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COVID Health and Safety Update

February 9, 2022



Health and Safety Guidelines

- Currently, NPS operates within the guidelines outlined in the [2021-22 Back to School Health and Safety Plan.](#)
- Our strategy has been a layered risk mitigation approach to keep COVID transmissions from spreading in Schools and has evolved over time

Framework of Risk Reduction Strategies

- Newton Medical Advisory Group
- Vaccination - mandatory for staff, Vaccine clinics have been ongoing
- COVID Testing, transitioned to weekly Antigen testing for all staff and students that opt-in and symptomatic testing
- Masks mandate currently in place, will address with MAG
- Ventilation Action Plan
- Stay home when sick, hand washing,
- Continue to monitor health data at national, state, and local levels

Student Vaccination Rate

- As of February 7, 2022 - At least one dose

Elementary 79.63%

Middle 85.93%

High 93.11%

All eligible NPS Students - 85.52%

COVID Cases in NPS

- Data
 - Tests At-home weekly antigen tests - 58% of students opted-in
 - Cases - Mirrors the community with increases and decreases - including with omicron
 - In school transmission - very rare - extremely low incidence

Vaccination Rate in NPS

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As of **February 7, 2022**

Grade	1 Dose	2 Doses	3 Doses	Percentage of Students with at least one dose	Percentage of Students with at least two doses
PreK and Elementary					
PK-NECP	2.99%	8.96%	0.00%	11.94%	8.96%
PK-NECP (age 5 and above)	14.26%	42.86%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%
K	5.39%	72.91%	0.67%	78.98%	73.58%
1	4.84%	70.01%	0.73%	75.57%	70.74%
2	5.07%	76.42%	0.47%	81.96%	76.89%
3	4.63%	73.22%	0.34%	78.19%	73.56%
4	5.31%	73.01%	0.92%	79.24%	73.93%
5	5.78%	77.10%	0.55%	83.42%	77.64%
All Elementary	5.17%	73.85%	0.61%	79.63%	74.46%
Middle School					
6	2.38%	75.26%	1.36%	79.00%	76.62%
7	4.23%	58.05%	27.36%	89.64%	85.41%
8	1.68%	53.35%	33.44%	88.47%	86.79%
All Middle School	2.79%	61.82%	21.31%	85.93%	83.13%
High School					
9	2.04%	55.30%	33.91%	91.24%	89.21%
10	2.21%	53.37%	35.16%	90.74%	88.53%
11	2.64%	36.01%	53.41%	92.07%	89.11%
12	7.94%	40.67%	49.38%	97.99%	90.05%
All High School	3.79%	46.19%	43.13%	93.11%	89.32%
All Eligible NPS Students	4.18%	61.69%	19.65%	85.52%	81.35%

Conclusion

- Will continue to monitor news on new variants
- We will remain nimble
- Will meet with Medical Advisory Group to confirm adjustments to health and safety plan
- Will monitor vaccination rates and continue to encourage all eligible students to be vaccinated