

Update on COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures

School Board Meeting January 20, 2022

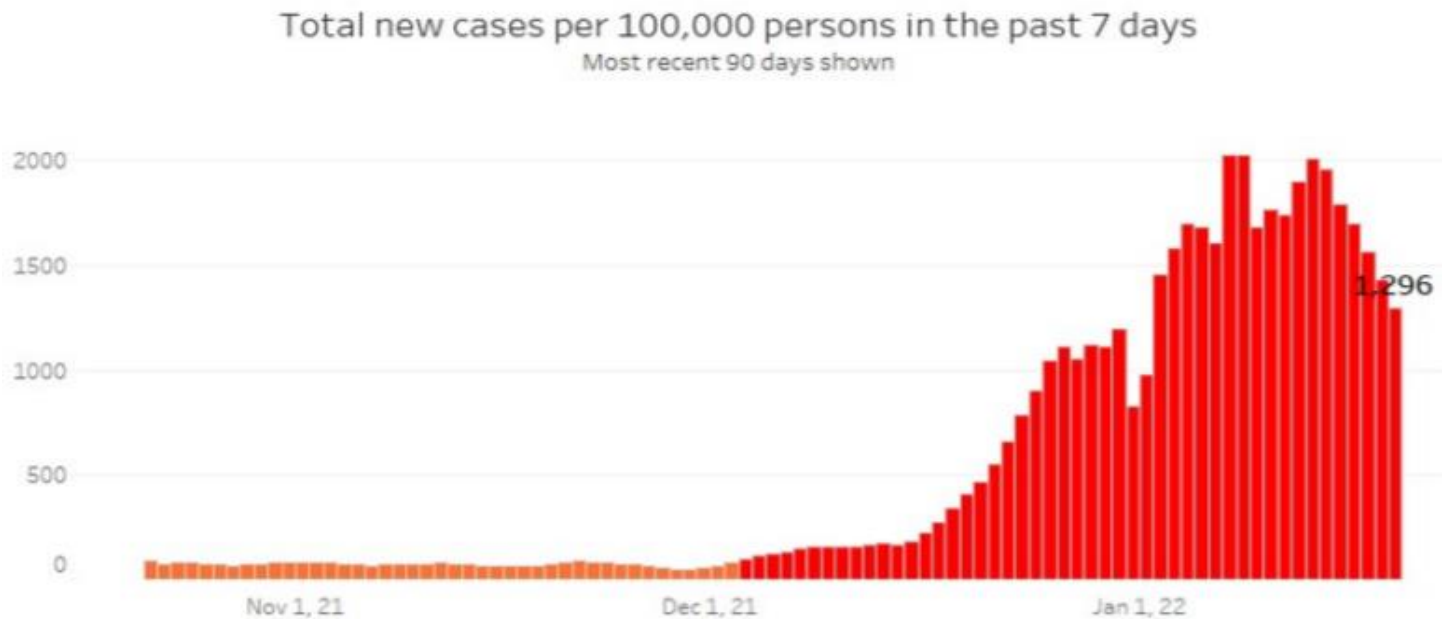




Alexandria COVID-19 Transmission



Data updated on January 19, 2022





Mitigating Measures

- **Universal masking** in all ACPS buildings and vehicles
- **Weekly screening testing** at every school for students and staff
- **Daily testing** for athletes & reinstating mask wearing during practices and competition
- High percentage of **vaccinated staff** members
- High percentage of **vaccinated secondary students**
- **Ventilation measures** in all buildings (ex: HEPA purifiers)
- **Handwashing stations**
- **Vaccine availability**



COVID-19 Dashboard



Total Cases ▾

465

Total Student Cases ▾

237

Total Staff Cases ▾

237

Total Close Contacts Reported ⓘ ▾

2,352

Total Student Close Contacts ⓘ ▾

2,120

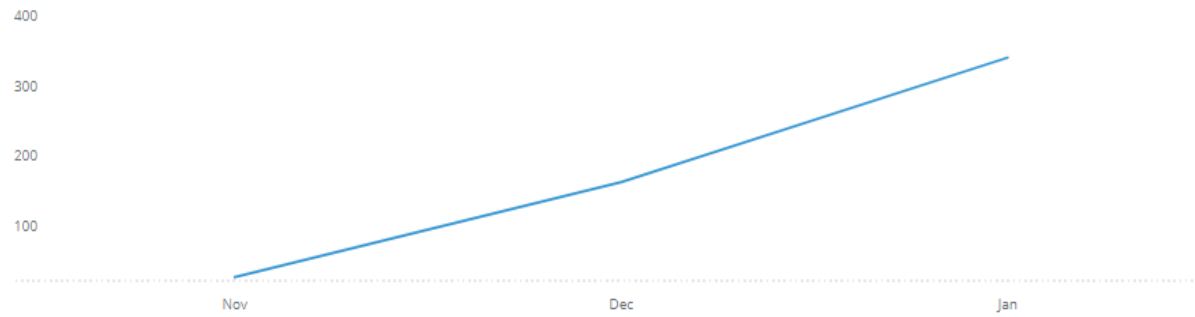
Total Staff Close Contacts ⓘ ▾

232

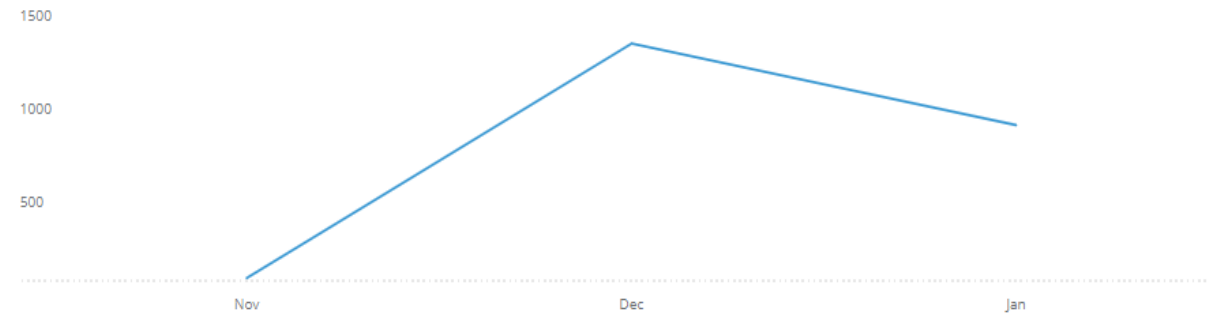


MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION

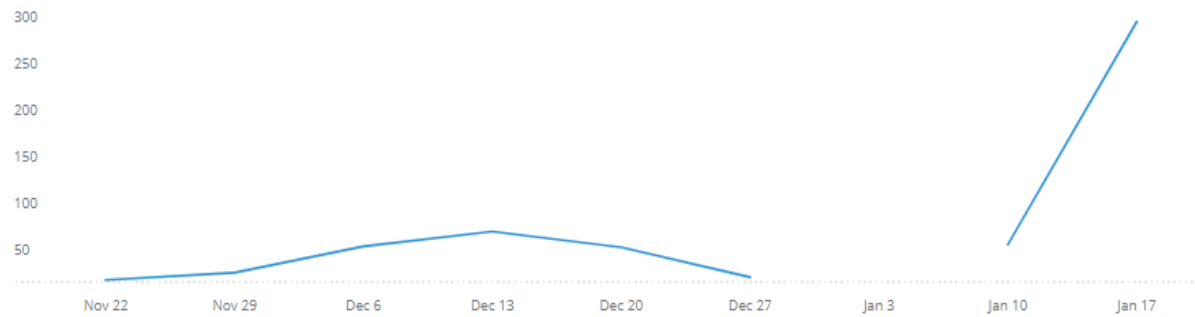
Monthly Cases ⓘ ⌵



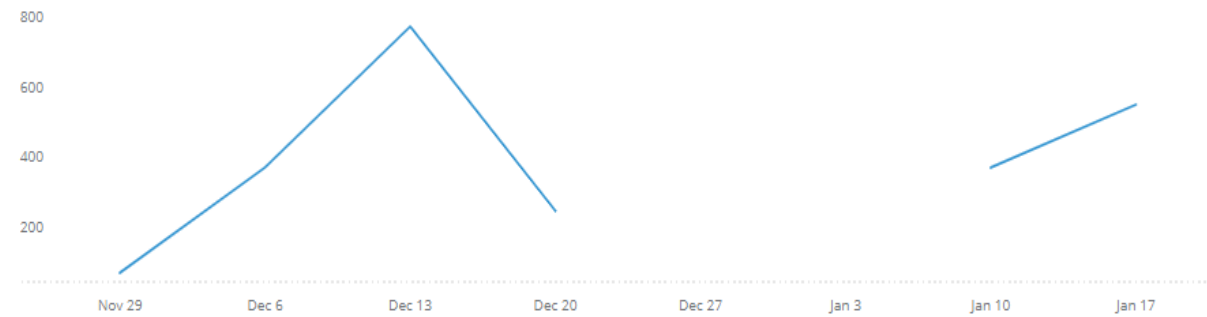
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Weekly Cases ⓘ ⌵



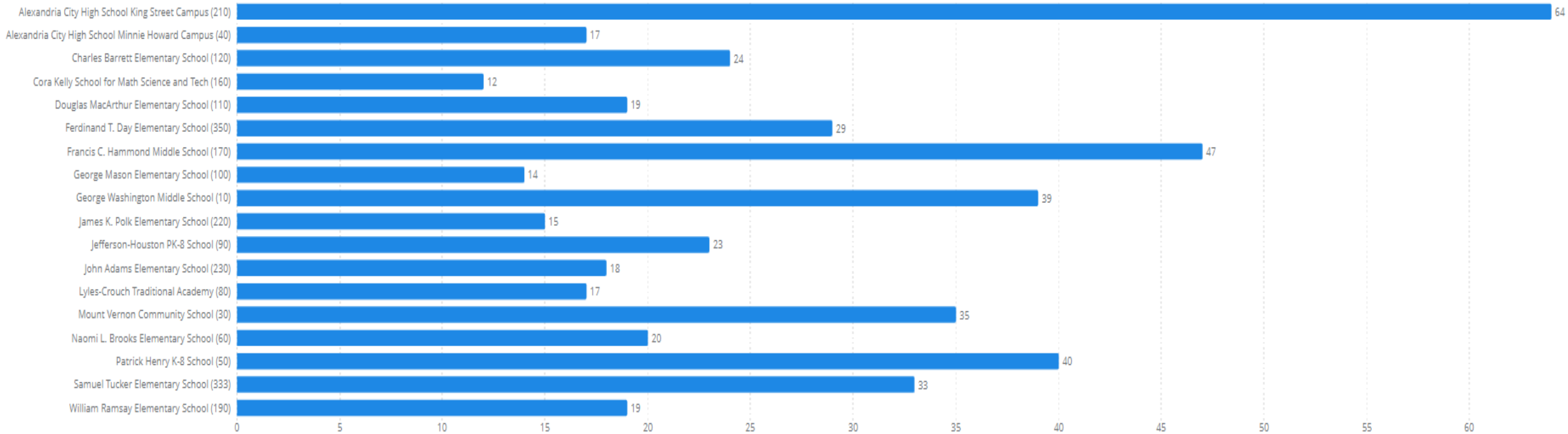
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ACPS LOCATION DISTRIBUTION

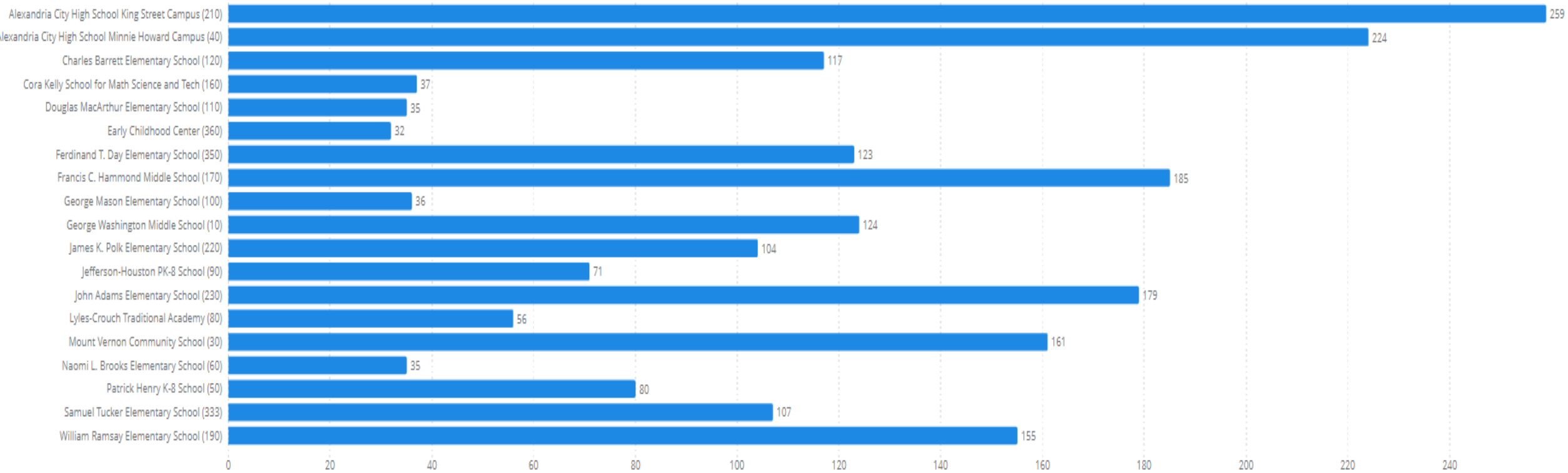
Distribution of Cases by ACPS Location 485 ⓘ



2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN: EQUITY FOR ALL



Distribution of Close Contacts by ACPS Location 2,120 ⓘ



Note: During time periods where there are high numbers of cases, the identification of close-contacts may not be possible in all cases due to volume. All close contacts are not reflected in this data during a surge in cases.

2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN: EQUITY FOR ALL



DATA FROM LAST 30 DAYS/ 7 DAYS

Cases (Last 7 days) ▾

296

Close Contacts (Last 7 days) ⓘ ▾

614

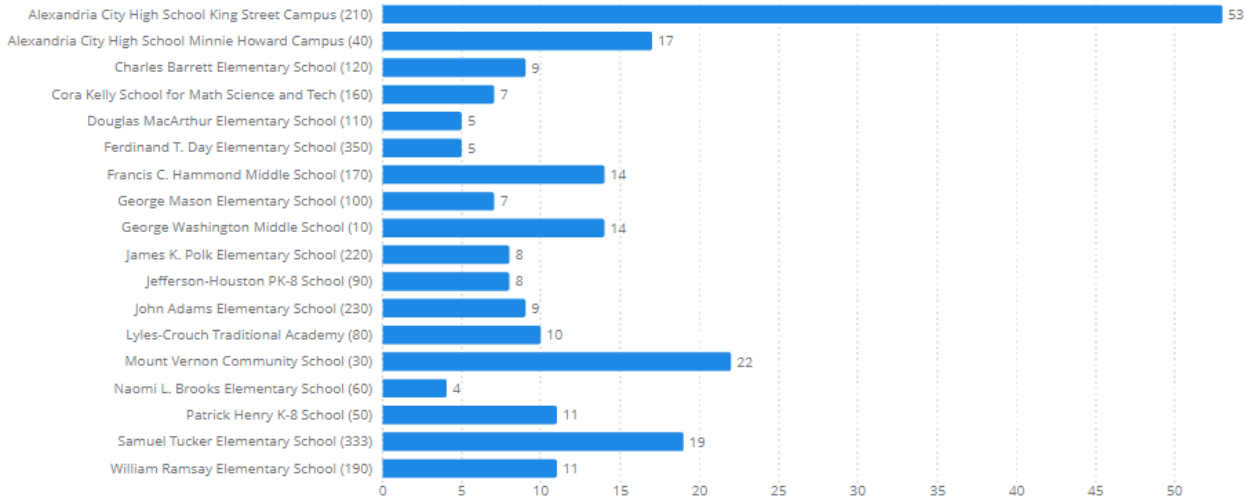
Cases (Last 30 days) ▾

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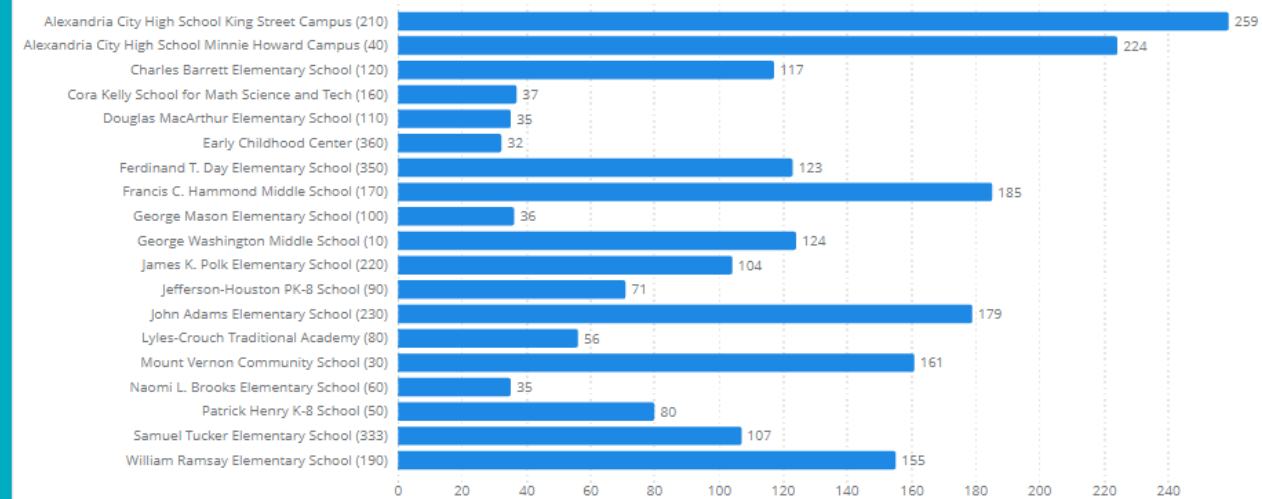
Close Contacts (Last 30 days) ⓘ ▾

878

Student Distribution of Cases by ACPS Location 233 ⓘ ▾



Student Distribution of Close Contacts by ACPS Location 2,120 ⓘ ▾





VDH Test to Stay Pilot

Who: Close contact students are asymptomatic, unvaccinated or not up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccines, must wear masks and test negative daily with signed parent/guardian consent

What: Daily proctored testing for the 5 days after exposure with negative test results prior to school

Where: Planned pilot at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy, James K. Polk Elementary School and ACHS Satellite Program

Why: Minimize the impact of quarantine and limit school absences after a COVID-19 exposure in the K-12 school setting

When: Currently in planning stages with VDH and ordering testing supplies

Challenges:

Lack of non-English language support for proctored home testing

If testing is done at school each morning, current requirements do not allow TTS students to ride the bus.



ViSSTA Program

- Awaiting the MOU from VDH
- ViSSTA funding can be used to support Test to Stay pilot
- Will be working with a newly assigned vendor
- **Will continue Curative weekly testing**



Day 6 Testing

For individuals returning to school on Day 6 after testing positive who meet the following criteria:

- Asymptomatic OR symptoms have resolved
- Fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication
- Wear a well-fitted mask during the school day

Would accept test results for testing conducted outside of school

Please note: this will not begin immediately as we are awaiting the needed testing supplies.



Safety Updates: Masking

- KN95s are being delivered to students and staff at all levels.
 - Secondary students were given the option of child or adult sized masks to select the best fit.
 - Provided additional 3-ply surgical masks as an additional double masking option



Staff Vaccination & COVID-19 testing

Fully vaccinated staff = 2,626

Medical or religious exemption = 117

(Staff required to participate in weekly testing)

Staff reporting Booster Vaccination = 371



Communication to staff

The Department of Human Resources is encouraging all ACPS staff to update their COVID-19 Vaccination documents to include their booster vaccination.

As we work to keep schools open, it is critical that we have the most updated vaccine information regarding our staff and support staff to get a booster vaccine who have not taken advantage of this additional measure to protect them from this recent uptick we are seeing in COVID-19 transmission.

This is particularly important with the recent spread of the omicron variant.



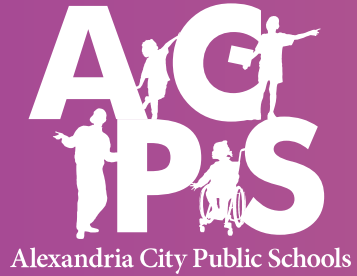
Safety Reminders

- Consider [getting vaccinated](#) or receiving a booster if eligible.
- Please report any positive test results to your school or use the Reporting COVID email, reportingcovid@acps.k12.va.us.
- Have a care plan in place if your student has to stay home for any reason on short notice.
- Make sure your student is bringing home their device, charger, and instructional materials daily.
- ***Please stay home when feeling unwell.***



Governor Youngkin's Executive Order

- [Executive Order Number 2](#), effective Monday, January 24, 2022
- ACPS message sent to staff and families on January 16th that the mask requirement will continue as a mitigating measure.



Questions?

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