



Lawrence Public Schools: Return to In Person Learning

March 17, 2021
UPDATE



MA DESE - March 5, 2021 VOTE

The [Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met Friday, March 5](#), heard a [presentation](#) on the need for in-person instruction and voted to give Commissioner Riley the authority to determine when hybrid and remote models will no longer constitute structured learning time and districts must return students to in-person instruction.

The measure allows for a **phased-in approach**, and, as stated in the [Board memo](#), the commissioner's "initial focus is to bring all elementary school students back to in-person learning five days a week this April."

The new regulation provides accommodation for families who wish to have their students learn remotely for the rest of this school year, **as well as a waiver process for districts.**

Districts can apply for waivers to address a limited set of circumstances in which they make a compelling case that they must take an incremental approach

Examples of possible waiver requests:

- **Districts that have been primarily in a fully remote model all year can submit a waiver to take a more incremental approach** (for instance seeking first to return in a hybrid model, before proceeding to full in-person instruction later in this school year).
- **Schools that operate with a grades K-4 configuration, with grade 5 in another school building,** can submit a waiver to delay implementation of full-time, in-person learning for grade 5 until the middle school phase begins.
- **In very limited circumstances, waivers may be considered for operational constraints and feasibility issues, on a temporary basis.**
- Other requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

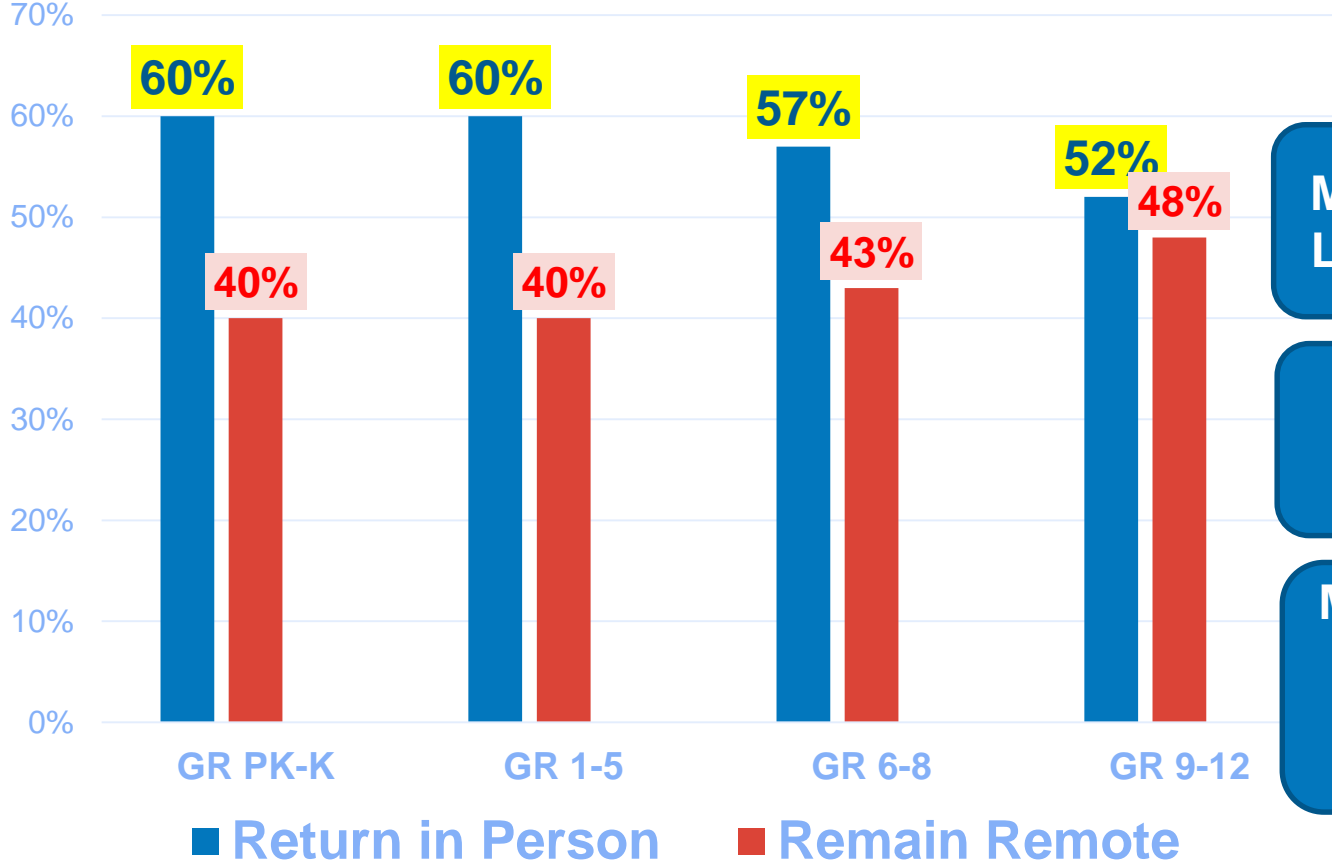
Parents will still have a choice for their children to learn remotely through the end of this school year



LPS will ensure continuation of a robust and engaging remote learning model for families who elect to continue this option.



Return to In Person Learning Family Survey



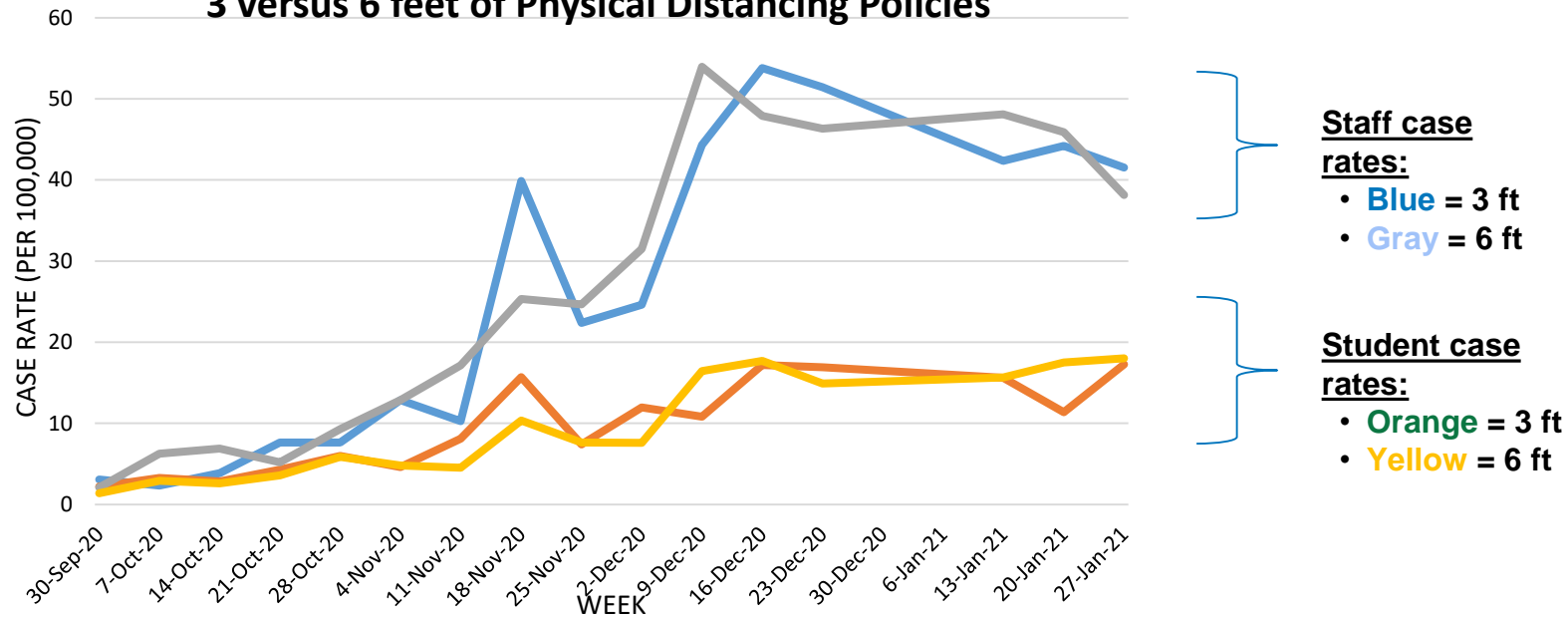
**March 10-March 14
LPS Family Survey**

**9,416 SURVEYS
RECEIVED**

**March 15-March 19
Outreach to
Remaining
Families**

Study of Massachusetts data indicates no substantial difference in cases among students or staff with 3 versus 6 feet of distance since schools re-opened

Cases of SARS-CoV-2 Among Students and Staff with 3 versus 6 feet of Physical Distancing Policies



Source: Polly van den Berg, MD; Elissa M. Schechter-Perkins, MD, MPH; Rebecca S. Jack, MPP; Isabella Epshtein, MPP; Richard Nelson, PhD; Emily Oster, PhD; Westyn Branch-Elliman, MD, MMSc. [SARS-CoV-2 Cases in Students and Staff in Massachusetts with Variable Distancing Policies](#). Infection control plans for Commonwealth school districts with any in person learning were collected, with universal masking for students in grade 3 and higher and universal masking for staff mandatory. 243 districts were included, comprising 520,129 students and 6,227,765 student learning weeks, and 97,679 staff and 1,313,532 staff learning weeks. SARS-CoV-2 cases in students and staff in districts with in-person learning with different distancing policies were compared.

School by School 'Space Feasibility Study'

School	3	2	1	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total Enrollment	60% Enrollment	# of Rooms	# of Student Desks @ 3ft.	Max % of enrolled students who fit
Lawrence High School													620	238	290	889	23				
Abbott Lawrence Academy													78	75	75	77		306	184	27	
ENLACE																		94	56	19	
High School Learning Center													5	13	28	222		279	167	28	
International School													13	28	38	67		122	73	22	
RISE													21	40	11	21		93	56	10	112
Alexander S. Bruce School							88	57	78	89	98	78						472	283	39	636
Arlington Middle School									128	155	149	185						595	357	41	424
Community Day Arlington					88	120	123	131	139									601	361	39	531
Edward F. Parthum Elementary School					82	168	161	163	120									655	393	52	511
Edward F. Parthum Middle School									152	136	188	158						603	362	35	527
Emily G. Wetherbee School					24	39	58	53	75	71	36	75	73					564	338	52	874
Francis M. Leahy School						78	82	85	98	101								440	264	41	344
Frost Elementary School					86	118	125	107	122									554	332	54	615
Frost Middle School									134	131	138	168						547	328	30	518
Gerard A. Guilmette Elementary School					95	111	181	128										477	286	43	587
Gerard A. Guilmette Middle School									126	133	139	112						510	306	43	669
James F. Hannassey School	18	12	55	65	76	78												304	182	33	278
John Breen School	27	31	100	132														290	174	22	268
John K. Tarbox School					52	81	57	56	66									293	176	23	361
Lawlor Early Childhood Center					158													158	95	13	142
Lawrence Family Public Academy					51	122												165	98	16	128
Oliver Partnership School					87	92	98	128	89									473	284	51	685
Rollins Early Childhood Center	13	20	23	27														183	110	30	210
School for Exceptional Studies - EL/MS					1	4	3	2	4	3	4	8						37	22	20	139
School for Exceptional Studies - HS													10	10	14	13	8	55	33	14	0%
School for Exceptional Studies Annex					2	3	2	3	4	2	3	8						32	19	15	36
South Lawrence East Elementary School					148	158	182	164	158									728	437	51	820
Spark Academy									130	163	167							480	288	35	362
UP Academy Leonard									121	111	93							325	195	30	306
UP Academy Oliver Middle School									111	108	118							355	200	30	435
Total	58	63	269	852	978	1030	1036	1074	1089	1094	1149	1125	848	904	761	869	93	13232	7939	1145	10514

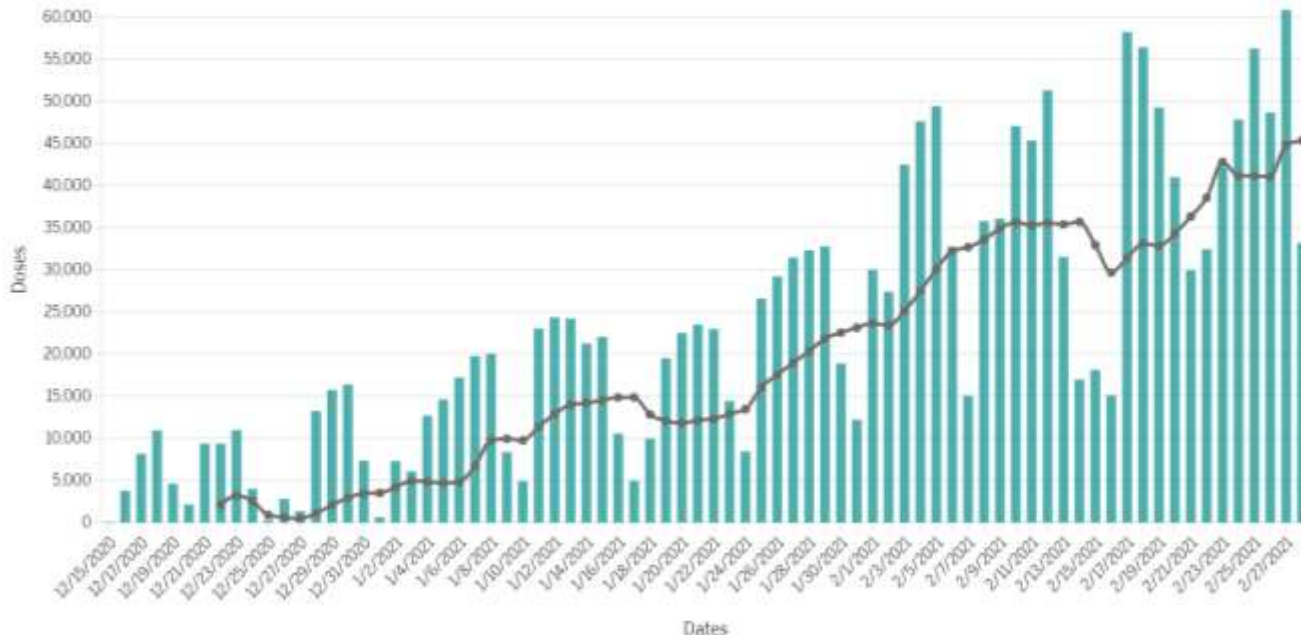
ON AVERAGE we can welcome back **79%** of our students

EVERY SCHOOL can support at least **70%** of their enrollment at 3 ft.

The vaccine rollout is in process: Over 2 million doses have been administered and educators are eligible to book vaccine appointments

Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered by date

■ 7-day avg. total doses administered ■ Total doses administered



**MARCH 11:
Educators and other
K-12 workers are
eligible to book
vaccine
appointments**

Source: Daily COVID Vaccine Report: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-data-and-updates#daily-covid-19-vaccine-report>; The Boston Globe; MA COVID Command Center. Available at: https://www.bostonglobe.com/nation/special-reports/coronavirus/vaccine/?p1=HP_TrendingBar

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Lawrence School Staff & Childcare Provider Week

March 15-20, 2021

Prioritizing Appointments during:

Monday-Friday: 3-5pm

Saturday: 8-4pm

Please note that vaccine appointments are still available outside of these times for all those who are eligible under the State's current vaccine phases. The times listed above do not indicate the entirety of the vaccination schedule, but a subset of times that we dedicated to School Staff & Childcare Providers.

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Safety Protocols

- **Physical Distancing including ONE WAY Halls/Stairs**
- **Face Coverings and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
- **Symptom Screening (Binax Now) and Dismissal Rooms**
- **Contact Tracing, and Quarantine if Needed**
- **Cleaning and Disinfection**



Board provided the Commissioner with the authority to shift away from remote and hybrid models, and begin a fuller return to in-person learning beginning on April 5, 2021

Lawrence Public Schools will return to full-time, in-person school five days per week

April 5th

- Elementary School, GR PK-5
- Students with Disabilities assigned to District Programs, GR PK-12 (ILP, PA, MSS, PG, SES, ANN)

April 28th

- Middle School, GR 6-8
- Specialized High School Programs, GR 9-12 (ENLACE, INT, HLC, RISE)

May 3rd & 4th

- GR 9, MAY 3rd
- GR 10-12, MAY 4th

HOURS will REMAIN THE SAME

PREK and K: 8:00 – 10:30 or 12:00 – 2:30

GR 1-8: 8:00 – 1:30

GR 9-12: 8:30 – 2:30

*Thank
you*

