



Franklin Public Schools

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Reopening of Schools 2020-2021

Status Update

May 21, 2021

Health Metrics -- Past Four Weeks of Data (14-day trends)

	Franklin		MA	
Report Date				
DPH	Avg Daily Cases per 100,000	% +	Avg Daily Cases per 100,000	% +
4/29	12.2	1.3%	20.0	2.01%
5/6	11	1.23%	15.9	1.73%
5/13	9.7	1.49%	12.5	1.48%
5/20	4.2	1.14%	8.7	1.48%

Past Four Weeks of Cases in Franklin Public Schools

Positive Cases Week of	Positive Cases Cumulative FPS*	Number of Students in Quarantine (% of 4089)	Number of Staff in Quarantine due to self or children (% of approx. 750)
6 Individuals (week of 4/24)	345 (9/16-4/30)	19 (0.5%)	1 (0.1%)
8 Individuals (week of 5/1)	353 (9/16-5/7)	42 (1%)	0
0 Individuals (week of 5/8)	353 (9/16-5/14)	29 (1%)	1 (0.1%)
3 Individuals (week of 5/15)	356 (9/16-5/21)	8 (0.1%)	0

Pool Testing Data

Cumulative 2/25 -- 5/21	13,591 Swabs	1907 Pools	15 Positive Pools 5 False Positive Pools
Week of 5/17 -- 5/21	984 Swabs	128 Pools	1 Positive Pool

Week of 5/10 -- 5/14	1391 Swabs	164 Pools	0 Positive Pools
Week of 5/3 -- 5/7	1491 Swabs	176 Pools	2 Positive Pools
Week of 4/26 -- 4/30	1568 Swabs	165 Pools	1 Positive Pool
Week of 4/19 -- 4/23	N/A - April vacation	N/A - April vacation	N/A - April vacation
Week of 4/12 -- 4/16	1649 Swabs	178 Pools	2 Positive Pools 2 False Positive Pools
Week of 4/5 -- 4/9	1434 Swabs	172 Pools	3 Positive Pools 2 False Positive Pools
Week of 3/29 -- 4/2	1383 Swabs	172 Pools	4 Positive Pools 1 False Positive Pool
Week of 3/22-3/26	1151 Swabs	169 Pools	2 Positive Pools

Open Questions

1. With new guidance from the state being issued, what practices will and won't change within Franklin Public Schools?
2. What can we learn in the last few months of school in order to plan for a successful 2021-2022 school year? What should we put into place now to carry into the following school year?

We are in the process of adapting to new guidance from the state. We anticipate more will be issued in the weeks to come. This includes guidance on:

- Wearing masks outdoors - change recently implemented at outdoor recess, outdoor physical education, and other outdoor learning environments
- High School graduation - HS administration is continuing to iterate the graduation plans
- Cleaning practices and sharing of materials - no changes planned for the remainder of the school year

The Reopening Monitoring Team met on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The group shared "Wow" moments and discussed the new guidance. They agreed that a June meeting is likely not needed so no June date is set. The group will convene, if necessary.

Wow Moments:

Moments of Acknowledgement and Appreciation to start the meeting.

- Shout out to DLIs and their work and planning for future ideas
- Performances starting again for arts and music - live concerts, art show, jazz concert
- Littlest learner awareness of growing safety due to vaccines
- Resilience, learning, and relationships developed in the VLA and acknowledgement of it
- Senior projects were astounding on many levels
- Health staff approach to pool testing - efficiency, positive demeanor and guidance toward students

I would like to thank the following individuals for serving on this team:

Central Office Administrators	Principals/Assistant Principals	Faculty/Staff	Parents/Guardians and SC Members
Sara Ahern Lucas Giguere Paula Marano Joyce Edwards Anne Marie Tracey	Jesse Craddock Kelty Kelley Beckie Motte Maria Weber Sarah Klim	Kate Merten Patty Elias Donna Grady Diane Plouffe Kate Leighton Chris Duggan Marylin Bennett Staci Rogers Melissa Morgan Jen Violet Jen Gargan Brian Gustafson Jen Conlan	Astrid Bairos Elise Stokes Denise Spencer