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Health Services' COVID-19 Update

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Board of Education Meeting
December 6, 2021***

Agenda



Purpose

To provide data updates and next steps on the district's COVID-19 mitigation strategies including surveillance testing, mask wearing and vaccinations.

Roadmap

- ▶ COVID-19 Positivity Data
- ▶ Vaccinations Data
- ▶ Mask Wearing Protocol Updates
- ▶ Vaccination Next Steps

Takeaway

APS remains committed to the health and safety of our students and staff by developing guidelines in accordance with recommendations from the Department of Public Health and CDC.

Surveillance Testing by the Numbers



Week	Staff Tested	Students Tested	Total Tested	Staff Positive	Students Positive	Total Positive	Positivity Rate
8/2 - 8/6	1,236	1,478	2,714	5	19	24	0.88%
8/9 - 8/13	2,747	6,992	9,739	10	69	79	0.81%
8/16 - 8/20	3,266	8,799	12,065	15	127	142	1.18%
8/23 - 8/27	3,535	9,732	13,267	11	125	136	1.03%
8/30 - 9/3	3,785	10,764	14,549	13	113	126	0.87%
9/6 - 9/10	8,951	9,213	18,164	25	69	94	0.52%
9/13 - 9/17	12,374	12,399	24,773	23	79	102	0.41%
9/20 - 9/24	12,485	12,843	25,328	13	85	98	0.39%
9/27 - 10/1	12,698	12,977	25,675	10	71	81	0.32%
10/4 - 10/8	8,092	7,437	15,529	5	27	32	0.21%
10/11 - 10/15	12,950	11,433	24,383	8	28	36	0.15%
10/18 - 10/22	12,940	14,131	27,071	9	39	48	0.18%
10/25 - 10/29	12,921	14,059	26,980	6	46	52	0.19%
11/1 - 11/5	8,550	7,984	16,534	7	22	29	0.18%
11/8 - 11/12	13,240	14,718	27,958	8	26	34	0.12%
11/15 - 11/19	12,940	13,641	26,581	11	26	37	0.14%
11/22 - 11/26	455	0	455	0	0	0	0.00%
Grand Total	143,165	168,600	311,765	179	971	1,150	0.37%
	45.9%	54.1%		15.6%	84.4%		

Student Vaccination Rates (11.29.21)



Traditional Schools

District
21%
(10,133/49,138)

APS Traditional
22%
(7,938/36,471)

Cluster	Carver 13% (205/1,637)	Douglass 8% (315/3,882)	Jackson 23% (1,039/4,504)	Mays 13% (465/3,696)	Midtown 44% (2,282/5,193)	North Atlanta 33% (2,451/7,432)	South Atlanta 9% (288/3,139)	Therrell 13% (464/3,527)	Washington 9% (254/2,915)	Single Gender 32% (175/546)
Schools	Carver Early 24% (124/524)	Douglass 19% (201/1,061)	Jackson High 42% (614/1,467)	Mays 24% (301/1,260)	Midtown 70% (1,078/1,530)	North Atlanta 61% (1,343/2,219)	South Atlanta 22% (186/860)	Therrell 28% (279/995)	Washington 18% (161/875)	BEST MS/HS 34% (82/241)
	Sylvan 15% (70/477)	Invictus 12% (102/856)	King 27% (215/800)	Young 17% (137/809)	Howard 57% (652/1,150)	Sutton 44% (691/1,560)	Long 12% (86/706)	Bunche 18% (155/876)	H Russell 14% (50/365)	CSK 30% (93/305)
	Finch 2% (5/305)	Boyd 0% (0/455)	BAMO 1% (2/282)	Beecher 4% (9/227)	Hope-Hill 4% (14/350)	Bolton 13% (62/496)	Cleveland 1% (2/279)	Continental 2% (6/360)	Hollis 5% (33/714)	
	Perkerson 2% (6/331)	FL Stanton 2% (3/172)	Benteen 2% (5/214)	Cascade 1% (3/293)	Lin 26% (165/635)	Brandon 10% (78/806)	Dobbs 0% (1/359)	Deerwood 2% (10/533)	Jones 1% (5/456)	
		Harper-Archer ES 1% (5/647)	Burgess 19% (90/479)	Miles 1% (6/509)	Morningside 23% (183/809)	E Rivers 14% (92/665)	Heritage 1% (5/390)	Fickett 3% (13/460)	Tuskegee 1% (5/505)	
		Scott 0% (1/297)	Dunbar 1% (2/292)	Peyton Forest 1% (4/381)	Springdale 26% (190/719)	Garden Hills 8% (32/425)	Humphries 0% (1/210)	Kimberly 0% (1/303)		
		Usher-Collier 1% (3/394)	Parkside 14% (73/515)	West Manor 2% (5/217)		Jackson Elementary 13% (59/461)	Hutchinson 1% (3/281)			
			Toomer 8% (34/426)			Smith 12% (94/800)				
			Toomer at WELA 14% (4/28)							

Student Vaccination Rates (11.29.21)

Charter and Partner Schools

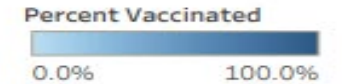


Charter and Partner Schools										
32%										
(1,674/5,217)										
Schools	ANCS Elementary 34% (132/393)	ANCS Middle 66% (154/232)	Centennial 8% (62/778)	Classical 34% (234/688)	Drew Elementary 16% (154/941)	Drew Secondary 55% (502/918)	Kindezi 11% (45/414)	Kindezi O4W 11% (48/439)	Wesley 17% (139/795)	Westside 17% (56/332)
	KIPP Collegiate 30% (243/800)	KIPP Soul 11% (26/242)	KIPP Soul Primary 1% (4/367)	KIPP STRIVE 20% (75/381)	KIPP STRIVE Primary 3% (13/515)	KIPP Vision 13% (49/388)	KIPP Vision Primary 1% (3/502)	KIPP WAYS 13% (50/379)	KIPP WAYS Primary 1% (7/467)	KIPP Woodson Park 3% (19/746)
	Carver STEAM 20% (89/456)	Gideons 1% (2/271)	Price 8% (29/358)	Slater 2% (10/453)	Thomasville 0% (0/243)					

Validated Staff Vaccination Rate by Location

Updated: 12/01/2021

These numbers are based on fully vaccinated staff who have provided the district with proof of vaccination. These numbers include active full-time, active daily, active hourly, and seasonal employees. District-level staff include district offices, substitutes, transportation, and other staff who are not assigned to a single school.



Overall	School-based Staff				District-Level Staff					
All Staff 55.7% (4,062 / 7,297)	School-based Staff 60.5% (3,092 / 5,108)				District-Level Staff 44.1% (948 / 2,150)					
Cluster	Carver 59.9% (161 / 269)	Douglass 55.6% (345 / 620)	Jackson 58.2% (378 / 649)	Mays 56.3% (305 / 542)	Midtown 70.6% (386 / 547)	North Atlanta 73.0% (584 / 800)	South Atlanta 56.5% (272 / 481)	Therrell 54.6% (261 / 478)	Washington 53.4% (242 / 453)	Non-Traditional 59.8% (152 / 254)
Schools	Carver Early 50.0% (35/70)	Boyd 53.6% (45/84)	BAMO 56.5% (35/62)	Beecher 71.7% (38/53)	Hope-Hill 59.4% (38/64)	Bolton 65.7% (46/70)	Cleveland 70.9% (39/55)	Bunche 49.5% (51/103)	H Russell 55.9% (33/59)	ACCA 54.2% (13/24)
	Finch 74.3% (55/74)	Douglass 54.5% (72/132)	Benteen 60.4% (32/53)	Cascade 57.4% (35/61)	Howard 73.1% (76/104)	Brandon 70.5% (62/88)	Dobbs 58.1% (36/62)	Continental 51.6% (32/62)	Hollis 51.9% (67/129)	BEST MS/HS 56.4% (31/55)
	Perkerson 56.7% (34/60)	FL Stanton 41.3% (19/46)	Burgess 56.9% (37/65)	Mays 50.0% (73/146)	Lin 75.8% (50/66)	E Rivers 58.2% (46/79)	Heritage 54.7% (35/64)	Deerwood 52.2% (35/67)	Jones 47.9% (35/73)	CSK 53.8% (35/65)
	Sylvan 56.9% (37/65)	Harper-Archer ES 63.7% (65/102)	Dunbar 52.9% (27/51)	Miles 44.9% (31/69)	Midtown 67.4% (95/141)	Garden Hills 70.1% (47/67)	Humphries 60.0% (24/40)	Fickett 56.7% (38/67)	Tuskegee 62.8% (49/78)	Hank Aaron 66.0% (35/53)
		Invictus 50.0% (59/118)	Jackson High 61.5% (99/161)	Peyton Forest 62.1% (41/66)	Morningside 79.3% (65/82)	Jackson Elementar 85.1% (57/67)	Hutchinson 57.9% (33/57)	Kimberly 52.3% (34/65)	Washington 50.9% (58/114)	Phoenix 66.7% (38/57)
		Scott 64.2% (43/67)	King 56.7% (55/97)	West Manor 64.1% (25/39)	Springdale 68.9% (62/90)	North Atlanta 80.1% (149/186)	Long 47.4% (45/95)	Therrell 62.3% (71/114)		
		Usher-Collier 59.2% (42/71)	Parkside 53.0% (44/83)	Young 57.4% (62/108)		Smith 74.0% (71/96)	South Atlanta 55.6% (60/108)			
			Toomer 63.6% (49/77)			Sutton 72.1% (106/147)				

Mask Wearing Protocol Updates:

Effective 12.6.2021

- Arts (Band/Theater/Chorus): Masks are required on buses, during practice/rehearsal and while attending performances. **Masks will not be required for students while actively performing.**
- Athletics: Masks are required on buses, in locker rooms, and on benches. Masks are also required for locker rooms, weight rooms and indoor athletic facilities in alignment with the APS Mask Protocol. **Masks will not be required for students while in active play.**



Atlanta Public Schools Implements Universal Mask Wearing Protocol

(As of July 21, 2021)

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) remains committed to ensuring healthy and safe learning environments for the 2021-2022 school year. APS will implement a Universal Mask Wearing protocol in all schools and buildings as we begin the new school year on August 5. In reviewing our data, approximately 18 percent of our eligible students are fully vaccinated. In light of this and in our efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, APS will continue to offer COVID-19 surveillance testing weekly. APS will also offer the COVID-19 vaccine at two upcoming opportunities: 1. Vaccines will be offered at the Back to School Bash on July 31; 2. Starting August 9, APS will offer on-site COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible students in our middle schools and high schools.

Masks Required	Masks Optional or Not Required
<p>Universal Mask Wearing: Masks are required for all students and staff in all schools and buildings during the school and workday, as well as all indoor after school activities, clubs, and programs. Clear masks will be used serving students in special populations i.e. Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Pre-K, and ESOL as needed. Exceptions should be made for persons who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).</p> <p>School Buses: Consistent with CDC recommendations regarding public transportation, all students and staff must wear masks when riding or operating school buses.</p> <p>Indoor Athletics: Students and staff are required to wear masks in locker rooms, weight rooms, traveling to/from sporting events, meetings, and other related indoor settings. Schools must follow all guidelines and protocols established by the Georgia High School Association (GHSA).</p> <p>Band and Chorus: Masks are required for all indoor practices, classes and events.</p>	<p>Outdoor Activities: Masks are optional for outdoor activities. This includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess • Physical Education • Outdoor Activities, Clubs, and Programs • Outdoor Afterschool Activities <p>Cafeteria or Eating: Mask wearing is not required when eating; however physical distancing is necessary. Using additional spaces outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating such as the gymnasium or outdoor seating can help facilitate physical distancing. Schools will utilize best practices for physical distancing in cafeterias and other areas where it would be difficult for students to wear masks.</p> <p>Outdoor Athletics: Students and staff are not required to wear masks for outdoor athletics such as football, baseball, cross-country, track, etc.</p> <p>Band and Chorus: Masks are not required for outdoor practices and events, such as marching band.</p>

APS schools and district offices will utilize additional multi-layered mitigation strategies and best practices, which will

Mask Wearing Protocol Updates



Tentatively, beginning February 1, 2022, Atlanta Public Schools will utilize the COVID-19 community transmission levels for **both Fulton and Dekalb County** to make informed decisions on optional masking. Any changes will be in conjunction with our existing COVID-19 health and mitigation strategies.

APS will monitor COVID-19 community transmission levels (<https://dph.georgia.gov/county-indicator-reports>) on a weekly basis and will take into account any new information released about the new COVID-19 variant, Omicron. When necessary, APS may again require that masks be worn in all APS facilities.

Utilizing DPH's Community transmission levels for both Fulton and Dekalb County, APS will follow the following mask wearing protocol:

- Masks will be **required** in all APS facilities if either Fulton or Dekalb County are showing periods of "**Substantial**" or "**High**" community transmission. *If Fulton and Dekalb County have different transmission levels, then the higher of the two will be utilized to make a masking decision.*
- When Fulton and Dekalb County community transmission has been maintained at the "**Moderate**" level for **two** consecutive weeks, APS will transition to optional mask wearing in all its facilities.
- **Masks will still be mandated on buses in compliance with federal mandates.**

Understanding COVID-19 Community Transmission Metrics

- Created by the CDC to track the spread and likelihood of being exposed to COVID-19 in individual counties
- Metric takes into account two numbers: **total new cases** and **percent positivity** over the past 7 days
- CDC [recommends](#) that local leaders should consider **county level** community transmission levels when making decisions about masking.
- Current COVID-19 Community Transmission Metrics can be found on the DPH Website: [Weekly County Indicator Reports](#) and the CDC's [COVID-19 Data Tracker](#)
 - DPH Community Transmission Data is released weekly

Community Transmission Levels	Total New Cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	Percentage of NAATs* that are positive during the past 7 days
Low Transmission	0 – 9.99	0 – 4.99%
Moderate Transmission	10 – 49.99	5 – 7.99%
Substantial Transmission	50 – 99.99	8 – 9.99%
High Transmission	More than 100	Greater than 10.0%

*Only positive COVID-19 Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs) are used to calculate the percent positivity.

Mask Wearing Protocol Updates



Starting from January 2022, APS will observe the levels of community transmission for **both Fulton and Dekalb County**.

APS will utilize transmission levels obtained from the weeks of Jan 16th and Jan 24th to make decisions on masking for the February 1, 2022 date. Transmission levels are updated by the Department of Public Health every Monday and take into account data from the 7 previous days.

A decision will be communicated by the end of Jan 28, 2022 via all communication channels.

- If **both Fulton and Dekalb County** have been in the “**Moderate**” range for the weeks of Jan 16th and Jan 24th, masks will become optional starting February 1.
- If **either Fulton OR Dekalb County** were in the “**Substantial**” or “**High**” community transmission range for the weeks of Jan 16th or Jan 24th, masks will still be required on February 1.

APS will continue to monitor COVID-19 community transmission levels on a weekly basis and will adjust masking protocols as necessary.

Vaccination Efforts to Date



Dates	Event	Eligible Participants	Vendor	Total Vaccines Administered
Jan 16, 2021	APS Employee Vaccination Events @ Mercedes-Benz Stadium	1A Eligible (First Dose)	FCBOH	Over 2000 registered!
Feb 6, 2021		1A Eligible (Second Dose)	FCBOH	
Mar 24 - 27, 2021		All Eligible Staff (First Dose)	FCBOH	
Apr 14 - 17, 2021		All Eligible Staff (Second Dose)	FCBOH	
Jul 31, 2021	Back to School Bash Vaccination Clinic	Eligible Persons 12 and Older (First Dose)	Walgreens	55
Aug 9 - 13, 2021	Middle and High School Students Vaccination Events @ All MS and HS	First Dose for Eligible Persons 12 and Older (First Dose)	FCBOH	223
Aug 30 - Sep 3, 2021		Second Dose AND Missed First for Eligible Persons 12 and Older (First Dose)	FCBOH	343
Oct 30, 2021	Saturday Vaccination Event: Carver Early College & Douglass High School	First Dose for Eligible Persons 12 and Older (First Dose)	FCBOH	Carver: 40 Total (22 students) Douglass: 58 Total (35 students)
Nov 20, 2021	Saturday Vaccination Event: Carver Early College and Douglass High School	Second Dose AND First Dose for Eligible Children Age 5 - 11	FCBOH	Carver: 125 Total (77 students) Douglass: 103 Total (76 students)

Upcoming Vaccination Opportunities

Date: December 18, 2021 (First Dose)/January 8, 2022 (Second Dose)

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: 4 Locations Throughout the District

Who: All Students Ages 5 and Older & APS staff

GetVaccinatedAPS

More information will be posted on our website at: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/getVaccinatedAPS>

APS continues to partner with Fulton County Board of Health and other community partners and will offer additional opportunities for vaccinations in January and February 2022.

