Update on COVID-19 Testing Program for ACPS Students

School Board Meeting

September 9, 2021





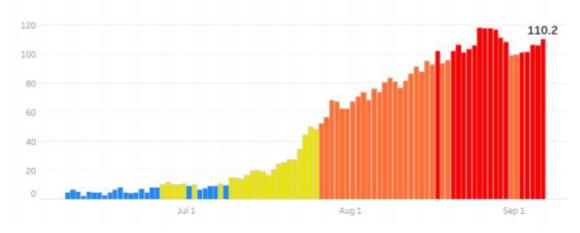
Alexandria COVID-19 Transmission

CDC Case Tracker



Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days

Most recent 90 days shown





Health & Safety Measures for SY 2021-22

- Mitigation measures including requiring masking, daily temperature screening, daily symptom checker, health annex rooms, enhanced air filters, enhanced cleaning https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3738
- Employee vaccination status reporting or weekly testing
- Instructional programming for students who quarantine with live streaming and/or virtual instruction https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3743





Timeline of COVID-19 Screening Testing Program

June, 2021 Application for ACPS for Virginia K-12 Schools Pilot Program for COVID testing

July, 2021 Pilot Virginia School Screening Testing for Assurance (ViSSTA) testing at William Ramsay's Summer Learning

August, 2021 Meeting with VDH where ACPS was notified ViSSTA Program will not begin until October

August, 2021 Pursuing non-VDH vendor to expedite the process

ACPS is currently engaged in procurement process.

Communication to families on testing program including request for consent to test

September, 2021

Communications to Inform Families

- Information to be published in ACPS Insider and ACPS Express on September 10th
- FAQ webpage updated weekly
- ACPS & AHD Town Hall planned for Thursday, Sept 16th, 4-5PM and Monday, Sept 20th, 12-1 PM



Next Steps

- Communication with families and staff on the testing program
- Partnership with AHD on providing vaccinations on site beginning with secondary schools this month
- Implementation of on-site testing at the conclusion of procurement process with the goal of surveillance testing of 30% of student population per site
- Communication with VDH on the ViSSTA program



Superintendent's Recommendation

Approve ACPS moving forward with conducting COVID-19 screening testing of students.



Questions and Answers

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