



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 (14-day trends)

	Franklin		MA	
Report Date DPH	Avg Daily Cases per 100,000	% +	Avg Daily Cases per 100,000	% +
5/13	9.7	1.49%	12.5	1.48%
5/20	4.2	1.14%	8.7	1.48%
5/27	1.5	0.58%	3.9	1.03%
6/3	1.3	0.47%	3.9	0.85%

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)
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
3 Individuals (week of 5/22)	359 (9/16-5/28)	8 (0.1%)	0
1 Individuals (week of 5/29)	360 (9/16-6/3)	6 (0.1%)	0

Pool Testing Data

Cumulative 2/25 -- 5/21	16,379 Swabs	2241 Pools	16 Positive Pools 5 False Positive Pools
Week of 6/1 -- 6/4	1407 Swabs	168 Pools	0 Positive Pools

Week of 5/24 -- 5/28	1381 Swabs	166 Pools	1 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?

Teaching and Learning/Whole Child Supports

1. We are actively planning for the 2021-2022 school year at this time, using the information we have recently learned to make our best plans for the fall. This includes the application of ESSER funding. A big priority is in the area of counseling supports as well as academic interventions, especially at the elementary level.
2. School meals will continue to be served throughout the summer from the back of Franklin High School Monday through Friday 11am-12pm

Health and Safety

1. Recent information from DESE was conveyed to families in a communication. Highlights include:
 - Current health and safety practices remain in place with the exception of masks not needing to be worn outdoors by students; vaccinated staff are also permitted to remove masks when outside.
 - Current health and safety practices should be followed by schools' summer programs.

- Districts must open for full and in person learning, five days a week at all grade levels in the fall.
 - Remote only instruction is not permitted as a learning model. Alternatives may be made available to individual students under extenuating circumstances such as medical necessity.
 - We anticipate physical distancing requirements will be lifted in the fall. We wonder what distancing will be expected for lunch, however.
 - More guidance is expected from DESE this summer, especially about mask wearing.
2. Vaccine clinic. The school nurse leader and Director of Student Services have been working to bring DPH onsite to conduct a vaccine clinic for students 12 and older. Information is being shared with families so that they can complete the required consent forms. The vaccine will be the Pfizer vaccine and a followup shot will be available three weeks later, although families can schedule a different follow up location as long as it is the same vaccine.

WOW! Moment of Recognition

I want to be sure to note the successes of the Franklin High School senior prom this week. Following all appropriate health and safety guidance, students in two different groups were able to enjoy themselves and their friends outside under a tent and on the grounds of Lake Pearl. It was, indeed, a very celebratory event and a step towards a more normal conclusion for the school year. A big thank you goes to the high school senior class advisors, the prom chaperones, the high school administrators, and our school resource officer for all of the effort in advance of and at the prom to make a special memorable moment for the class of 2021!