

Lowell Public Schools

COVID-19 Data Monitoring

May 21, 2021



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COVID-19 Data in Lowell

Date	Average Daily Incidence Rate Per 100,000	Percent Positivity Rate
8/12/20	2.24	1.18
8/19/20	2.9	1.34
8/26/20	2.4	1.18
9/2/20	4.2	1.5
9/9/20	5.9	1.74
9/16/20	6.4	1.98
9/23/20	7.9	2.24
9/30/20	10.9	2.71
10/7/20	16.3	3.57
10/14/20	16.4	3.29
10/22/20	13.3	2.89
10/29/20	17.6	3.95
11/6/20	27.7	4.97
11/12/20	42.1	6.45

Date	Average Daily Incidence Rate Per 100,000	Percent Positivity Rate
11/19/20	64.2	8.85
11/27/20	80.7	10.18
12/3/20	78.3	10.37
12/10/20	102.03	11.90
12/17/20	134.4	12.33
12/24/20	120.9	11.49
12/31/20	91.1	10.80
1/7/21	78.8	10.15
1/14/21	88.0	10.42
1/21/21	87.0	10.15
1/28/21	72.5	8.37
2/4/21	63.2	7.10
2/11/21	51.0	6.01
2/18/21	41.1	5.01

Date	Average Daily Incidence Rate Per 100,000	Percent Positivity Rate
2/25/21	31.2	4.28
3/4/21	24.5	3.86
3/11/21	23.1	3.74
3/18/21	25.3	4.10
3/25/21	30.6	4.91
4/1/21	43.5	6.69
4/8/21	54.1	7.97
4/15/21	54.4	8.00
4/22/21	47.1	7.16
4/29/21	38.0	6.19
5/6/21	30.0	5.39
5/13/21	22.3	4.31
5/20/21	13.2	2.91



Lowell Public Schools COVID Dashboard

Located on the Lowell Public Schools website: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/coviddashboard>

Includes information and updates on:

- COVID-19 data
- Protocols and guidelines
- Where to go to get tested
- What to do if you test positive, or are a close contact
- COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID Data Monitoring

COVID-19 Data in Lowell (Last 3 Weekly Reports)

Date	Average Daily Incidence Rate Per 100,000	Percent Positivity Rate
12/24/20	120.9	11.49
12/31/20	91.1	10.80
1/7/21	78.8	10.15

Updated - 1/15/21

- [1/6/21 COVID Data Monitoring](#)
- [12/21/20 COVID Data Monitoring](#)
- [12/16/20 COVID Data Monitoring](#)

COVID Protocols and Guidelines

- [Potential COVID Symptoms](#)
- [Face Mask Protocol and Guidelines](#)
- [Quarantine Guidelines](#)



Lowell Public Schools (9/1/20 - 5/21/21)

	Total Covid Positive (as of 5/21)	Total # Quarantined due to In-Person Instruction	Total # Quarantined due to Outside School Factors	Approximate # Quarantined reporting period (5/14-5/21)
Staff	94 (up 1)	177	144 (up 1)	1
Students	174 (up 11)	469 (up 16)	136 (up 2)	18
TOTAL	268 (up 12)	646 (up 16)	280 (up 3)	19

Notes:

1. The numbers above include In-Person Students and Staff **ONLY**
2. **All the above numbers in parentheses represent change from the previous reporting period - w/o 5/17**
3. The **approximate # quarantined** is variable since the return date is approved by the health department. This number changes daily especially since there are now (3) different quarantine guidelines for close contacts.
4. Numbers **include Athletics** (coaches and students, etc.)



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COVID-19 Positive Cases Per School (w/o 5/17) Pool testing #'s per week

School	Total Positive Students	Total Positive Staff	Total positives By School	Total # students pool testing	Total # staff pool testing	Total # pool testing	Total # of pools	Total # identified through pool testing this week w/o 5/17
Bailey	0	0	0	89	31	120	13	neg
Bartlett	0	0	0	114	59	173	20	neg
Butler	1	0	1	95	18	113	17	neg
Cardinal	0	0	0	18	14	32	4	neg
Daley	0	0	0	168	53	221	28	neg
Greenhalge	3	0	3	30	14	44	5	neg
Lincoln	0	0	0	25	5	30	6	neg
Lowell High	1	1	2	6	17	23	4	neg
McAuliffe	0	0	0	61	23	88	10	neg

**In-person numbers only*

Numbers in parentheses represent the chg from the last reporting period



Lowell Public Schools

COVID-19 Positive Cases Per School (week of 5/17) - Pooled testing #'s per wk.

School	Total positive Students	Total positive Staff	Total positives by School	Total # students pool testing	Total # staff pool testing	Total # pool testing	Total # of pools	Total # identified through pool testing w/o 5/17
McAvinnue	1	0	1	61	23	84	10	1 pos/9 neg
Moody	1	0	1	12	16	28	5	neg
Morey	0	0	0	163	5	168	18	neg
Murkland	0	0	0	75	18	93	13	neg
Pawtucketville	1	0	1	107	33	140	18	neg
Pyne Arts	0	0	0	171	38	209	31	neg
Reilly	0	0	0	149	30	179	19	neg
Robinson	0	0	0	40	15	55	8	neg
STEM	0	0	0	117	33	150	24	neg

**In-person numbers only*

Numbers in parentheses represent the chg from the last reporting period



Lowell Public Schools

COVID-19 Positive Cases Per School (w/o 5/17) Pool testing #'s per week

Schools	Total positive Students	Total positive Staff	Total positive By School	Total # students pool testing	Total # staff pool testing	Total # pool testing	Total # of pools	Total # identified through pool testing w/o 5/17
Shaughnessy	0	0	0	51	24	75	10	neg
Stoklosa	1	0	1	51	24	75	10	neg
Sullivan	1	0	1	70	31	101	17	neg
Wang	0	0	0	72	27	99	11	neg
Washington	0	0	0	73	28	101	15	neg
Laura Lee	0	0	0	11	5	16	2	neg
LeBlanc	0	0	0	8	12	20	3	neg
LHS Career Academy	1	0	1	10	13	23	5	1 pos/4 neg
Adie Day	0	0	0	29	32	61	8	neg
Bridge	0	0	0	16	11	27	4	neg



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COVID-19 Positive Cases Per School (w/o 5/17) Pool testing #'s per week

School	Total positive Students	Total positive Staff	Total positive By School	Total # students pool testing	Total # staff pool testing	Total # pool testing	Total # of pools	Total # identified through pool testing w/o 5/17
Central	0	0	0	0	20	20	3	neg
**Transportation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	1	12	1867	673	2540	338	2

**In-person numbers only*

Numbers in parentheses represent the chg from the last reporting period

*** not included in LPS staff numbers*



Access to COVID-19 Testing in Schools

- Pools were run on:

2/24, 2/25 (0 positive pools)

3/2, 3/3 and 3/4 (5 positive pools)

3/8, 3/9 and 3/10 (1 positive pool)

3/15, 3/16, 3/17 (3 positive pools)

3/22, 3/23, 3/24 (3 positive pools)

3/29, 3/30, 3/31 (4 positive pools)

4/7, 4/8, 4/9 (10 positive pools - 282 negative pools)

4/12, 4/13, 4/14 (2 positive pools - 324 negative pools)

4/27, 4/28, 4/29 (7 positive pools - 313 negative pools)

5/3, 5/4, 5/5 (1 positive pool - 403 negative pools)

5/10, 5/11, 5/12 (3 positive pools - 335 negative pools)

5/17, 5/18, 5/19 (2 positive pools - 336 negative pools)

- If the pooled test result is negative, all are presumed to be negative. If the pooled result is positive, a follow-up test will be conducted on those pool members.

NOTE: Pool Testing Funds have been extended through the end of the school year including the summer.



Commonwealth's Data

Pool Testing Shows 0.7% COVID Positivity Rate In Massachusetts Schools, Baker Says

By [CBSBoston.com Staff](#)

March 29, 2021 at 1:56 pm

Filed Under: [Coronavirus](#), [Gov. Charlie Baker](#), [pool testing](#)

BOSTON (CBS) — Pool testing found a 0.76% positivity rate to date in Massachusetts schools, according to the Baker Administration. Nearly 159,000 individuals in 22,679 pools have been tested. The average pool test is seven people.

“Of the collected pooled tests, Massachusetts is not aware of any in which there was more than one positive individual, suggesting that there is extremely little evidence of in-school transmission of COVID-19 in Massachusetts,” said a statement from the governor’s office.” **“State funding for the testing program has been extended to the end of the school year.”**

Lowell Schools’ Pool Positivity Rate for week of May 17:

2540 tested with 2 positives @ .08 % positivity rate



Consent Forms

How can my student participate in the program?

To participate in the testing program, you need to **sign a consent form** for your child. You only need to sign up once for the weekly testing. If you decide NOT TO PARTICIPATE, you do not need to fill out the consent form.

This form gives us permission to share student information with the technology platform we use to track testing. Student information will only be shared with the Department of Public Health and other departments if a student tests positive in an individual test.

Here are links for the online consent form:

- [English](#)
- [Arabic](#)
- [Khmer](#)
- [Lao](#)
- [Portuguese](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Swahili](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

Or parents can scan this QR code on their phone to sign up:



Lowell School Employees: Consent form is [here](#) or:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZVwwYeCK2cAI5vUW5UitVfG3sWNyf2gGzVeXDRO2IDM/viewform?edit_requested=true



LPS Pool Testing Participation (as of 5/10/21)

Students

Staff

Week Ending	Total Number of Students Participating	Total Number of Students Possible	Percentage of Students Participating		Total Number of Staff Participating	Total Number of Staff Possible	Percentage of Staff Participating
2/26/21	135	~473	28%		249	~719	35%
3/5/21	601	~2977	20%		496	~1027	48%
3/12/21	696	~2977	23%		513	~1027	50%
3/19/21	790	~2977	26%		484	~1027	47%
3/26/21	796	~2977	27%		463	~1027	45%
4/1/21	820	~2977	27.5%		501	~1027	49%
4/9/21	1216	~5600	22.0%		617	~1027	60%
4/16/21	1401	~5600	25%		673	~1027	66%



LPS Pool Testing Participation (as of week of 5/17/21)

Students

Staff

Week Ending	Total Number of Students Participating	Total Number of Students Possible	Percentage of Students Participating		Total Number of Staff Participating	Total Number of Staff Possible	Percentage of Staff Participating
4/30	1665	~8000	21%		696	~1027	68%
5/7	1781	~8000	22%		684	~1027	67%
5/14	1824	~8000	23%		665	~1027	65%
5/17	1867	~8000	23%		673	~1027	65%

**Numbers reflect combined totals*



Process when a we receive a positive pool test

- Parents and Staff will be notified by phone and/or email regarding a positive pool result that they participated in.
- All members of the positive pool will be tested as early as possible once the results have been reported. Most likely the next school day.
- Our nurses will use the BinaxNow rapid test kits to identify the positive individual. In the unusual situation where no individual tests positive, all the individuals in the pool will be quarantined until that person is identified via a PCR test.
- Once the positive is identified, that individual will follow the isolation guidelines as set forth by DESE and then sent home. Any close contacts will be identified and notified as well.



Updated COVID 19 Guidelines (5/18/21)

- Students do not need to wear masks outside even if distance cannot be maintained. This applies to recess, physical education, youth sports, and outdoor learning environments.
- At this time, adults and students must continue to wear mask indoors in K-12 Schools..
- Schools no longer have to avoid sharing objects. This includes classroom materials, items for physical education, or art supplies. Shared objects no longer have to be cleaned or disinfected between use and all high touch surfaces should be cleaned once a day. As is usual and customary, any time there is a confirmed COVID-19 case, the space they were in should be cleaned and disinfected.
- Gathering limits for outside event are being lifted starting May 29, 2021.
- Schools and classrooms should continue to maximize ventilation and air exchanges in schools and classrooms, even in warmer weather. Schools should target 4-6 air exchanges per hour through any combination of ventilation and filtration by keeping doors open, using portable air purifiers, and/or keeping windows cracked open one or two inches.