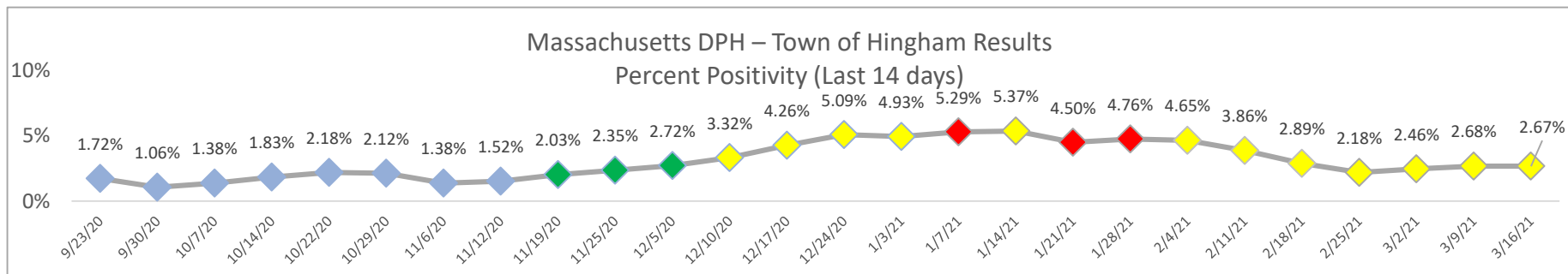
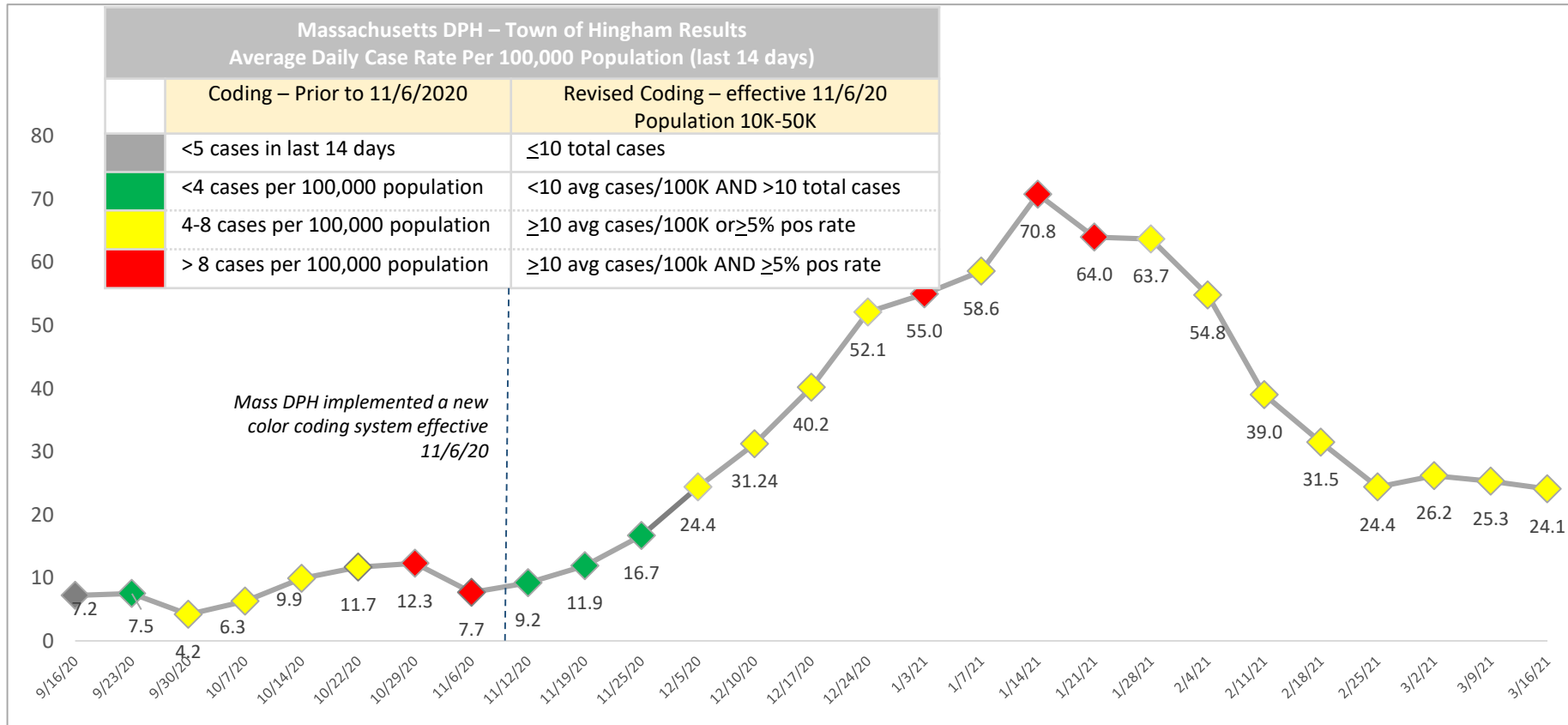




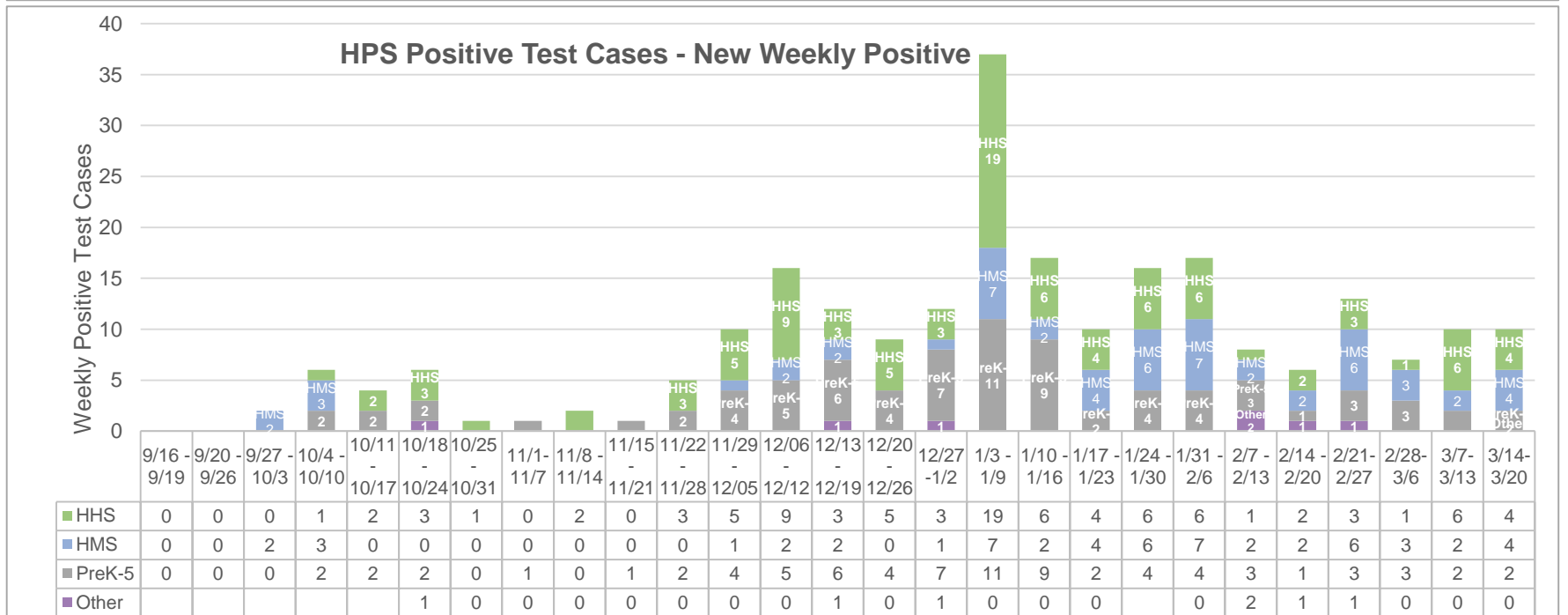
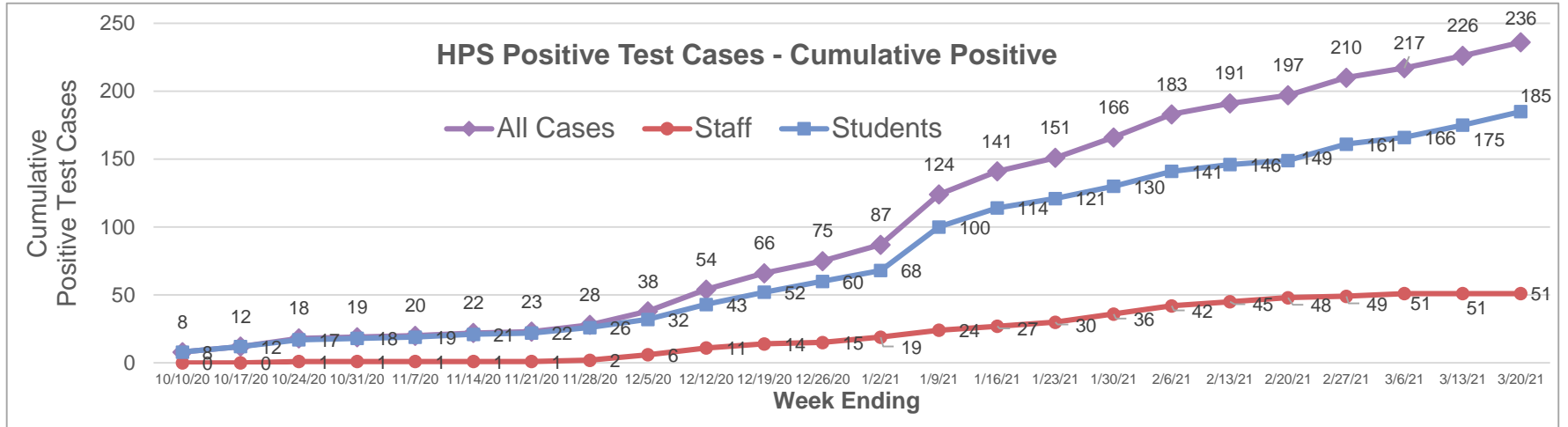
# Superintendent Report

March 22, 2021

# Town of Hingham - COVID-19 Weekly Public Health Report

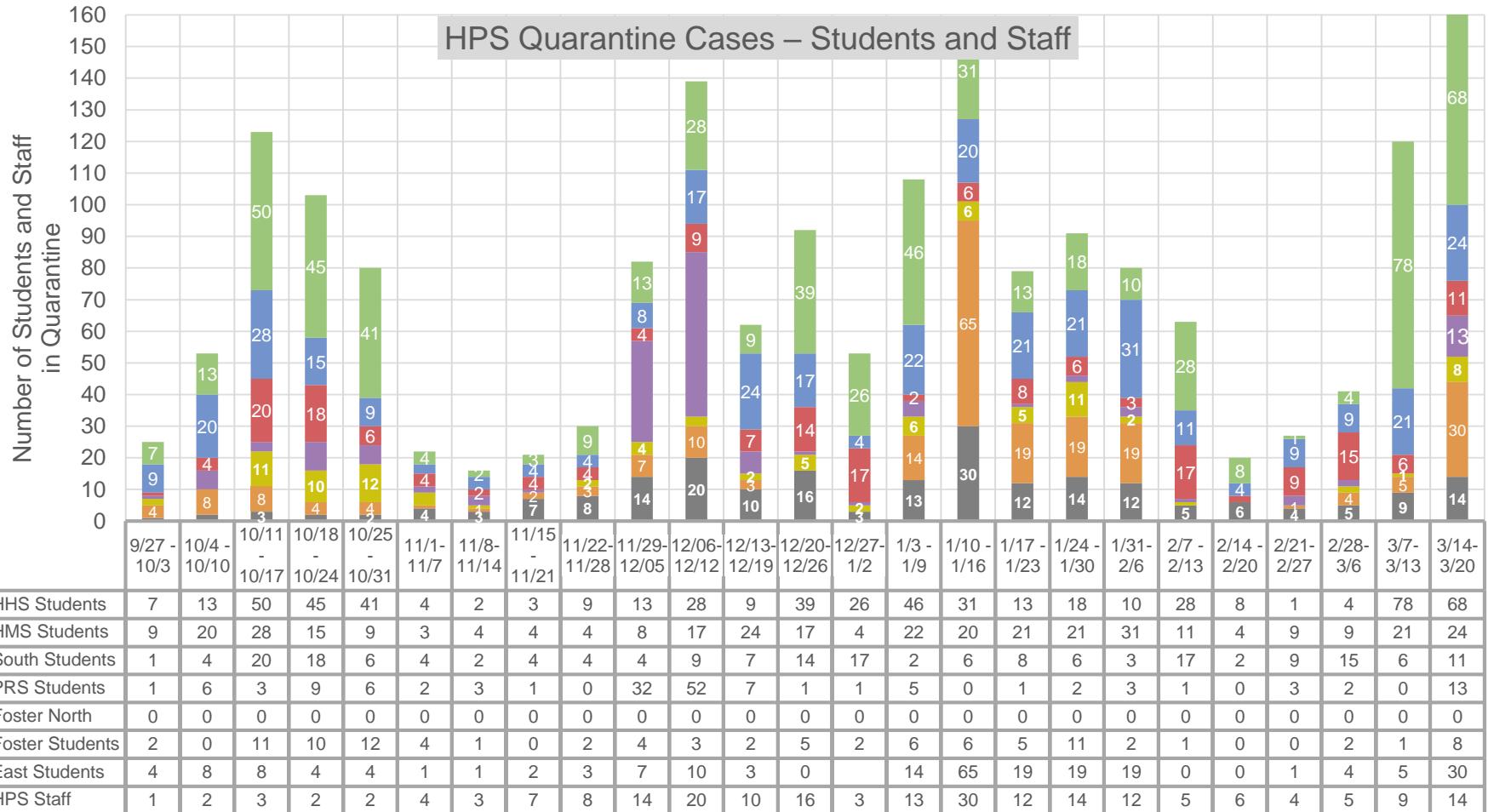


# Hingham Schools - Weekly and Cumulative Positive Test Cases



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-feet 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

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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%
3/11/2021	138	100%	0	0%
3/18/2021	111	100%	0	0%
Total Tests	1516	99.93%	1	0.07%

# Hingham Schools – COVID-19 Student Pool Testing

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Test Date	Number of Pools	Number of Tests	% of Negative Tests	% of Positive Tests
2/25/2021	5	28	100%	0%
3/9/2021	5	37	100%	0%
3/11/2021	7	57	100%	0%
3/16/2021	6	51	100%	0%
3/17/2021	34	265	100%	0%
3/18/2021	7	49	100%	0%
Total Tests	64	487	100%	0%

# COVID Testing Considerations

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- As we transition to full-time attendance in just a few days/weeks, the importance of surveillance monitoring for COVID-19 in our schools is incredibly important.
- Although staff and educators may be fully vaccinated soon, students are still not eligible to be vaccinated. We have seen an increase in cases in COVID-19 both in Hingham and in other MA communities, and even one community had to close schools due to an outbreak. We must remain vigilant in order to ensure that our schools remain open and we need your help.
- If you have declined pool testing, we ask that you reconsider now that schools are opening full-time. As the results have shown, we have had no pool return as positive. This is very reassuring to our educators and families, and is a positive step to ensure the health and safety of all.
- As a reminder, all students are between 3 and 6 feet in the classroom. We have seen a major increase in the number of students and staff in quarantine as a result of positive tests. None of these have come from pool testing. The more and faster we know, the more efficient we can be in isolating the issue.

# New Travel Requirements

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- Monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community is essential for the safe operations of our schools. We ask that everyone in the HPS community please adhere to all advisories in relation to travel and COVID-19
- As of Monday, March 22, all visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, are advised to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival. Travelers in the following categories are exempt from this quarantine advisory:
  - Travelers who have received a negative COVID-19 result on a test administered not more than 72 hours prior to their arrival in Massachusetts. Travelers may also test out of the quarantine advisory after arrival in Massachusetts, as long as they quarantine until receiving a negative test result.
  - Anyone who is entering Massachusetts for fewer than 24 hours
  - Anyone who is returning to Massachusetts after being out of the State for fewer than 24 hours
  - Travelers who are fully vaccinated (i.e. who have received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines OR who have received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 14 days or more ago) and who do not have symptoms.
  - The Cushing Street testing facility remains open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday until further notice. If you have traveled, please test and await results prior to returning to school unless you have met the exemptions listed above.



# Increasing In-Person Learning for All Students

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- Beginning on March 29, all in-person HMS students will attend school from 7:30am – 11:55pm, five days per week.
- Beginning on April 5, all in-person HHS students will attend school from 8:00am – 12:05pm, five days per week.
- On April 26, all in-person HMS and HHS students will attend school five full days per week. Adjusted schedules will be forthcoming soon.
- Families must commit to have their student(s) remote or in-person for the remainder of the year. If a family wishes to change from remote to in-person after April 17, requests will be subject to space availability and may take up to 3 weeks.
- If you have an HMS or HHS student and have not completed the return survey, please do so by the end of business on Wednesday. To date, we have received about 70% of the potential surveys. Approximately 3% at HMS and 9% at HHS wish to remain in remote learning for the remainder of the school year.

# Thank you

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- Questions and Comments