



COVID-19 Safety Update

June 27, 2022

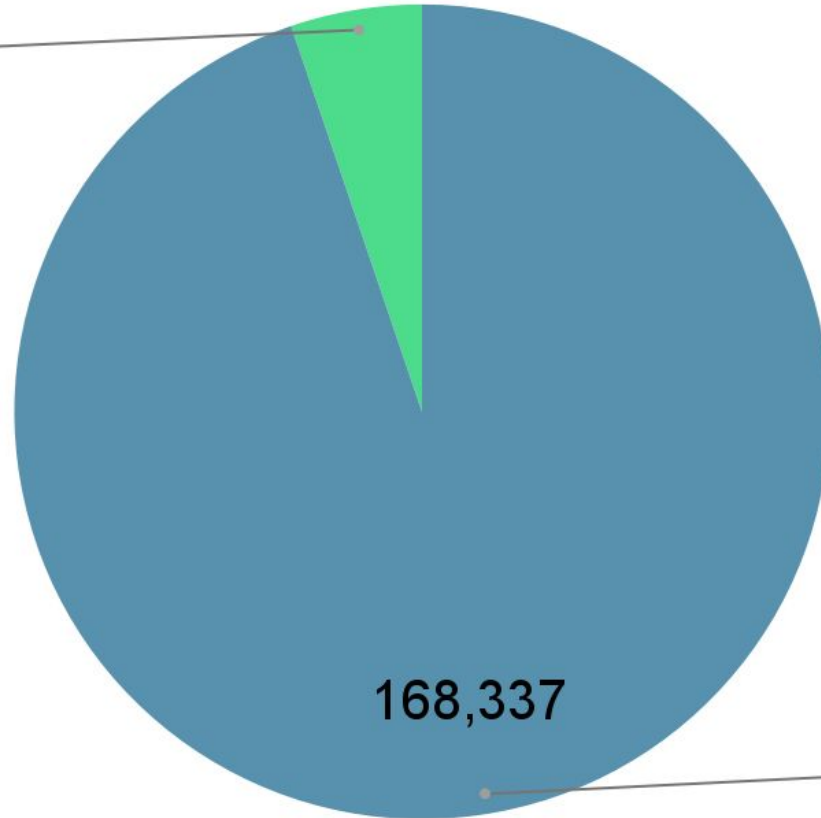
Total Positive Cases Reported Internally and Externally

	STAFF	STUDENTS	TOTAL POSITIVES
Sept 1 - Dec 18 <i>Delta</i>	50	183	233
Dec 20 - Jun 26 <i>Omicron</i>	384	1,706	2,090

SPS School Tests Run in SY21-22

Rapid Samples

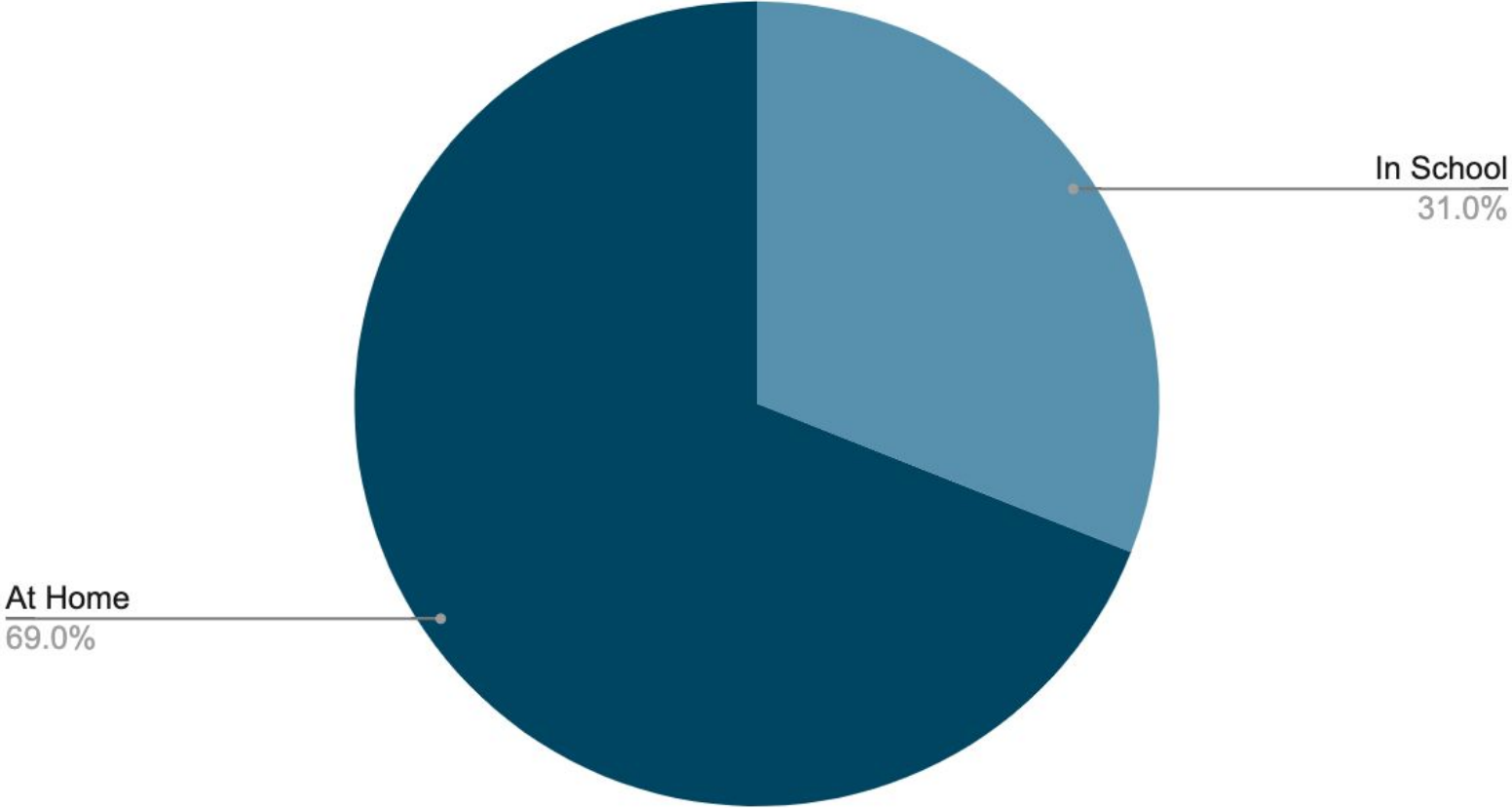
5.2%



Pool Samples

94.8%

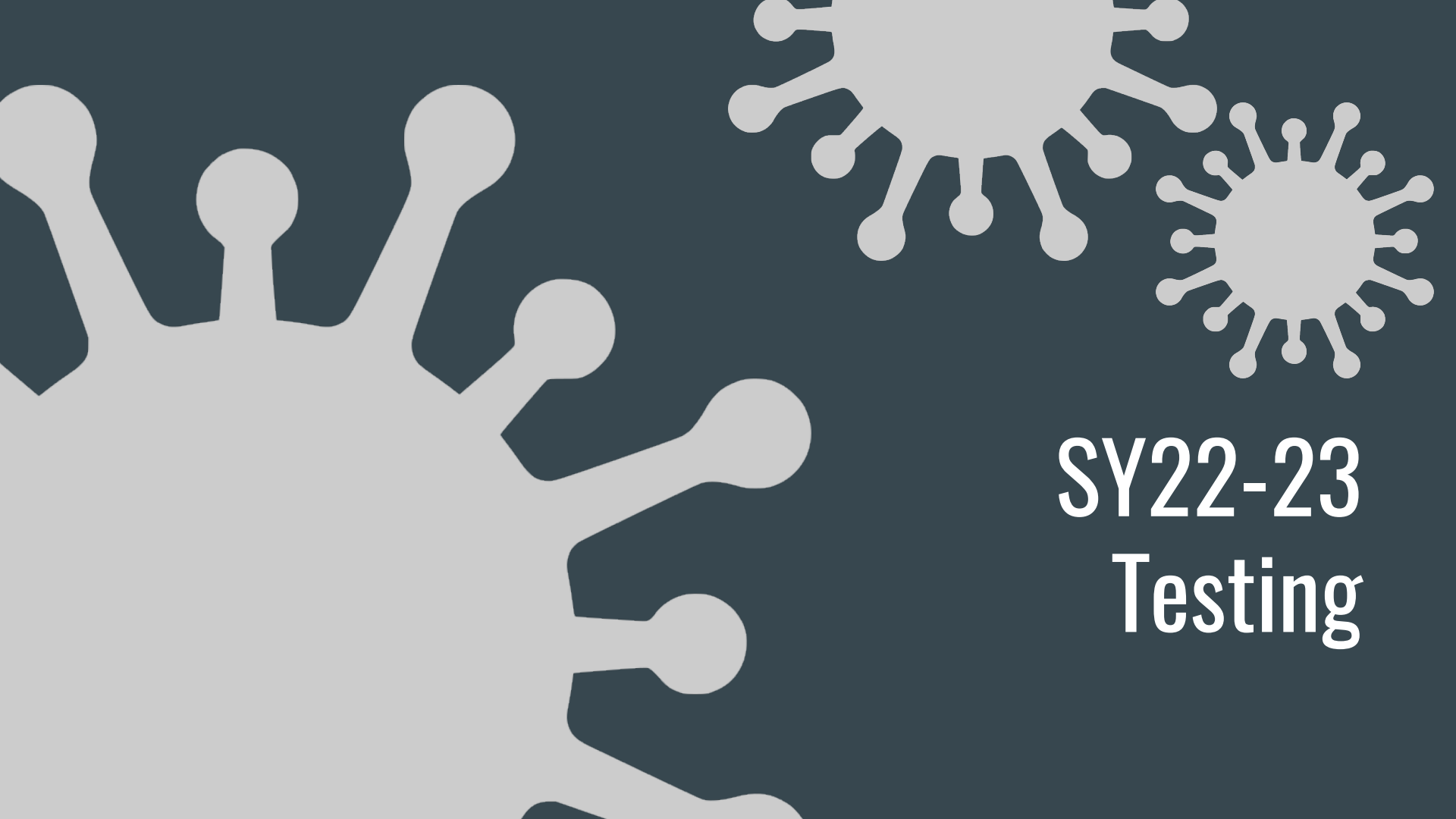
Where Students/Staff Tested Positive in SY21-22



COVID Testing Year in Review

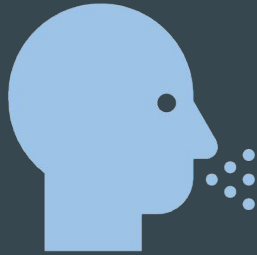
- SPS collected ~177,000 test samples, which identified 727 school positives.
 - SPS employed 25 testing staff through CIC Health (state contract); we also utilized Jose Mendez and 9 SPS staff through stipends to support weekly asymptomatic testing.
- We conducted ~ 168,000 asymptomatic tests (ie: pool testing).
 - Asymptomatic school positives: 576 (under 0.5% positivity)
- We conducted ~ 9,000 symptomatic tests (ie: rapid antigen).
 - Symptomatic school positives: 151 (under 2% positivity)

	Aug 2021	Jun 2022
Dominant Strain	Delta	Omicron
Vaccine Eligibility	12yo +	6 mo +
Vaccinated Students	1,512	3,871
Seroprevalence Est.	Under 10%	Over 52%
Testing, Treatments, Therapeutics	Limited	Widespread



**SY22-23
Testing**

The state will no longer supply self-tests or COVID testing services to districts beginning in the Fall. For school year 2022-23, DESE and DPH strongly recommend that districts interested in implementing their own testing program limit that program to symptomatic rapid testing only.



**Symptomatic
Testing at School**



**At-Home Testing
Based on Need**

Recommendations for SY22-23 Testing

- Provide symptomatic testing in the school nurse's office
- Offer at-home test kits (now called “self-tests” per DESE) during periods of anticipated surge, such as Thanksgiving break and Winter and Spring vacation periods
- Offer self-testing kits if increased monitoring is recommended by state and local public health officials
- Continue to monitor school and system-wide data and respond to changes in testing protocols and isolation and quarantine protocols put forth by DESE and MDPH
- Promote vaccination as the best protection against severe disease and the development of new variants
- Consider holding COVID-19 vaccine clinics during the last two weeks of August