Operational Readiness for the Return to 5 day In-person Learning on April 26

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Preferences for 5 Days of In-Person Learning

On March 15, families received a form to indicate their preference for 5 days of in-person learning or 5 days of remote learning. The form closed on March 29, with over 40,000 (80%) responses. Of families who responded, 80% did not request a change from their current learning model.

Overall Responses

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## 5 Day Preferences by Student Group

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Health Services

Student COVID-19 Pool Testing:
- BPS actively participating in the Mass DESE Pool Testing Program
- Start Date: **March 8, 2021**
- Consents obtained to date: **6,260 = nearly 22%**
- Pool Testing to date: **3,326** total tests conducted
- **Positive pools: 33** positive pools
- Follow-up testing needed to date: **201**
- **23** individual students were confirmed to be COVID positive

Contact Tracing:
- **Contact tracing to date:** **477**
- Health Services- contact all staff and students with confirmed positive results
- Contacting all close contacts
- Communication with school nurses and school leaders
- Ongoing communication with BPHC for every positive COVID case
Boston Public Schools is committed to reporting to the public a weekly update on confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in our schools. This information reports the combined number of confirmed positive cases for students and staff who have accessed schools for in-person teaching and learning.

Positive Cases Year to Date

336

Students
103

Staff
233
COVID-19 Cases

Oct 1: High In-Person Priority Students Return

Oct 22: All Students Move to Remote Learning

Nov 16: 4 Schools Re-Open

Dec 14: Additional 28 Schools Re-Open for High In-Person Priority Students

Mar 1: Grades K-3 Return

Mar 15: Grades 4-8 Return

Mar 29: Grades 9-12 Return

Feb 4: All Schools Re-Open for High In-Person Priority Students

Grades K0-3 Return

Grades 4-8 Return

Grades 9-12 Return

COVID-19 Cases

Oct 1: 0 cases

Oct 10: 3 cases

Oct 15: 7 cases

Oct 20: 5 cases

Oct 25: 6 cases

Nov 1: 8 cases

Nov 6: 4 cases

Nov 11: 2 cases

Nov 16: 14 cases

Dec 1: 10 cases

Dec 6: 12 cases

Dec 11: 16 cases

Dec 16: 24 cases

Dec 21: 19 cases

Dec 26: 14 cases

Dec 31: 10 cases

Jan 5: 6 cases

Jan 10: 5 cases

Jan 15: 5 cases

Jan 20: 4 cases

Jan 25: 2 cases

Feb 1: 2 cases

Feb 6: 2 cases

Feb 11: 2 cases

Feb 16: 2 cases

Feb 21: 3 cases

Feb 26: 13 cases

Mar 1: 19 cases

Mar 6: 19 cases

Mar 11: 19 cases

Mar 16: 26 cases

Mar 21: 5 cases

Mar 26: 4 cases

Mar 31: 1 case
Boston Public Schools

Vaccine Update

Boston Public Schools offered 4 ways for our employees and contractors to receive a vaccine:

1. State clinics
2. Community based clinics
3. BPS priority slots with existing clinical partners
4. BPS clinic

We created the website: vaccine.bostonpublicschools.org for employees to learn more and sign up for specific slots at our clinic or priority slots from existing clinics.

- We were able to offer just over 7,000 slots that were BPS specific
  - Existing Clinic Slots: ~4,000
  - BPS Clinic slots: 3,184

We were intentional about our outreach to our employees with limited access to computers:

- Phone number for employees to call and book appts
- Several visits to bus yards to book appts and dedicated bus driver/monitor days
Facilities

**Window Repairs**
Of the 27,000 windows in the district 12,000 were identified in need of being cleaned or repaired. This project is complete.

**Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Testing**
Completed across the district

**MERV-13**
All Buildings capable of being upgraded have Merv-13 filters installed.

**Air Purifiers**
District Obtained 7,500 units and distributed them across the district to schools.

**PPE**
We established a coordinated centralized PPE request and delivery process. Each school has a PPE Coordinator. We have a stockpile on hand of frequently used PPE items to last us through the school year.

**Indoor Air Quality Sensor**
Installation in every classroom will occur over the summer.

**Tents & Seat Cushions**
School Leaders have requested and procurement is in process
Transportation

Routing and Bus Assignments:
● Preliminary routing of bus-eligible students (who have not opted out of a bus/in-person learning) complete for 5 days of buses starting April 26
● Bus drivers scheduled to complete dry runs on new routes over April break
● Students can expect to have the same morning bus and the same afternoon bus each day they attend in-person learning (no more hybrid bus schedules)

Family Communications:
● Week of 4/5: Communicate expectations and FAQs to bus-eligible students
● Week of 4/19: Communicate finalized bus assignments to families
● Families can reach us through our Hotline (617-635-9520), Support Portal (including chat), or email (schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org)

Bus Monitors:
● Bus monitors will be provided to all students who require them, in accordance with student IEPs
● We continue to actively hire more public health bus monitors

Labor: Negotiations and impact bargaining ongoing

Bus Health and Safety Protocols:
● BPSDOT will continue to follow bus health and safety protocols - including mask wearing, opening windows for ventilation, and 2x daily disinfecting of buses
● Amended capacity limitations and physical distancing requirements, in accordance with DESE’s updated transportation guidance from Feb 11, 2021
## Transportation

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<th>Month</th>
<th>Number of BPS Schools Open*</th>
<th>Bus On-Time Performance</th>
<th>Hotline Wait Time</th>
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<td>October</td>
<td>All BPS Schools</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>94%</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td><strong>95%</strong></td>
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BPS opened for in-person learning for K0-3rd grade on Mar 1, for 4th-8th grade on Mar 15, and for 9th-12th grade on Mar 29.

On each of these days, we achieved a 95%+ bus on-time performance.

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*BPS schools in SY20–21 have only been open for students with high in-person priority between October and February. On March 1, students in grades K0-3 returned for hybrid learning. On March 15, grades 4-8 returned for hybrid learning. On March 29, grades 9-12 returned for hybrid learning.*
Food Services

Accomplishments

- Number of **meals served** to date under COVID restrictions - **5,209,089**
- Number of meals **delivered** to homes - **1,350,440**
- Number of **daily hours** at schools to cook, prep, serve and distribute meals - **2,934**
- Number of **grocery bags** distributed - over **50,000**
- **USDA** Food boxes - over **15,000** delivered
- **P-EBT** - over **$69.6M** distributed to BPS students
Food Services

● **Food Access during in School learning**
  ○ Utilizing space (in and out of cafeterias) for meal service
  ○ Return to Cooking
  ○ My Way Cafe rollouts
  ○ Meal packs available for hybrid 9-12 students

● **Food Access during Remote Learning**
  ○ Reducing the number of Super Sites to distribute meals
  ○ Minimizing the number of door to door deliveries
  ○ Groceries available for distribution weekly

● **Updates on USDA Regulations/Waivers**
  ○ Allow meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to be made available in all areas at no cost;
  ○ Allow meals to be served outside of the normally required group settings and meal times; and
  ○ Allow parents and guardians to pick-up meals for their children, including bulk pick-up to cover multiple days of feeding children.
  ○ Approved until September 30, 2021