



Franklin Public Schools

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Reopening of Schools 2020-2021

Status Update
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Health Metrics -- Past Four Weeks of Data

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Report Date DPH	Avg Daily Cases per 100,000	Trend	% +	Trend	Avg Daily Cases per 100,000	Trend	% +	Trend
3/18	18.7	Higher	1.80%	Higher	19.5	Lower	1.83%	No change
3/25	11.8	Lower	1.11%	Lower	21.3	Lower	1.93%	Lower
4/1	20.0	Higher	1.86%	Higher	25.6	Higher	2.36%	Higher
4/8	23.4		2.19%		28.1		2.29%	

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)
8 Individuals (week of 3/13)	282 (9/16-3/19)	57 (1.3%)	4 (0.5%)
13 Individuals (week of 3/20)	295 (9/16-3/26)	74 (2%)	6 (0.8%)
16 Individuals (week of 3/27)	311 (9/16-4/2)	72 (2%)	7 (0.9%)
9 Individuals (week of 4/3)	320 (9/16-4/9)	61 (1.4%)	4 (0.5%)

Pool Testing Data

Cumulative 2/25 -- 4/2	6,508 Swabs	1,096 Pools	9 Positive Pools (2 False Positive Pool)
Week of 4/5 -- 4/9	1434 Swabs	172 Pools	3 Positive Pools (1 False Positive Pool)

			1 Pool Reflex Testing Pending)
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
Median % of Student participation	37%	Median % of Staff participation	45%
1089 students swabbed		345 staff swabbed	

Open Questions

1. Will we have to pivot to remote learning for any period of time in one or more schools due to a cluster of cases or staffing challenges due to quarantine restrictions?
2. As we approach the end of the year, how can we continue to hold our traditional events but modify and do so in a healthy and safe way? What can we do to keep our remote only students included in these activities?
3. 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?

Teaching and Learning

Instruction in our elementary schools has shifted to in person learning. Observable changes are evident in that technology is facilitating some creative collaboration among classroom teachers. Quarantine tutors (2) have been hired and are working with students who are being quarantined as a result of COVID-19.

At this time, a full return is being planned at the middle and high schools.

1. Actions planned: Continue to monitor instruction and support students and faculty/staff

Digital Learning

Some grades in the elementary schools are having in-person students return Chromebooks to the schools and placing them on carts. These devices will then be accessible as needed during the school day and may be taken home if needed due to quarantine requirements. Additionally teachers may assign projects that require students to bring the Chromebooks home with them. The curriculum will dictate the use of the devices. In-person students in the middle and high schools will continue to be 1:1 with devices individually assigned and the students will be bringing them back and forth between home and school.

Remote support is going to continue for our remote only students in the Virtual Learning Academy and at the middle and high schools.

1. Actions planned: Continue to monitor instruction and support students and faculty/staff

Whole Child Supports

The return to full and in-person instruction is an opportune time and our schools are using this time to reinforce relationships within the school community. IST teams continue to meet to work and problem solve about supports for students - in both SEL and academics. Schools are focusing on re-engagement with students and the establishment of new routines.

1. Actions planned: Continue to monitor student SEL needs upon the return to school and respond with tiered supports. Add additional supports such as counselors and RBTs through Coronavirus relief funds.

Health and Safety

We are currently reviewing recent DESE guidance on end of year events and making plans accordingly. We are reviewing our performances, awards events, induction ceremonies, move up events including graduation and senior week activities. We have also opened our playgrounds.

1. Actions planned: Continue to carefully plan events for the end of the year in consultation with our local Health Department.

Personnel

We are collecting staff vaccine information on a voluntary basis, which is helpful to us in monitoring the health and safety of our school buildings. We continue to discuss workplace accommodations and/or leaves of absences with educators who may necessitate these. Over 400 faculty/staff members have responded that they have completed or are in the process of completing the vaccine process. We anticipate that others are also in the process but hadn't completed the voluntary form. Many second doses are scheduled in these first few weeks of in person school. We ask for the community's understanding and flexibility.

We are still striving to fill some difficult positions. We are always looking for substitutes, activity monitors, medical waiting room attendants, and additional nursing staff.

1. Actions planned: Continued support of faculty/staff during the in person transition. Continued support of our remote only educators. Continued recruitment and hiring for positions.

Other

We are hearing that the third round of federal stimulus funding is expected towards May. We are not anticipating using this funding in the current fiscal year, however.