Covid-19 Health & Safety
Cases have been rising across the Commonwealth. New variants are more contagious, but vaccines and mitigations are holding.

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

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

Vaccine Access

1,102 COVID Vaccine Doses

336 Flu Vaccine Doses
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 97%
44  
Staff Positives  
(Internal + External)

162  
Students Positives  
(Internal + External)

115  
Total Positives in SPS Testing  
(Internal Only)

Cumulative 9/1 - 12/11
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