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---Kane County Connects--09/25/2021 COVID-19 Schools – 15 outbreaks so far in Kane County – 2 in past week

- Kane County Connects report

The Illinois Department of Public Health has posted 15 Kane County COVID-19 school outbreaks so far this school year, with two new outbreaks added to the list this week.



The new outbreaks each involved less than five cases. They were reported at [Harter Middle School](#) in Kaneland School District 302 and at [Kenyon Woods Middle School](#) in District U-46.

The IDPH defines an outbreak as two or more COVID-19 cases who may have a shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households. The data is reported weekly and derived from information from local health departments.

The 15 Kane County School outbreaks are as follows:

[Creekside Elementary School \(K-12\)](#)

- Less Than 5 Cases
 - Students
 - Source: Classroom
 - First Reported: 9/17/2021

East Aurora School District 131 (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases

- Staff
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 8/27/2021

Fox Meadow Elementary School (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/3/2021

Garfield Elementary School (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Staff and Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/17/2021

Gary D Wright Elementary School (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/3/2021

Grace McWayne Elementary (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/17/2021

Hampshire High School (K-12)

- 11 – 16 Cases
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/10/2021

Holy Angels Catholic School (K-12)

- 5 – 10 Cases
- Staff and Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/3/2021

Illinois Math and Science Academy (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Staff and Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/10/2021

Kaneland Harter Middle School (K-12) – NEW

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/24/2021

Kaneland High School (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/10/2021

Kaneland John Shields Elementary (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Staff and Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 8/27/2021

Kenyon Woods Middle School (K-12) – NEW

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/24/2021

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School (K-12)

- 5 – 10 Cases
- Staff and Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/3/2021

Willard Elementary (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 9/10/2021

SOURCE: IDPH website

---NBC Chicago --09/25/2021

80 soap dispensers taken in TikTok challenges at suburban schools, district says NBC report

Dozens of soap dispensers in suburban schools needed replacing after what district officials say was a TikTok-inspired challenge that resulted in more than \$1,000 in damages.

A spokesperson for **District U-46** confirmed to NBC Chicago that 80 soap dispensers needed to be replaced at schools in Bartlett, Streamwood, Hanover Park, South Elgin and Elgin.

"Nearly all of them have been at our middle or high schools," district spokeswoman Mary Fergus said.

The dispensers cost about \$15 each, totaling roughly \$1,200 for the district.

Fergus noted that some students behind the vandalism had been identified and were being disciplined.

Last week, TikTok [banned content around the "devious licks" trend](#), in which students post videos of items they allegedly stole from their schools.

The videos, which began popping up last month, show students taking items, such as wet floor signs, microscopes and clocks, and then describing them as their "devious licks."

The platform said this kind of content violates its community guidelines, and will be "removing this content and redirecting hashtags and search results to our Community Guidelines to discourage such behavior," according to a TikTok spokesperson.

---Daily Herald---09/25/2021

South Elgin runs past Glenbard East in battle of UEC unbeatens

By Allen Oshinski, Daily Herald correspondent

On Glenbard East's first play from scrimmage, the Rams fumbled and **South Elgin** recovered.

That pretty much set the tone for the game, as the Storm rode a dominant running game and a stingy defense to a 41-7 win in a battle of Upstate Eight unbeatens.

Three plays after the fumble recovery, Jordan Jones ran it in from 8 yards out and the Storm led 7-0 less than 2 minutes into the game.

Glenbard East had trouble keeping up with the Joneses, who accounted for 4 touchdowns. Jordan ran for 2 scored and threw a touchdown pass to Jalen Jones, who also scored on a reverse.

Mason Montgomery added a pair of scored for the Storm, which took control of the UEC race at 5-0, 4-0.

"It feels amazing," said Jordan Jones. "All the hard work we put in this week. We had a tough week of practice. We got yelled at a couple of times but we persevered and it showed up on the field today."

Jordan Jones, Montgomery, and Anthony Marshall each ran for over 100 yards as the Storm racked up 400 yards on the ground.

The defense was equally impressive in pitching a shutout. Glenbard East's only touchdown came on a scoop-and-score by Demontay Mack. The defense forced 2 turnovers and held Glenbard East to just 6 first downs.

"I thought we played awesome on defense," said Storm coach Dragan Teonic. "We were fast and physical. I think they have some good players all over their team, and they're really well-coached. I think their guys played their tails off. We just happened to get off on the right foot. We established a little bit of a running game, and that helps."

Montgomery scored on a short run to make it 14-0 after 1 quarter. It was 27-7 by halftime on a 43-yard Jones-to-Jones connection with just 14 seconds left in the half.

After intermission, Glenbard East started to gain some momentum, pinning South Elgin at its own 1-yard line following a punt. But the Storm responded with a 99-yard drive.

Montgomery and Michael Tringali broke off big gains and Montgomery finished it off with a 38-yard sprint up the sideline during which he somehow broke loose from a sure tackle around the 20-yard line.

Jalen Jones' second touchdown, following another long drive, iced the game in the fourth quarter.

Dimitri Hritz ran for 20 yards and Tyrese Buffkin had 3 catches for 35 yards to lead Glenbard East, which fell to 4-1, 4-1.

---Daily Herald---09/25/2021

Bartlett shuts out Fenton, improves to 4-1

By Craig Brueske, Daily Herald correspondent

Bartlett linebacker Bryce Kim enjoyed a homecoming game to remember during the Hawks' 43-0 Upstate Eight Conference football triumph over Fenton Friday night.

With his team ahead 29-0 early in the fourth quarter, Kim put an exclamation point on the evening when he stepped in front of a pass and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown as the Hawks (4-1, 4-1) recorded their first shutout of the season.

"During practice, our coach draws up every single play (by opponents), so I just knew it was going to happen," said Kim. "I saw him (Fenton receiver) coming out and I did what my coach taught me."

His pick-six capped a dominating game by the Hawks' defense, which held the Bison (0-5, 0-5) to 92 total yards of offense and 4 first downs.

"That's the best part of it," Kim said of his homecoming interception. "It's my senior year -- I'm not going to get another one. I'm glad I could do it like this."

"Bryce is a playmaker," said Hawks coach Matt Erlenbaugh. "Picking that off, I'm proud of the kid. That's our goal -- to score on defense."

Led by defensive linemen John Tarasiewicz, Charlie Weithofer, Thomas Hubbard, and linebackers Gabe Bemont and Dominic Harris, the Hawks made it a long night for Bison quarterbacks Nathan Stewart (4 for 9, 57 yards) and Michael Warkentien (0 for 2).

Jalen Davis and Malachi Montijo also added interceptions for the Hawks -- Davis' pick came late in the first half to thwart Fenton's best scoring threat.

"It's always good to have a goose egg," said Erlenbaugh.

Bartlett scored on its opening drive as quarterback Jacob Scearce capped the 9-play, 73-yard march with a 1-yard TD run.

Montijo (3 carries, 42 yards) added a 21-yard TD run in the closing seconds of the first quarter to extend the margin to 14-0.

"He's a senior who decided to come out this year," Erlenbaugh said of Montijo. "It's kind of new to him, but he's got wheels. As we go through the season, he's getting a much bigger role. He's a good weapon to have."

A 28-yard touchdown run by junior tailback Koleman Salyers (19 carries, 185 yards) upped the Hawks' lead to 21-0 after 3 quarters.

Scearce added his second TD of the game on a 2-yard keeper, and freshman Filip Szeszko capped the night with his first varsity touchdown -- a 1-yard run with 7:28 remaining.

Bartlett finished the night with 332 yards rushing.

"That's the guys up front," said Erlenbaugh. "They were moving the line of scrimmage."

Fenton, which has yet to score this season (2 games forfeited due to COVID-19), was led by senior fullback Andrew Flint (20 carries, 55 yards).

---Daily Herald---09/25/2021

Rested Glenbard South cruises past Larkin in UEC

By Orrin Schwarz, Daily Herald correspondent

If Glenbard South felt any rust from its week off in Week 4, it didn't show in the Raiders' Week 5 game Friday night against visiting **Larkin**.

The Raiders got out to a big lead and cruised to a 34-7 Upstate Eight Conference victory in Glen Ellyn. Their game the week before was canceled because of a COVID-19 outbreak among their opponent.

"It was a blessing in disguise," Raiders senior running back Trevor Burnett said, noting the opportunity to rest and heal. "So this weekend we just wanted to put everything on the field and just fight because we couldn't play last weekend."

"The first half (we) came out like gangbusters, playing fast on both sides of the ball," Raiders coach Ryan Crissey added. "I was really happy with the things that we were doing. Really executed the game plan well."

Glenbard South scored its first touchdown in the first quarter, a 6-yard Zach Blazek reception from sophomore quarterback Michael Champagne.

Sophomore receiver Cam Williams caught a 37-yard touchdown pass four plays into the second quarter, and Burnett's 9-yard TD run gave the Raiders a 21-0 lead.

It was 27-0 at halftime when Williams caught his second TD pass of the game 22 seconds before the break. Williams finished with 6 catches for 104 yards.

"We just couldn't get off the field on defense," Larkin coach Grant Dietz said.

Senior quarterback Dontrell Maxie provided most of the Larkin offense, throwing for 99 yards and rushing for 75 of the Royals' 79 total yards on the ground. Maxie led the Royals on the 6-play, 73-yard drive to open the second half that ended in their only touchdown of the game, Maxie scoring on a 6-yard run.

"They gave us fits in the second half," Crissey said of Larkin (2-3, 2-3).

"We came to life in the third quarter," Dietz added. "... Always try to harp on having a good drive to start the third quarter, and the second half looked pretty good. Mental mistakes cut into that, and when you're playing good teams you can't shoot yourself in the foot."

Burnett scored the Raiders' final TD, catching a 22-yard pass from Champagne on a fourth-and-19 play at the end of the third quarter. Burnett finished with 121 yards rushing on 20 carries.

The victory puts the Raiders (4-1, 4-1) one win from becoming eligible for the playoffs. Are they thinking about it?

"We are," Burnett said, "but as of right now, on to East Aurora, then Streamwood, then Glenbard East, then Elgin, then playoffs."

---Daily Herald---09/26/2021

Cross country: Jacobs sweeps titles at Bartlett's Flyin' Hawk
By Jared Birchfield, Daily Herald correspondent

Spectators standing at the top of **Bartlett High School's football stadium** bleachers had the best view of Saturday's Flyin' Hawk cross country invite.

They could see the race start behind the stands, follow the runners' progress around the course on the school campus boundaries, and cheer their favorites as they crossed the finish line inside the stadium.

Fans watched as **South Elgin's** Naomi Ruff pulled away from the pack to win the girls varsity race with a time of 17:35.2. In the boys varsity race, they followed Riley Newport of DeKalb as he led from start to end, finishing in 14:53.2.

"I was hoping to go out controlled which I executed," Ruff said. "I just tried to pick it up each lap."

"I was just going to go out with the leaders and if the pace wasn't what I wanted I was going to take off," said Newport. "I hit my stride at one mile. I just went with that and took off. It was PR (personal record) for me by six seconds."

Jacobs took home top team honors in both events. Paced by Kelly Carpenter's fourth-place finish (17:59.2), the Golden Eagles won the girls race with 48 points.

The boys team finished with a score of 83 points to earn first place. Top finisher was Aidan DeMuth who finished eighth (16:00.3).

"For the girls, we had a breakout race. Our girls who ran third and fourth dropped massive times today," said Jacobs coach Kevin Christian. "Bailey Schwartz, a freshman, got ninth

today. She had never broken 19 (minutes) and she went 18:23 today. Ella Tamburrino's PR going into today was 19:30 and she went 18:42."

"The boys finally ran as a pack. We have been waiting for that," Christian said. "We've only had a 10-second split between (runners) one through four."

The race, which at least since 2006 was held at Sunset Park, was moved to Bartlett High School this year. A plus from the change was increasing the number of teams competing.

"This was the first year we brought it over to the school and I have been getting nothing but position remarks. We moved mainly because of COVID and only being approved for X number of teams over there," said Bartlett boys coach Denny Lau. "We can control things over here and can have as many teams as possible. We capped it at 22 because that was just about the amount of room we have."

Aided by a second-place finish by Isabella Gonzalez in 17:42.9, Crystal Lake South finished second in the girls race (65 points).

Bella Dicrosta's third-place finish (17:47.4) enabled St. Charles North (67) to take the same spot in the team standings.

Jenna Buchanan from Bartlett (17:59.6) took fifth, only four tenths of a second behind Carpenter.

"There were a lot of unknowns heading into the meet," Crystal Lake South girls coach Ken Greenfield said. "We have a couple of top-flight varsity runners, Addie Frisch and Abby Machesky, competing in their first Saturday varsity race. They looked very solid. They are getting their feet under them. It was the first time we have had our top seven together in a big invitational. I thought we ran a really solid race."

South Elgin (128) came in fourth and West Aurora (131) took fifth. Devon Thomas (19:26.3) at 22nd was the top Blackhawk runner. Lincoln-Way Central's Caden Simone finished second in the boys race (15:07.8) followed by Bartlett's Carter Eid (15:35.6),

"My goal was to come through in five (minutes) flat for the first mile which I did exactly and then just see where it took me," Eid said. "I ran a couple of 5:20s to finish the race."

Rounding out the top five were Quintin Lowe (15:46.5) from Batavia and South Elgin's Dylan Lainez (15:54.9).

Newport's sub 15-minute time contributed to DeKalb's second-place finish (86). Lincoln-Way Central came in third (110).

West Aurora finished fourth (111) paced by Ayden Jenkins (sixth, 15:55.1) and Sean Heetland (seventh, 15:56.0).

Led by Vijay Krishnamoorthi's 15th-place finish (16:10.1), Conant took fifth place (142).