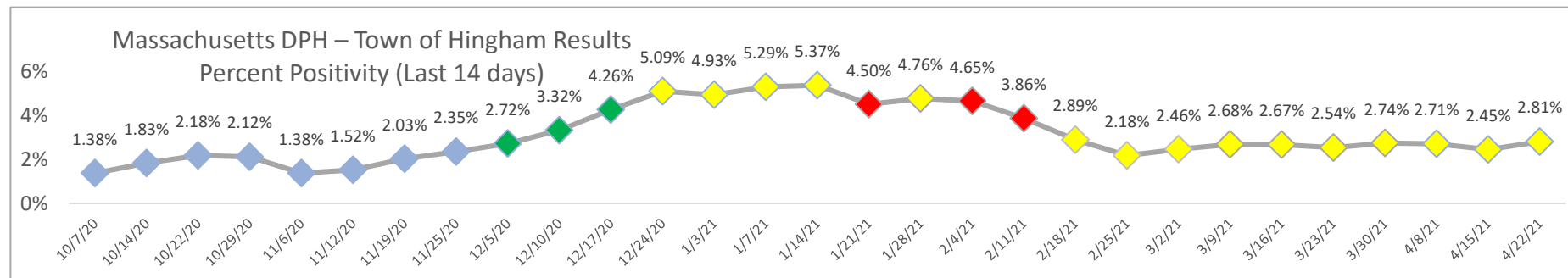
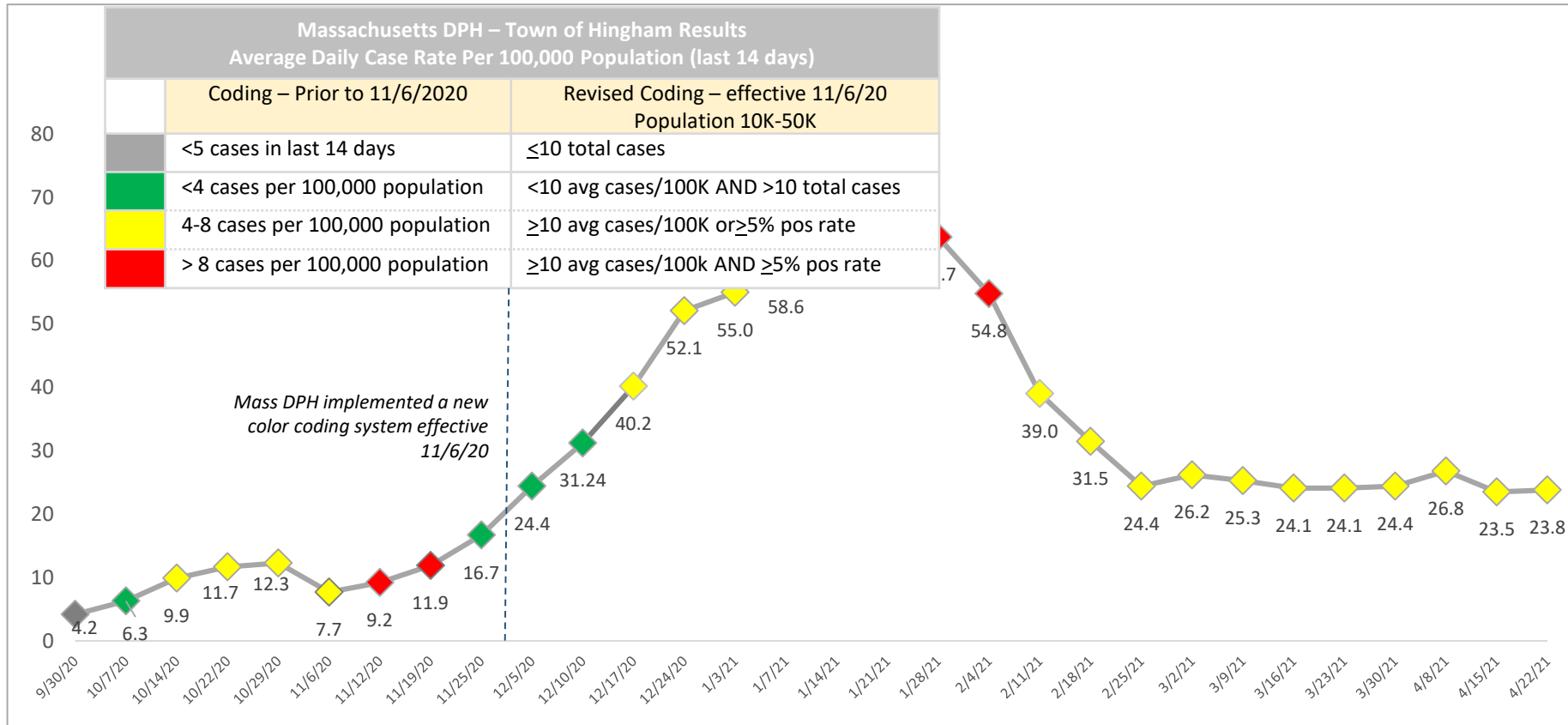




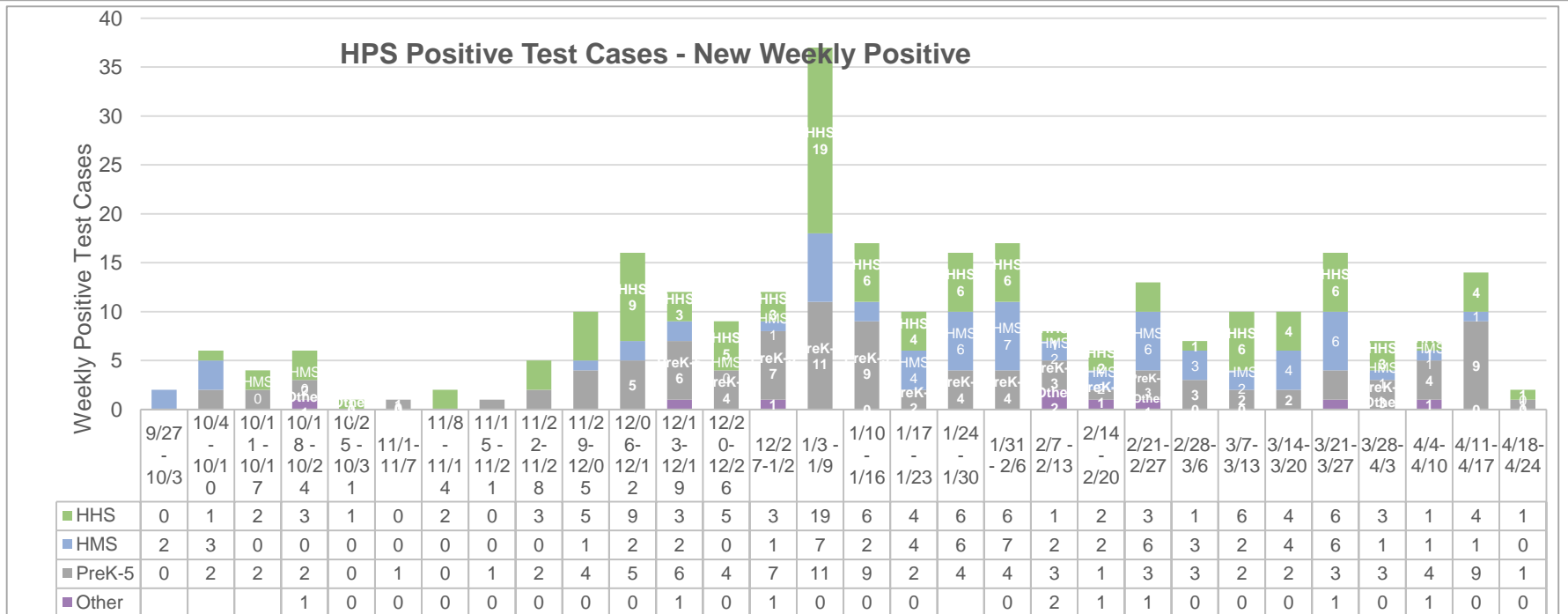
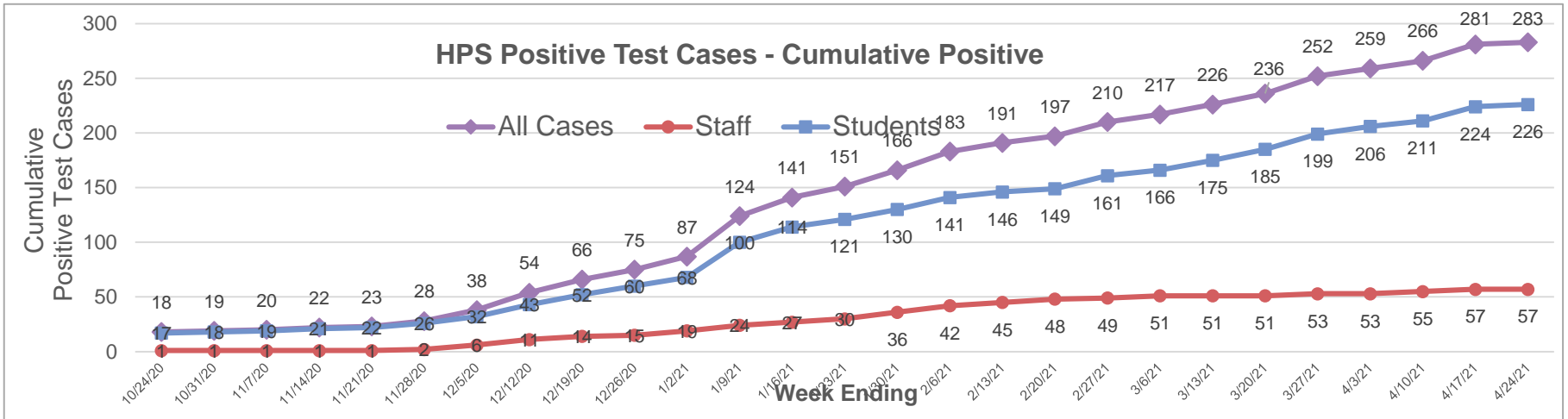
Superintendent's Update

04/26/2021

Town of Hingham - COVID-19 Weekly Public Health Report

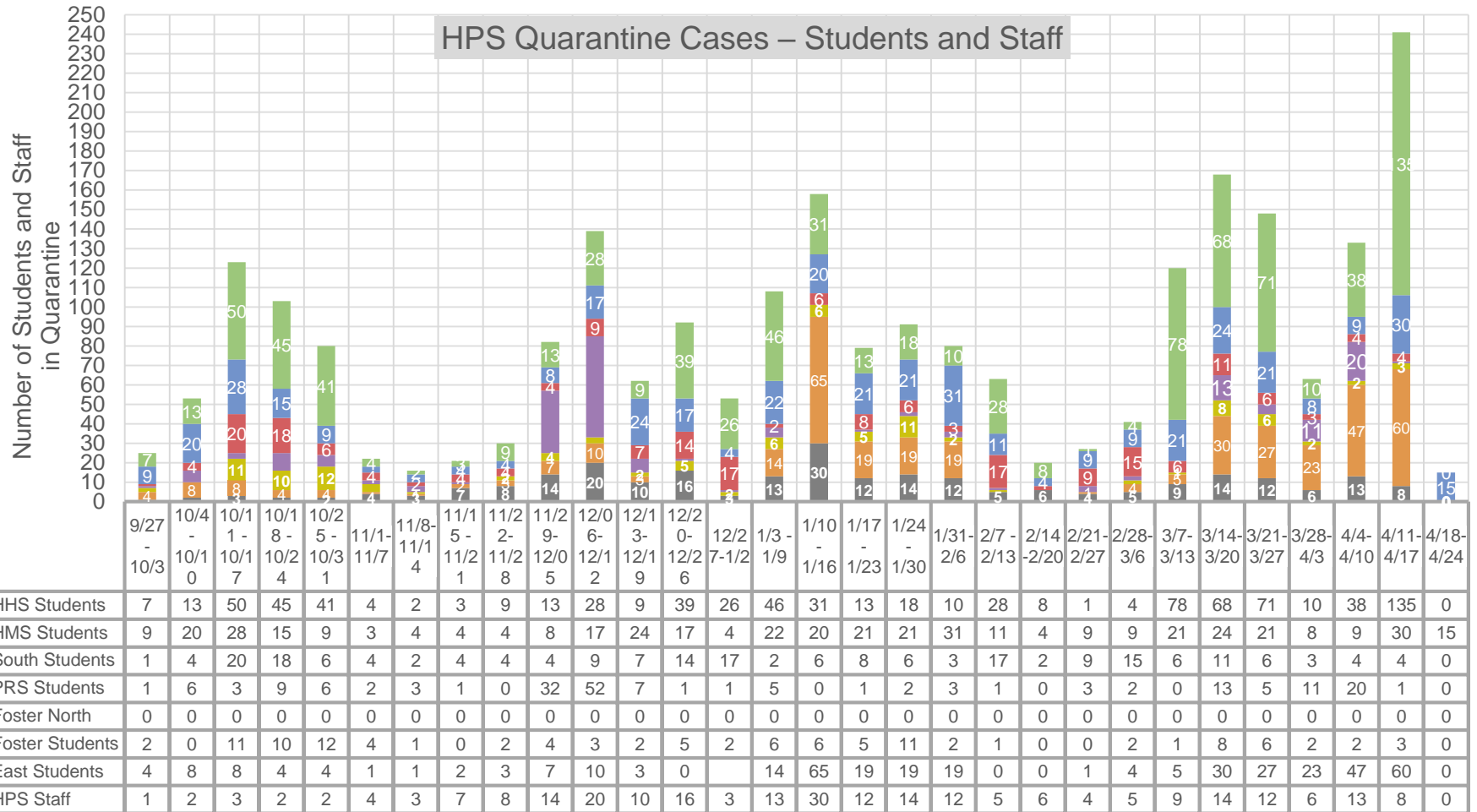


Hingham Schools - Weekly and Cumulative Positive Test Cases



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.](#)

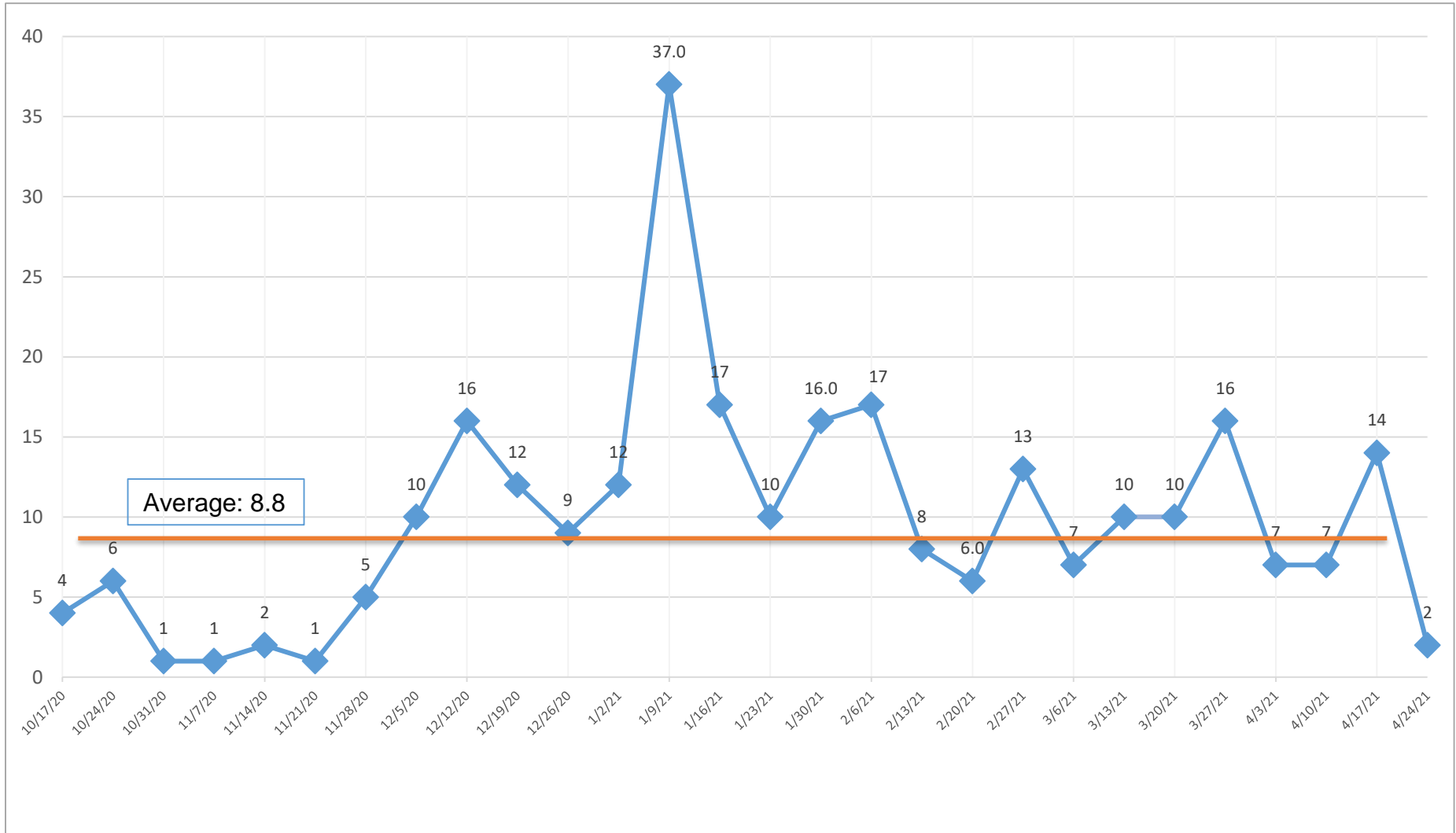
Hingham Schools – COVID-19 Staff Testing

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%
3/25/2021	102	100%	0	0%
4/1/2021	88	100%	0	0%
4/8/2021	96	98.97%	1	1.03%
4/15/2021	101	100%	0	0%
Total Tests	1903	99.9%	2	0.10%

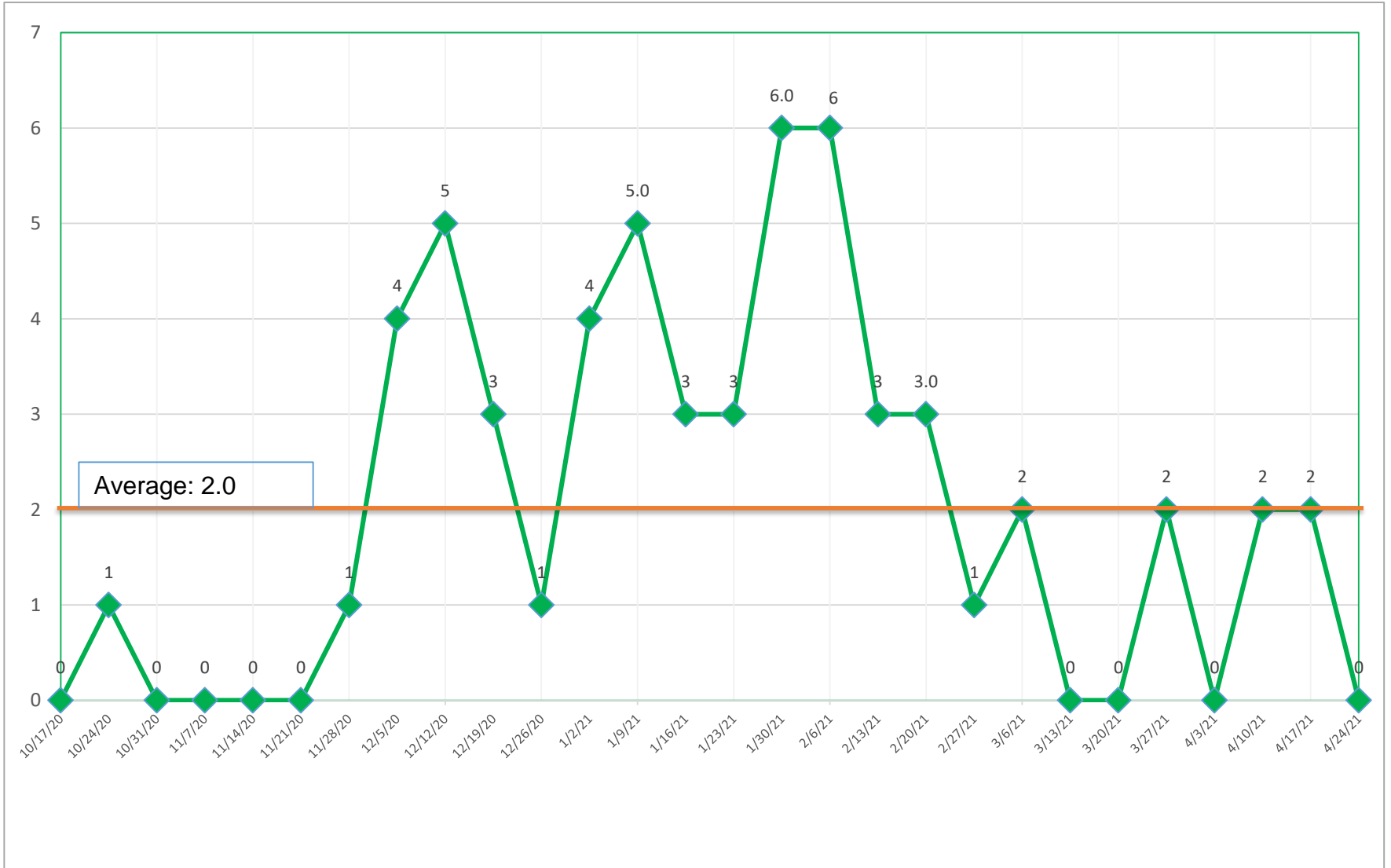
Hingham Schools – COVID-19 Student Pool Testing

Test Dates	# of Pools	# of Tests	% of Negative Pools	# of Positive Pools	% of Positive Pools	# of AbbottBinax Rapid Tests Administered	# of Positive Individual Results
2/25	5	28	100%	0	0%	0	0
3/9 & 3/11	12	94	100%	0	0%	0	0
3/16, 3/17, 3/18	47	365	100%	0	0%	0	0
3/23, 3/24, 3/25	52	372	100%	0	0%	0	0
3/30, 3/31, 4/1	56	352	100%	0	0%	0	0
4/6, 4/7	59	377	100%	0	0%	0	0
4/13, 4/15	74	347	98.6%	1	1.4%	10	1
4/23	21	188	90.4%	2	9.5%	17	0
Total Tests	326	2123	99.7%	3	0.9%	10	1

Total Weekly Positive Case Count (Students and Staff) in HPS Since September 2020



Weekly Positive Case Count in HPS Staff Since 10/1/2020



COVID Testing and Data Report

- Data may be incomplete due to the April vacation break.
- To date, we have had one positive student pool that resulted in the identification of one positive COVID-19 case.
- Testing is used to identify asymptomatic cases in the schools. To date, we have identified 2 asymptomatic staff through our weekly staff testing and one student through our pool testing program. We continue to encourage everyone to participate in our testing programs.
- The number of cases prior to the break were slightly elevated and should serve as a reminder that we all need to remain vigilant and observe the protocols that have been put in place that keep us all safe.
- The vaccine is now open for all persons age 16 and over.

Quarantine Changes Effective Immediately

- On April 21, Quarantine guidance for close contacts was approved by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services after consultation with the Governor's Medical Advisory Board on COVID-19 and other medical advisors. This updated guidance is effective immediately.
- Close contacts who were exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual **in the classroom or on the bus while both individuals were masked** do not have to quarantine unless they were within 3 feet of distance of the COVID-19 positive individual for a total of 15 minutes during a 24-hour period. This does not apply if someone was identified as a close contact outside of the classroom or bus (e.g., in sports, extra-curriculars, lunch, etc.) or if masks are not worn by both persons at the time of the exposure. All other close contacts must follow the standard protocol for when a close contact may return to school.
- The full guidance is posted on the [COVID-19 guidance page](#) and [available for download](#).

Close Contact Reminders outside of the classroom or bus

- As a reminder, DPH defines [close contact](#) as: Being within 6 feet of a COVID-19 case (someone who has tested positive) for a total of 15 minutes during a 24-hour period. Multiple brief or transitory interactions (less than a minute) throughout the day are unlikely to result in 15 minutes of cumulative contact and do not meet the definition of close contact. Being in the same room as an individual if you are consistently separated by 6 feet of distance does not meet the definition of a close contact.
- Close contact can occur while being with, caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case, OR
- Having direct physical contact with the person (e.g. hugging or kissing), OR
- Sharing eating or drinking utensils, OR
- Having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment.

In-Person Learning

- As of today, all HPS students are attending school 5 days per week.
- Hingham Middle School is now operating on a full-day schedule for all students, five days per week.
- Hingham High School is now operating on a full-day Hybrid schedule for any student who wishes to attend for a full day. All in-person students are required to attend five days per week. Students who wish to work remotely (Hybrid Model) for their Direct Study Hall during periods G and H may do so with parent consent. If a student wishes to attend a Direct Study in-person during G and H block he/she must commit to doing so for the remainder of the school year.
- The Commissioner of Education may determine that all high schools must be fully in-person prior to the end of the school year. If this happens, the Hybrid Learning Model will end and all in-person students must plan on being in school for a full day. As was done in prior years, Seniors will be allowed early dismissal at the end of the school day if they do not have a scheduled class.
- The District has established a Reopening Committee to review and plan for fall, 2021. The first meeting of the Committee will be held in May and monthly updates will be provided to the School Committee during its scheduled meetings. I will request that the Chair of the School Committee appoint a representative to that Committee.

Thank you

- Questions and Comments