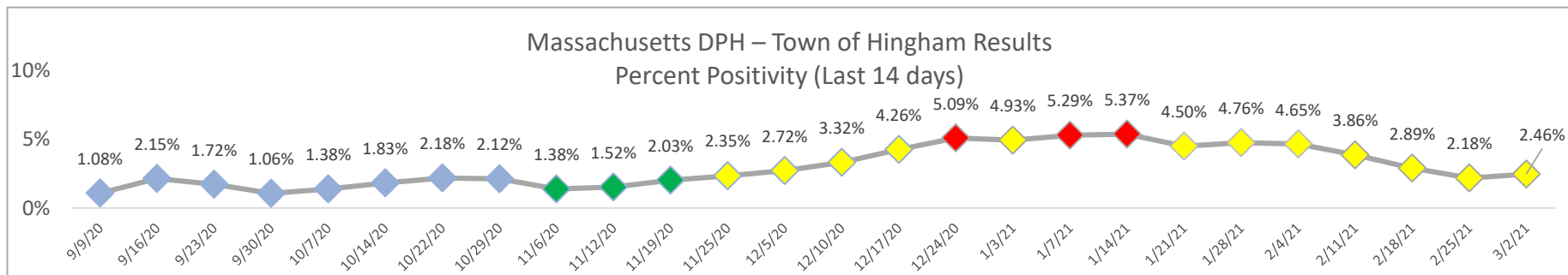
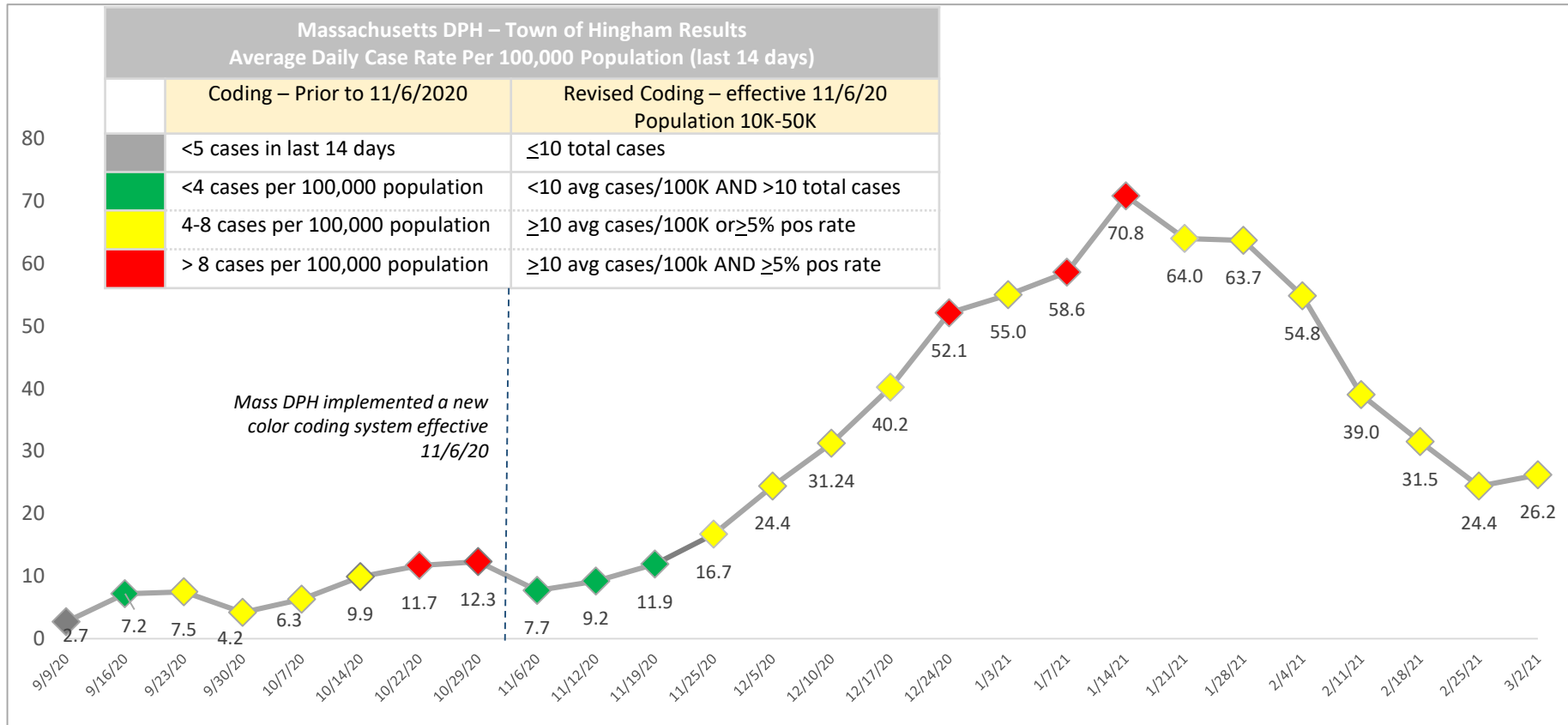




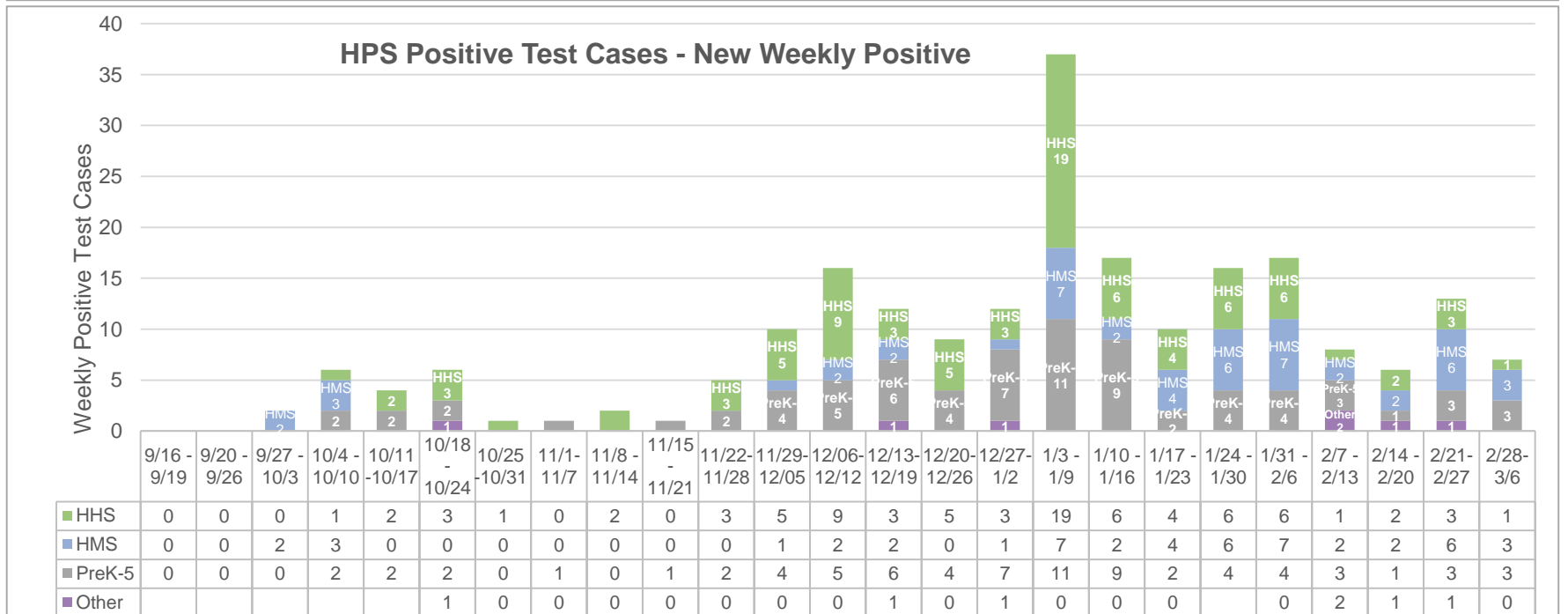
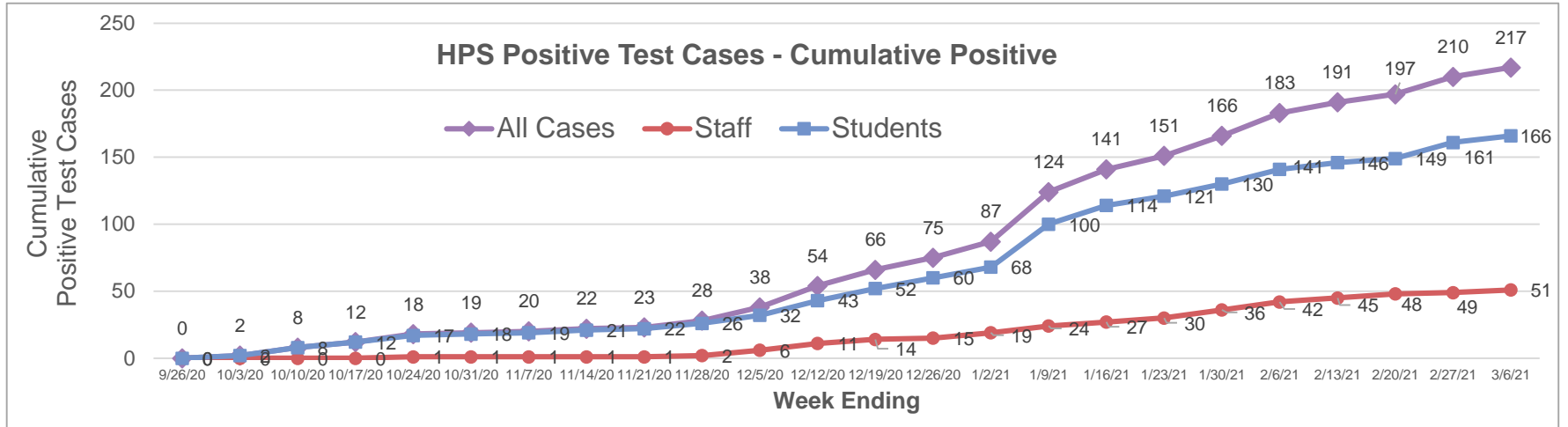
Superintendent's Update

March 8, 2021 School Committee Meeting

Town of Hingham - COVID-19 Weekly Public Health Report

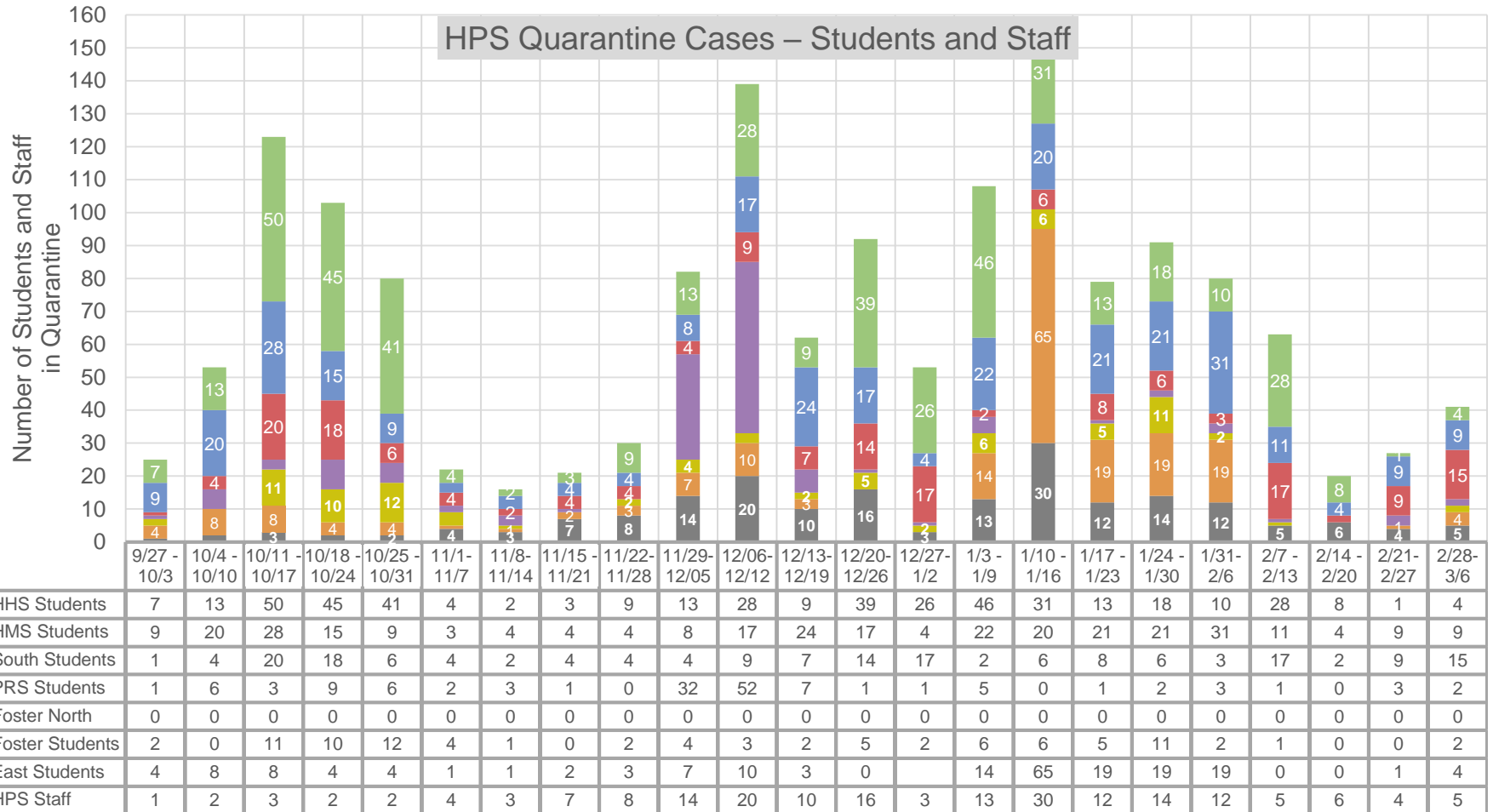


Hingham Schools - Weekly and Cumulative Positive Test Cases



Graph only reflects positive test cases among students and staff that are attending in-person learning. Does not include any individual that is fully remote. Data is based on self-reporting from the impacted individuals to the school nurse. Weekly numbers will be updated as additional cases are reported.

Hingham Schools – Weekly Quarantine Report



Required Health Protocols

- Daily Checklist:** All parents/guardians must pre-screen their children each day before sending them to school. See the [COVID-19 Daily Checklist](#).
- Mask Requirements:** A face covering that complies with CDC guidance and covers the nose and mouth must be worn at all times and by all individuals in all public areas of school buildings, on school grounds and on school transportation. [See the full face mask policy.](#)
- Physical Distancing:** All students and staff will remain 6-foot distance from each other during school. [See more.](#)
- Returning to School:** Follow the guidelines for returning to school after COVID-19-like symptoms or a positive test. [See more.](#)

Hingham Schools – COVID-19 Staff Testing

Test Date	Number of Negative Tests	% Negative Tests	Number of Positive Tests	% Positive Tests
1/14/2021	93	100%	0	0%
1/19/2021	93	100%	0	0%
1/21/2021	121	100%	0	0%
1/26/2021	105	99.06%	1	0.94%
1/28/2021	99	100%	0	0%
2/4/2021	192	100%	0	0%
2/11/2021	206	100%	0	0%
2/25/2021	182	100%	0	0%
3/4/2021	176	100%	0	0%
Total Tests	1267	99.92%	1	0.08%

Student Testing

- Due to personnel demands of pool testing, the district has contracted with an approved third party vendor to implement pool testing across the district.
 - Beginning tomorrow, March 9, we will begin pool testing at Hingham High School
 - Beginning Thursday, March 11, we will begin pool testing at Hingham Middle School
 - Beginning the week of March 15, we will begin pool testing in grades 3-5.
 - Grades K-2 - start date TBD

Educator and Support Staff Testing and Vaccinations

- The District is continuing with PCR testing for staff every Thursday. We average approximately 200 staff per week.
- We anticipate that as educators are vaccinated, the demand for testing will reduce.
- We will eventually eliminate individual PCR testing and transition to pool testing for both staff and students. Staff will be included in student pools (no staff only pools).
- All HPS staff will be eligible for Covid Vaccinations beginning on March 11, 2021. CVS Pharmacies opened eligibility for staff last week.
- Many staff have either received their vaccine or are scheduled to receive it soon.

Update on Increase of In-person Learning

- The District is ready to implement the increase to in-person learning as ratified by both the HEA and the School Committee this evening.
 - On March 15, grades 1-5 will attend school full days, five days per week.
 - Parents and Guardians have the choice for the child to attend school in-person or remotely. We have approximately 50 children who will remain in remote learning across grades 1-5 in the district.
 - We have hired “Remote Teachers” who will provide core instruction to those students who will continue to access education remotely.
- As previously reported, both Hingham High School and Hingham Middle School Advisory Committee’s have been meeting and I have asked for proposals to increase in-person learning for secondary students this week.
- In anticipation of those proposals, I would request that the School Committee consider scheduling an additional meeting for Monday, March 15 to allow me to review proposals with the School Committee to increase in-person learning for secondary students.