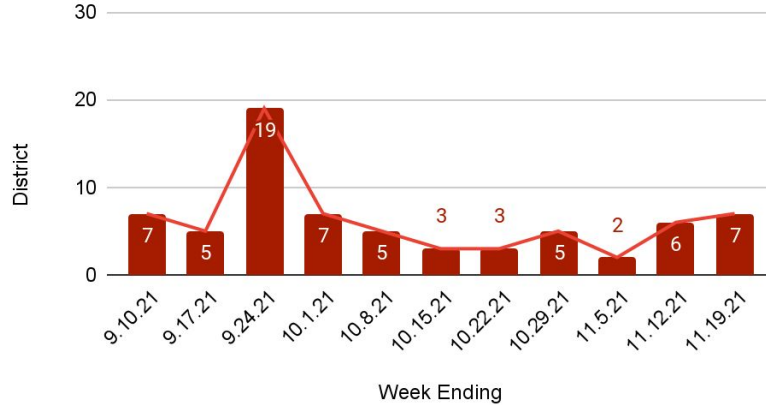


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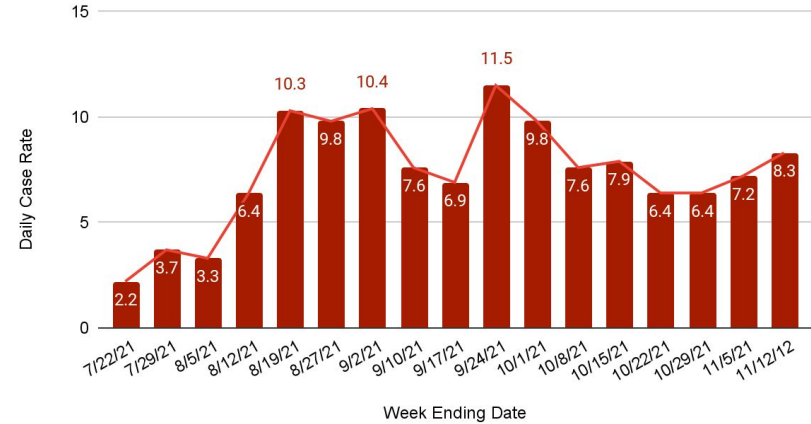


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## COVID-19 Status Updates:

- Vaccination Clinics (Thank You Arlington Health Department!)
- Thompson Ventilation and Dismissal 11/15
- Considerations for COVID-19 Restrictions
- Taking Precautions this Holiday Season:
  - Vaccinate all eligible members of your household prior to travel or family gatherings.
  - Wear masks during and after travel.
  - Test for COVID-19 before returning to school.
  - Test for COVID-19 again on day 5 following travel.
  - Actively monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 following travel.
  - Use mitigation strategies in public areas while traveling, such as masking, regardless of the vaccination status.



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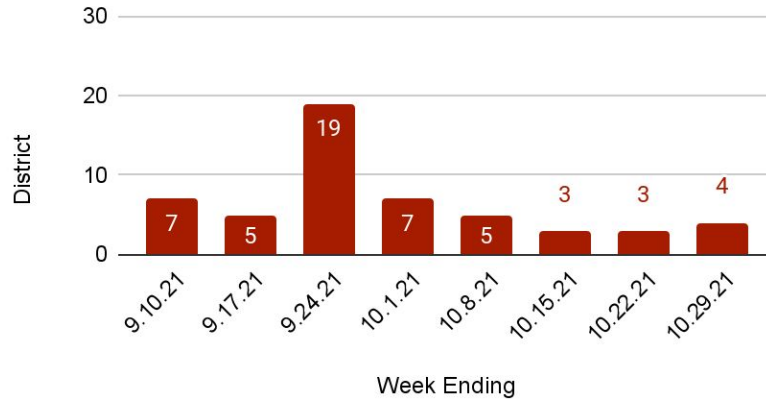
- December is “Feedback Month:”
  - Panorama survey to all staff, students, and families;
  - Time set aside for staff and students to complete their surveys;
  - New categories added to this year’s survey to help us assess school climate, teacher-student relationships, sense of belonging, rigorous expectations, and school safety;
  - Follow-up action planning at the building level planned for January-February;
  - Results to be used in district strategic planning efforts this spring-summer.
- Congratulations to all of our Fall Athletics Teams on a Spectacular and Record-Breaking Season!
- Upcoming Districtwide Equity Audit: RFP to be posted soon on Town Website.
- Ottoson Fall Play: *Us and Them*
- Enrollments
  - Active Enrollment Spreadsheet
  - October 1 Summary Report
  - Projections Status Update (M. Mason)



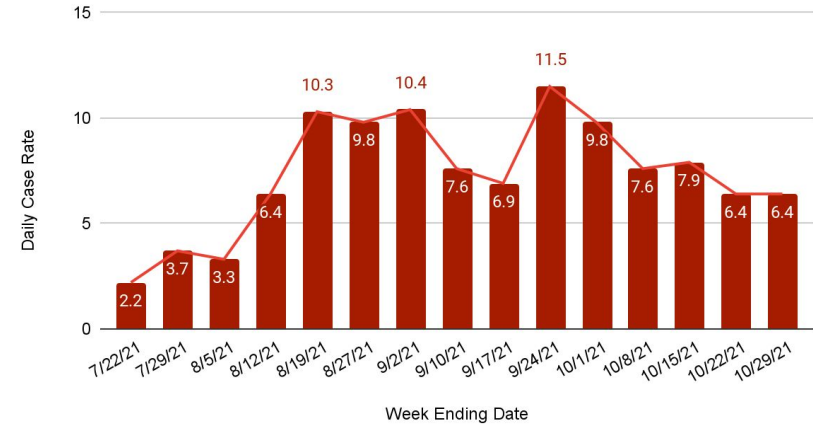
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## Entry Plan:

- Fall family and staff listening sessions begin next week; these will have focal themes of DEI, partnering with families, allocation of resources, supporting staff, and professional development and teacher leadership.
- Student focus groups scheduled at all levels, school visits underway, and fall family/student/staff surveys currently in development.

## Hiring Challenges and Vacancies:

- APS currently has 41 open positions posted.
- We are actively hiring for multiple positions and all levels of experience; we ask that the community please share widely!
- Hiring shortage mirrored in other neighboring communities.

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## Good news items:

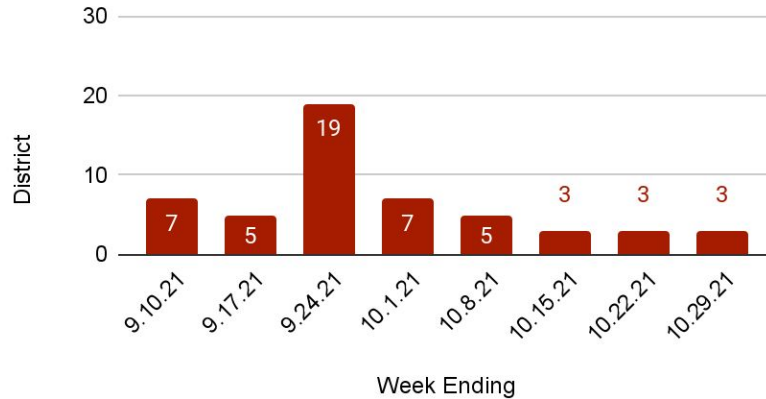
- We will be providing grab-and-go lunches on all school days, including early release days: this is an adjustment from the SC-voted calendar. As a reminder, all lunches and breakfasts are free this year to all students and breakfasts are served at all schools.
- We are preparing for COVID-19 Vaccination clinics throughout the district. Clinics will take place in November following the approval of vaccines for ages 5-11, and more information will be sent to families as soon as the vaccines are approved.

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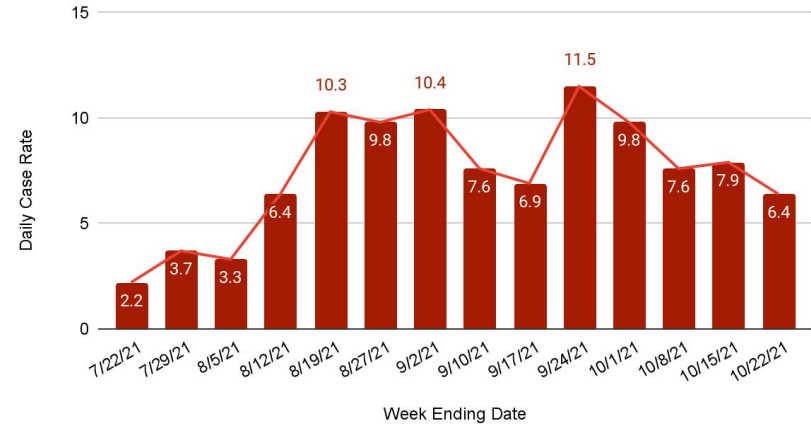


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## Masking Considerations

- Town mandate still in effect until Middlesex county is categorized as a county with “moderate” or “low” spread for at least 2 consecutive weeks (currently “substantial”)
- When town mandate is lifted, we will consider multiple factors before making masks optional, including:
  - Current rate of participation in COVID-19 pooled testing at each school (currently below 80% at AHS and Ottoson);
  - Current vaccination rate of students and staff at each school (currently above 80% at Ottoson and AHS);
  - Vaccination eligibility and rates for all students across the system;
- Any determinations about mask requirements will be made in full consultation and collaboration with the Arlington Department of Health and Human Services and Board of Health, as well as the APS Nursing Department.



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- AHS Varsity Teams having a great season with a combined 56-14-6 Record (W-L-T), 80% win percentage. Boys' Soccer is Undefeated! Currently 10-0-2
- Looking forward to attending *Metamorphoses* fall play this weekend, performances on Saturday and Sunday at 12pm and 4pm. Email Lianna Bessette for tickets or more information: lbessette@arlington.k12.ma.us
- Observations of Indigenous Peoples' Day in APS: Thank you to Librarians and APS Social Studies Departments!
- Welcome to the team Kris Comeforo, Superintendent Intern
- Enrollments



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