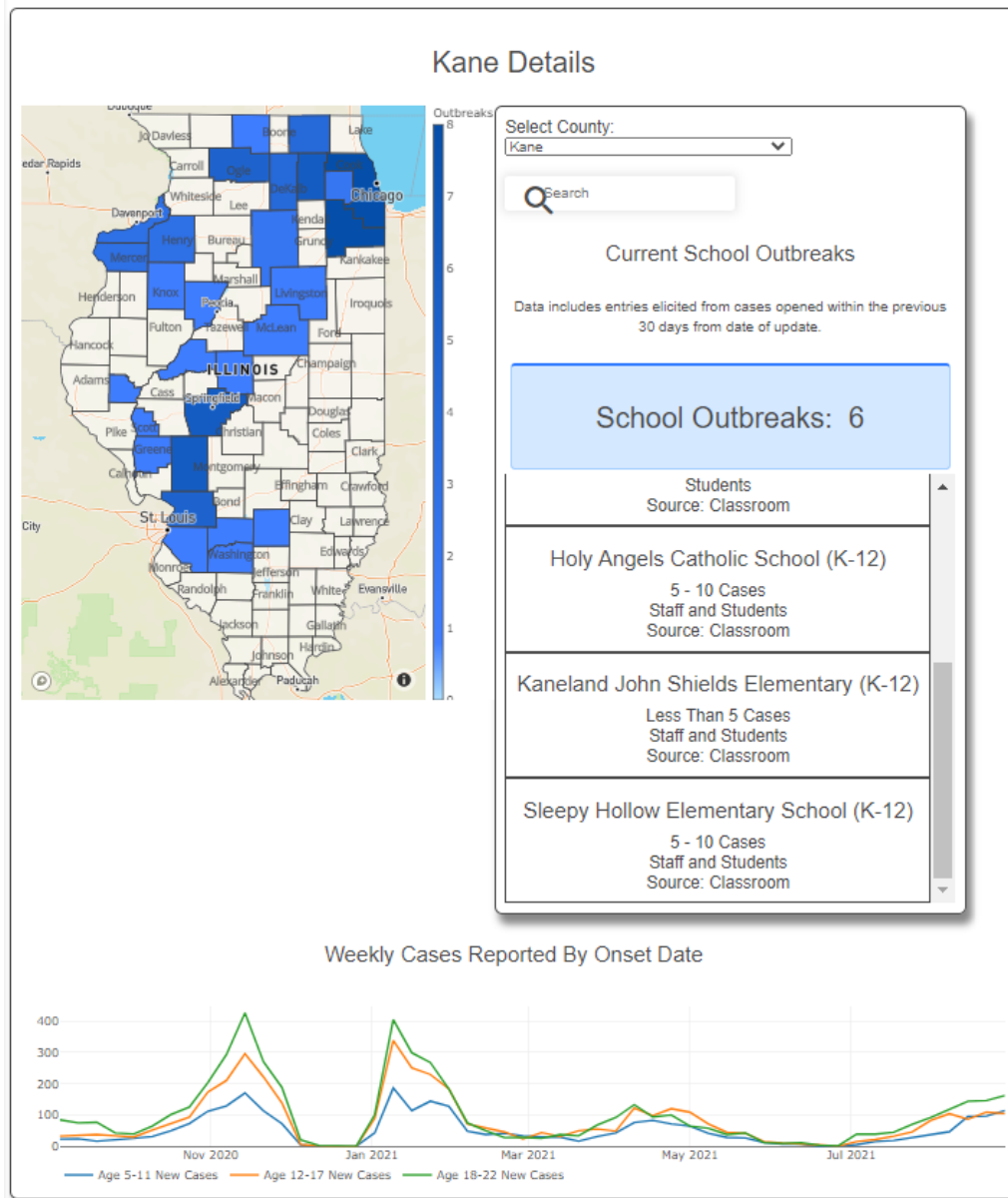


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### ---Kane County Connects--09/10/2021 Kane School Outbreaks



Kane County schools have recorded six outbreaks as of the week ending Aug. 28, according to data posted Sept. 3 on the [Illinois Department of Public Health's School Outbreaks page](#).

Data for the previous week is posted each Friday, so the next update will be Friday, Sept. 10.

As of today, the IDPH has reported six small outbreaks at Kane County schools. The largest outbreaks are in the range of five to 10 cases among students and teachers. The level of outbreak was recorded at [Holy Angels Catholic School](#) and [Sleepy Hollow Elementary School](#).

Outbreaks of five cases or less were recorded at [Fox Meadow Elementary School](#) in [District U-46](#) and [Gary D. Wright Elementary School](#) in District 300. During the previous week, outbreaks of five or less were reported at East Aurora School District 131 kindergarten through 12th grade schools and at Kaneland District 302's John Shields Elementary School.

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## **‘He’s electric to watch’: Isaac Martinez fuels Streamwood turnaround by buying into new coach and old-school running approach**

**By Paul Johnson; Note – this article also ran on [chicagotribune.com](#).**



Streamwood's Isaac Martinez (4) breaks away on a long kickoff return during the third quarter of a game at Bartlett on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021. (Brian O'Mahoney / The Beacon-News)

From the first time [Streamwood's Isaac Martinez](#) met new [coach Keith McMaster](#) in February, he realized he had to rally his teammates around him.

The senior running back knew it was time to turn the program around.

“Coach came in with a very different personality — came in electric,” Martinez said. “We were in a poor situation before coach ‘Mac.’ It was up to me to make everyone else believe. It’s

hard to get 50 guys to believe. I made them believe and told them coach ‘Mac’ could change it around.”

Led by an explosive running game featuring Martinez and his cousin, Michael Estrada, the Sabres have turned things around under McMaster.

A 5-1 record in the spring season opened up some eyes. Streamwood is 1-1 this season after a wild 59-58 loss Friday to Bartlett.



Bartlett’s Gabriel Bemont (19) pulls in a long pass in front of Streamwood’s Isaac Martinez (4) during the third quarter of a game on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021. (Brian O’Mahoney / The Beacon-News)

It’s the kind of turnaround McMaster envisioned when he took the job. He was planning on being an assistant coach at Providence in fall 2020. When the season was postponed, he turned his attention to finding a head coaching job.

When he took over at Streamwood, he couldn’t meet with his new team until Feb. 9, two days after the Super Bowl. McMaster was in Tampa serving as the emcee for the NFL Play Football program, which he has done since 2009.

“When I was looking for jobs,” McMaster said, “I looked for teams that needed a turnaround.”

The five wins in the spring were the most for the program since the Sabres last made the playoffs in 2011. Streamwood has reached the playoffs only three times since 1990, not winning a playoff game.

Once McMaster finally got in front of his new team, however, Martinez stood out.

“He was one of the first kids I met,” McMaster said. “He’s been a leader ever since then. He kind of rallied the team around the new coaches and the staff we brought in.”

It doesn’t hurt that Martinez is also a standout player in all three aspects of the game. He has run for 321 yards and six touchdowns on 35 carries. He also leads the team with 16 tackles while added 129 yards on kickoff returns.

“He’s electric to watch,” McMaster said. “Watching him play is a lot of fun. I can’t afford not to have him out there.”

The Sabres use an old-school running attack. They have thrown just two passes all season. But they are averaging eight yards a carry, producing 901 yards and 16 TDs in two games.



Bartlett's Thomas Hubbard (74) hugs Streamwood's Isaac Martinez (4) following the game on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021. (Brian O'Mahoney / The Beacon-News)

“We bring a physical aspect to the game that you don’t see,” McMaster said. “It’s part personnel and part the personality of the offense. Everybody is blocking. One guy has the ball and we have 10 dudes blocking. We have about four plays and we run them all perfectly.”

Martinez bought into that mentality. He and Estrada, who has run for 357 yards and four TDs, are the catalysts — thunder and lightning, as McMaster calls them.

“I love it,” Martinez said. “It’s old school. I feed off Mikey’s energy. A lot of us click off each other’s energy. Playing with Mikey is like no other.”

McMaster joked how every road game last spring was the opponent’s homecoming or senior night.

Martinez is here to let everybody know the old perception of Streamwood football is gone.

“A lot of teams think we’re just the same team,” Martinez said. “I really think he’s made us believe and made us realize what it’s like to be in a program like this. I hope we can continue this and be a better football program moving forward.”