



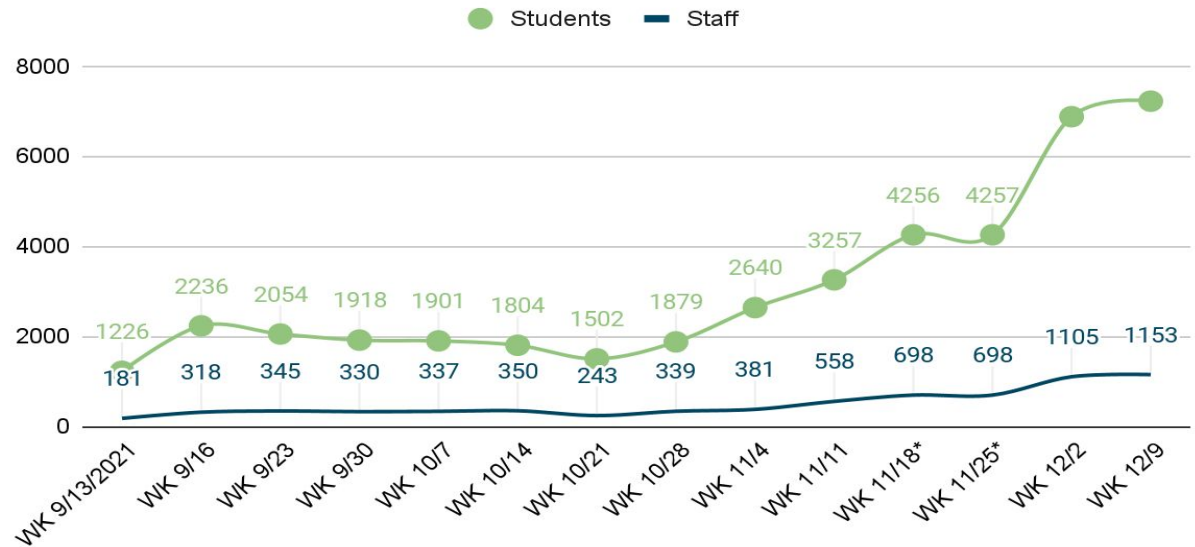
# Covid-19 Health & Safety

Somerville Public Schools | School Committee Meeting  
December 20, 2021

# COVID-19 Current Conditions

Cases have been rising across the Commonwealth. New variants are more contagious, but vaccines and mitigations are holding.

DESE Reported COVID Cases in Massachusetts



\*Weeks 11/18 & 11/25 were reported together. They are shown here divided equally between two weeks.

# Vaccine Policy

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School Committee has passed policies encouraging universal vaccination of students and staff

## Staff

- 94% of SPS are fully vaccinated
- All staff must provide proof of COVID vaccination to the HR department, who will use CrowdPass to collect status

## Students

- All vaccine-eligible students (12 yo+) participating in non-academic extracurricular activities must be fully vaccinated by Oct 20
- Extracurriculars include: athletics, interscholastic sports, school clubs
- Covid-19 Testing is required for all extracurricular activities

1,087

SPS Staff  
Vaccinations  
Verified

94%

SPS Staff  
Fully  
Vaccinated

# Vaccine Access

The school district and health department have held 17 school-based clinics with COVID and Flu vaccines this year.



**COVID Vaccine  
Doses**



**Flu Vaccine  
Doses**

# Vaccine Access

The district and health department are holding regular school-based clinics for ages 5 and up.

- January 7: Arthur Healey School 3:00-6:00 PM
- January 14: East Somerville 3:00-6:00 PM
- January 28: Arthur Healey School 3:00-6:00 PM
- February 4: East Somerville 3:00-6:00 PM

*\*More times and locations to be announced in 2022*

## Somerville CHA Vaccine Center

- 176 Somerville Ave, Walk-Ins Welcome  
Mon, Tues: 11:00 am - 6:30 pp Wed, Thur, Fri: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## Local Pharmacies and Primary Care Providers

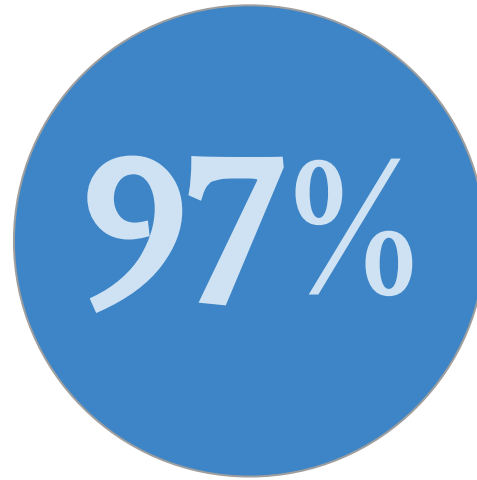
# Routine COVID Safety Checks

Staff and students participate in routine COVID screenings on a weekly basis.

Testing involves a quick and non-invasive nasal swab of each nostril.



# Student Consent Rate Testing Participation



**Districtwide**



**44**

Staff Positives  
(Internal + External)

**162**

Students Positives  
(Internal + External)

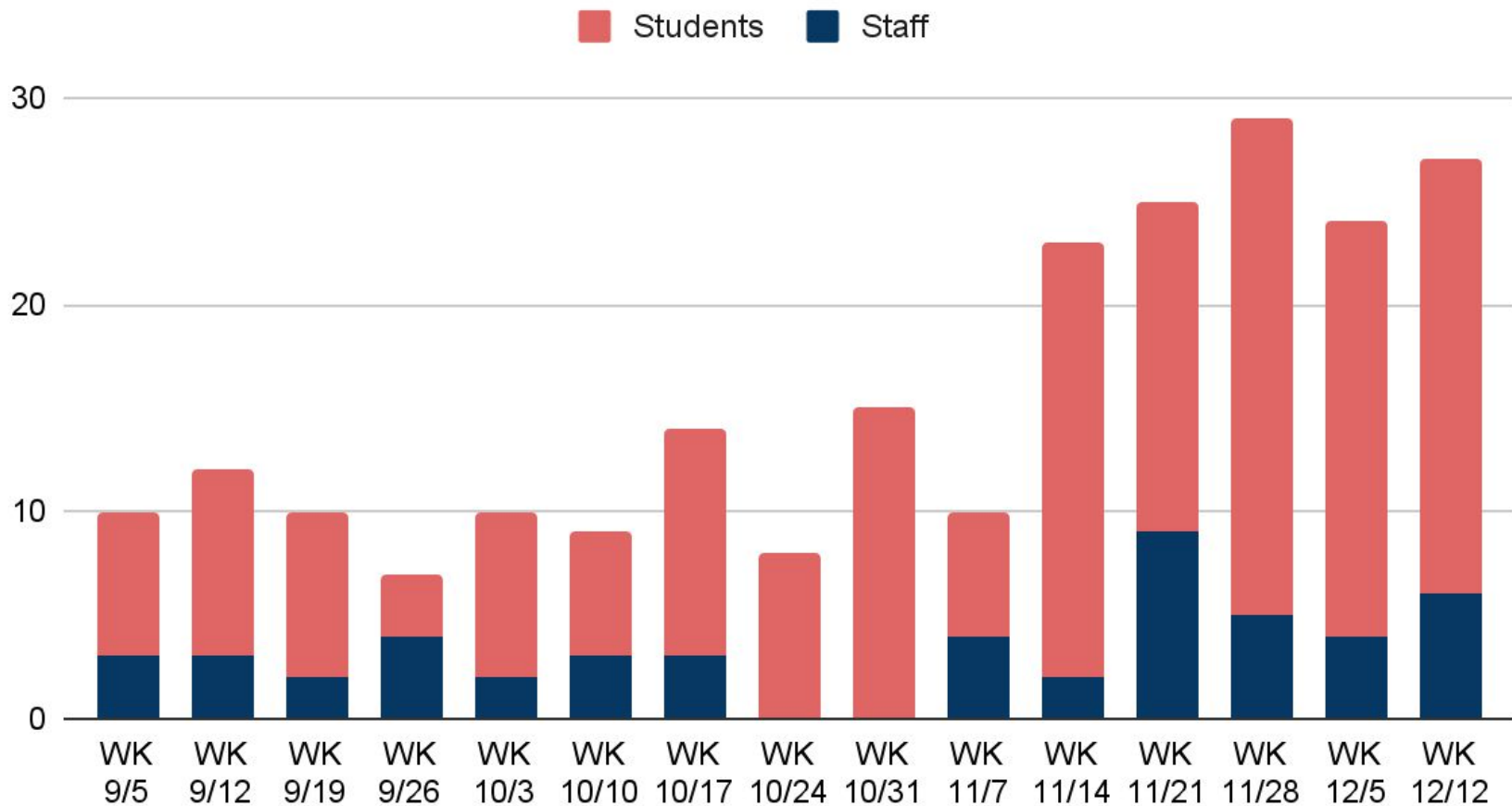
**115**

Total Positives in  
SPS Testing  
(Internal Only)

**Cumulative 9/1 - 12/11**

# SPS Cases By Week

## SPS Positive Cases Total by Week



# Enhanced Safety Measures

- ❖ More vaccine & booster opportunities
- ❖ Increased at-home and rapid testing for symptomatic students and staff
- ❖ Large events to be held outside or streamed virtually
- ❖ Strengthened masking enforcement
- ❖ Increased ventilation and filtration in shared eating spaces



# 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>