



District Health & Safety

Somerville Public Schools | School Committee Meeting

March 7, 2022

Mask Requirements

CDC:

- 2/25: Masks no longer required on school buses

DESE:

- 2/28: Mask requirement for K-12 schools lifted
- Masks continued to be required in nurses' offices

City of Somerville

- 3/5: City indoor mask requirement lifted

Proposal

Align with City to make indoor masking optional.

- Beginning **Monday, March 14**: Masks optional for student and staff
- Masks will continue to be required in nurses' offices

Higher Risk Individuals

There are individuals who are at more risk of/from respiratory diseases (including COVID). For these staff and students, the District will:

- Maintain environmental controls (ventilation, filtration)
- Maintain social controls
- Continue testing, not coming to school when sick
- Normalize support for individual masking
- One-way masking in high-quality masks

Vaccine Access

The school district and health department have held 20 school-based clinics with COVID and Flu vaccines this year.



**COVID Vaccine
Doses**



**Flu Vaccine
Doses**

Vaccine Rates

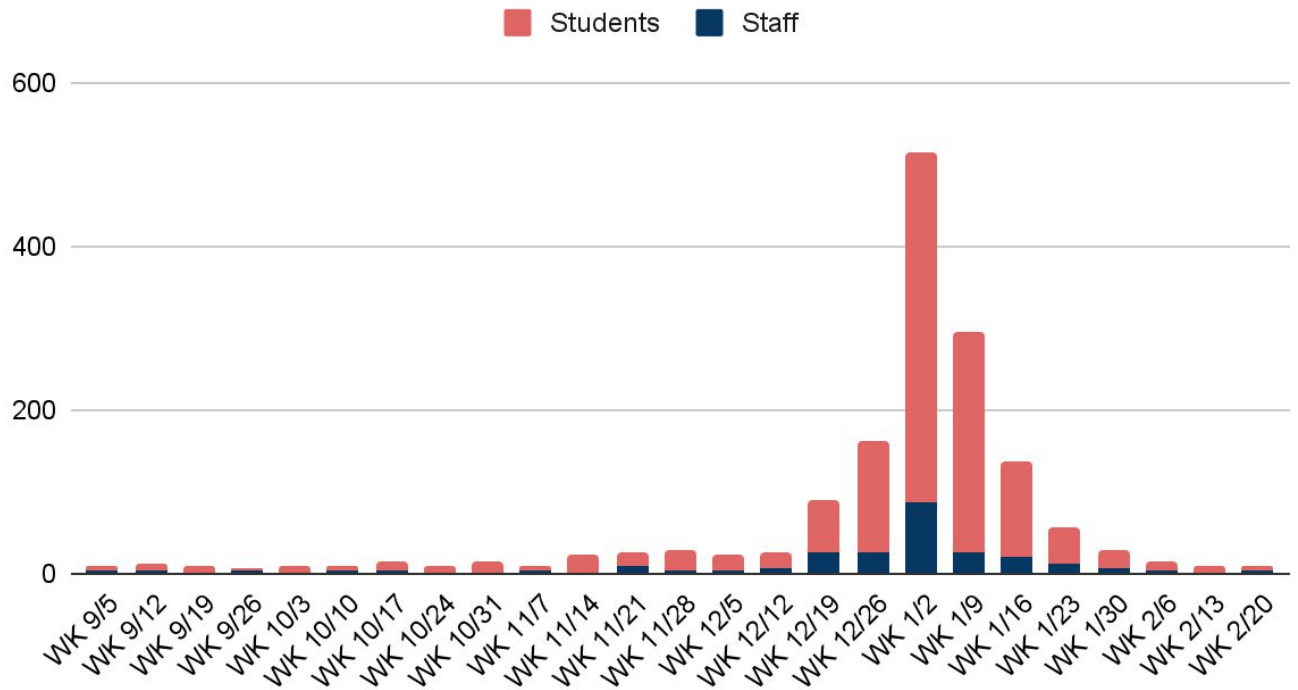
We protect our un(under-) vaccinated groups
protected by:

- Adult vaccination
- Keeping virus levels low in community

SPS COVID Testing

97%
Consent

SPS Positive Cases Total by Week



Percent positivity is at the lowest level yet this school year.

ZERO pool testing positives last week.

Questions

Testing and Dashboard

<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/nursing-schools/covid-testing>

Policies for SPS Staff

<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-leadership/central-administration/staff-and-careers/staff>

Policies for SPS Students

<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/nursing-schools/coronavirus-information-sps-families>