

# NORTHAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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May 20, 2022

Dear NPS Community:

Below, please find the results of our pooled testing program for the week covering May 16-20.

May 16-20	Total Pools Tested	Presumed Positive Pools	Positive Cases	Cases Reported to School (Wed to Wed)
Bridge Street School	35	6	9	19
Jackson Street School	39	1	0	11
Leeds Elementary	38	2	2	6
R.K. Finn Ryan Road	30	1	1	14
JFK Middle School	39	4	4	12
NHS	38	2	2	16

Weekly pooled testing, reflex testing for positive pools, symptomatic testing, and home testing will continue. Please continue to report positive home antigen test results to your building-based School Nurse or use the following link to report results to the Northampton Public Health Department:

<https://northamptonma.gov/2104/Covid-19-Information>

We have had over 1600 staff absences and 4,400 student absences over the past 4 weeks. A large portion of these are related to COVID, and these numbers are much higher than normal. At times, it has been difficult to keep schools open. During the first two weeks of May we had 8 disease clusters in the schools. Since masking was reinstated, there have been three additional clusters.

A city-wide mask advisory will be considered at the Board of Health meeting scheduled for May 25th. In consideration of the continued disease spread within our schools and the potential for new city-wide guidance from the Board of Health, the District will maintain the current mask requirement until the Board is able to meet to provide further guidance.

Home test-kit link here: <https://northamptonschools.org/additional-covid-screening-options-consent-needed/>  
I encourage all participants in the home kit program to test themselves before coming to school next Monday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Provost, Ed.D.", is written over a horizontal line.

John A. Provost, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools