



Buffalo Public Schools

Phase-in Reopening Update December 9, 2020

Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent



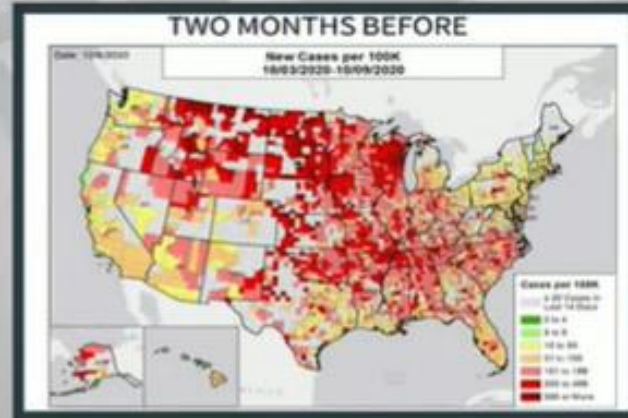
COVID FACTS TODAY:

- 220,000 new cases / day nationwide, 14-day change is up 18%
- Pandemic death toll reaches 345,000 nationwide, surpassing heart disease as leading cause of death
- ICU Beds near capacity across U.S.
- Erie County reports 4,305 new cases in one week, 7.0% positivity rate; most since beginning of pandemic
- Schools all over New York opening and closing due to rising Covid cases

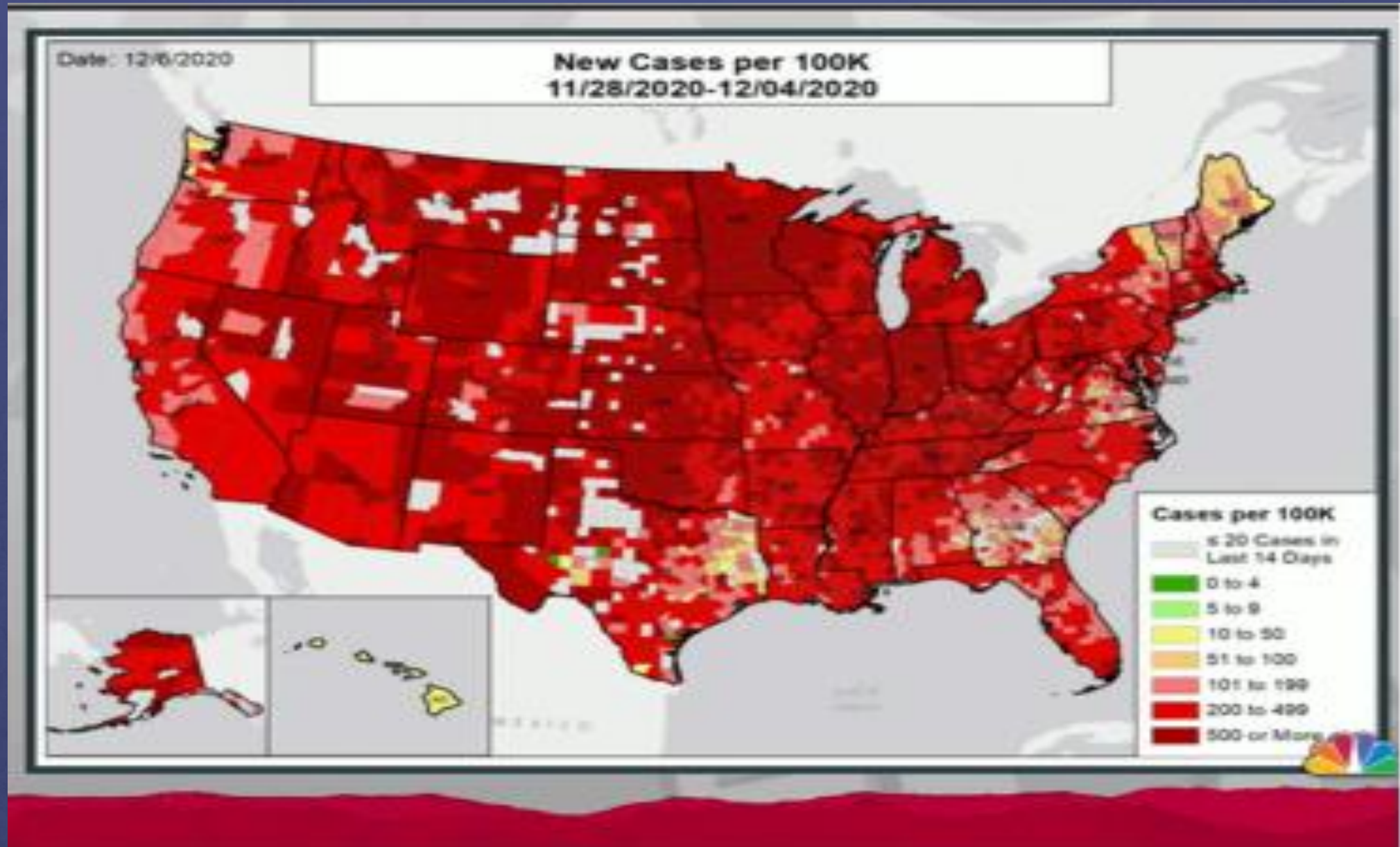
- Cases in children are on the rise, over 1.4 million child cases since the onset; nearly 124,000 cases reported last week
- 393 Buffalo children positive since 11/1-12/9
- Neurological symptoms in younger people & multi-inflammatory syndromes in children

WH CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE REPORT

NEW CASES PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK



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Summary To Date

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- A photograph of a person sitting at a desk, viewed from the side. They are wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and a watch. Their right hand is pointing at a tablet computer which displays a colorful dashboard or data visualization. A laptop keyboard is visible in the foreground. The background is slightly blurred, showing a wooden desk and some papers.
- Theory of Action
 - Promising Practices from Remote Learning
 - BPS Phase-in Plans
 - Key Components
 - Exemplary Plans
 - Timeline

Procurement of Items for School Restart in Covid-19

- Purchases began as early as January 2020
- Major PPE and cleaning purchases to date amount to \$1.9 million:
 - Masks, various sizes and types – \$0.6 million
 - Gowns/gloves/coverings – \$0.5 million
 - Materials related to distancing (e.g. decals, printing) – \$0.1 million
 - Thermal imaging cameras – \$0.3 million
 - Cleaning/sanitizing supplies – \$0.2 million
 - Cleaning/sanitizing equipment – \$0.2 million
 - Note: Covid Testing will be free, conditional on in-person school restart
- Purchase Department works closely with Health & Safety and Building Operations Depts. to ensure adequate inventories are maintained, and monitors procurement lead times on PPE items

Reopening – Timeline/Operations

- **Phase 1:** Monday, February 1, 2021: Schools reopen for neediest students and selected populations based on science and research. Full compliment of pre K-12 students by mid-March.
- **Operations: Red/Orange Zone testing requirement:** adding students in grades pre-k to grade 2, and 12th graders, for example, we will be ordering approx. 4,200 tests in the first month; more tests as we add students.
 - Schools will survey parents in the beginning of January to learn which students will be returning to school. This will help us determine how many days each week we are able to accommodate students at each grade level.
- **Ordering Tests:** Through our Medical Director and NY State Department of Health. Zero cost to the District.
- **Testing/Training Partnership:** With ECDOH. When we open we want to stay open.
- **Nurse Training:** Working with Supplemental Health to provide necessary training right now.
- **County Support:** Signed the necessary MOU allowing use of ECDOH Emergency LSL.
- **Additional info:** Governor Cuomo 90% Hospital capacity in NY. 80% in Erie County
- **Parent Choice:** When schools reopen, whether to remain remote or to come in person.
- **Additional phases:** Schools begin to phase in additional students individually based on their capacity and next tiered level of student need with 1-2 week intervals. District begins to phase-in grade levels of students.



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