



Strategies used to minimize risk of COVID-19 spread in schools

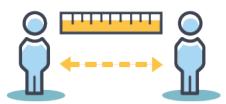
These strategies include:



Multiple vaccination clinics for elementary, middle, and high school students to increase vaccination status of staff, family members, and eligible students;

- Enhanced ventilation measures in all classrooms;
- Weekly asymptomatic testing for students and staff;





- Cleaning, disinfecting, and hand hygiene in all classrooms;
- Quarantine protocols and requirements for individuals potentially exposed to COVID-19
- Universal mask wearing for both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals;



With public health conditions improving, we are relaxing one mitigation strategy - mask wearing



Community Health Data

CDC COVID-19 Community Levels

New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

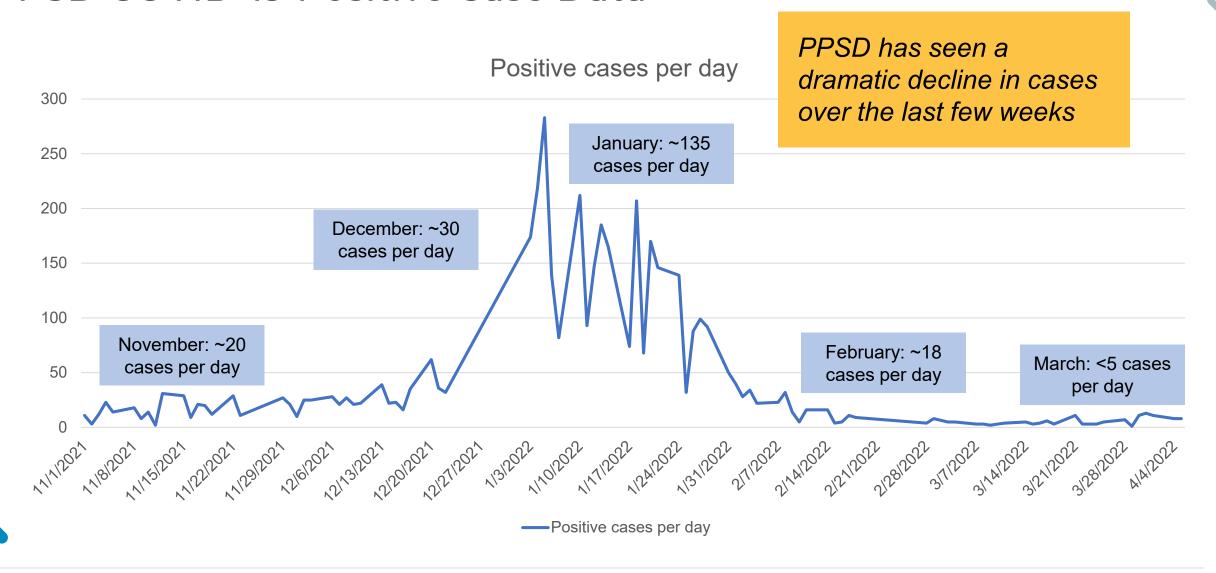
CDC has defined community levels of low/medium/high for COVID impact; Providence County currently rated low

Providence County Levels (March 31, 2022)

	COVID-19 admissions
Cases per 100,000 ir past 7 days	2.4
139.3	Inpatient bed util.
10010	1.9%



PPSD COVID-19 Positive Case Data





Masks Optional

What does masks optional mean?

- Individual students and staff members may choose to wear masks though they are not required
- At no time should an individual be treated differently as a result of their decision to wear or not wear a mask
- People who have or develop symptoms must isolate at home for at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms, and wear a well-fitting mask for 5 more days regardless of vaccination status
- Individual schools may need to wear masks for certain period if a number of positive cases occur in a short period of time

What questions or concerns do you have?

