



Mitigation Strategy Update

School Board Meeting
February 24, 2022



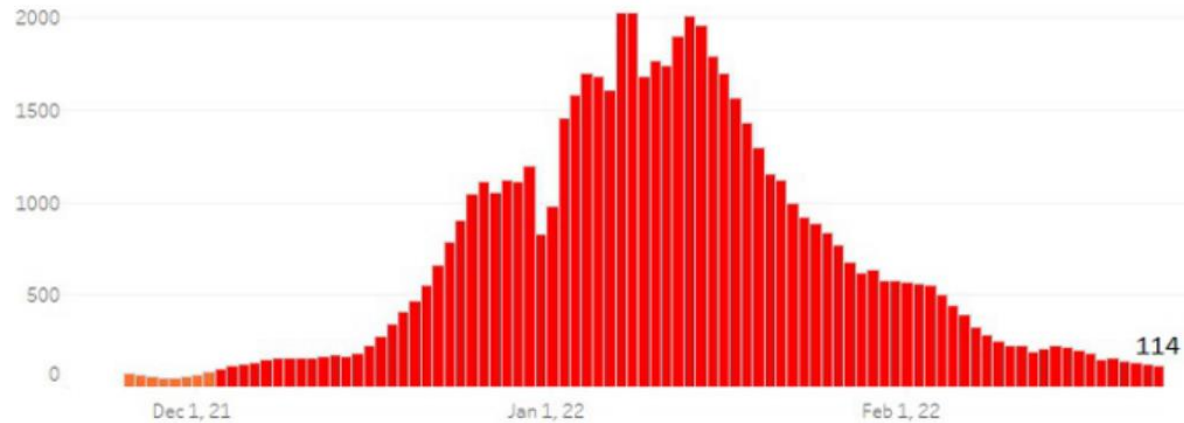
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Alexandria COVID-19 Transmission



Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days
Most recent 90 days shown



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SB 739 Public elementary and secondary schools, etc.; student instruction

Public elementary and secondary schools and public school-based early childhood care and education programs; student instruction; masks; emergency.

The bill permits, notwithstanding any other provision of law or any regulation, rule, or policy implemented by a school board, school division, school official, or other state or local authority, the parent of any child enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school, or in any school-based early childhood care and education program, to elect for such child to not wear a mask while on school property. The bill provides that no parent making such an election shall be required to provide a reason or any certification of the child's health or education status and no student shall suffer any adverse disciplinary or academic consequences as a result of this parental election. The bill requires each local school division to comply with the foregoing provisions relating to masks no later than March 1, 2022. The bill clarifies that none of the foregoing provisions shall be construed to affect the authority granted to the Governor to achieve the purposes of relevant emergency services and disaster law with regard to a communicable disease of public health threat. The bill contains an emergency clause. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB739>



Updated Mitigating Measures

- **Mask wearing is highly recommended during periods of high or substantial transmission** in all ACPS buildings and vehicles
 - Beginning March 1st, parents may opt their students out of mask wearing, per SB 739
- **KN95 masks** will be available for students and staff upon request

The following measures will continue:

- **Vaccine availability**
- **Testing: optional weekly screening** testing and **daily testing** for athletes who are unvaccinated
- **Ventilation measures and handwashing stations**



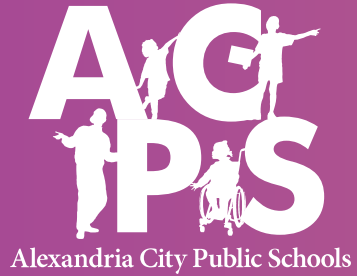
Vaccinations

- Family survey link will be sent in this week's *ACPS Express* to determine interest in on-site vaccinations during the school day and after school
- AHD is investigating the process of determining vaccination rate by elementary school
- School locations for vaccinations
 - Cora Kelly, William Ramsay and Patrick Henry, Charles Barrett and Jefferson-Houston



Testing Update

- **Test to Stay Pilot** began February 22nd
- **Day 6-10 Testing** began February 22nd
- **ViSSTA**
 - Anticipated start date: March 14th
 - Parents/guardians will provide consent one time instead of every week
 - **Will continue Curative weekly testing until the transition to ViSSTA.**



Questions?

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