,000

