APS Revised Protocol A: Test-to-Return

Return to school: On day 11 OR on days 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, provided the Individual:

- Has tested negative on a rapid antigen test; and
- Has been without fever for 24 hours (and without taking fever-reducing medications); and,
- Has experienced improvement in other symptoms; and
- Can mask for 5 additional days when around others, except when eating. If a student cannot mask, follow DESE protocol/FAQ.
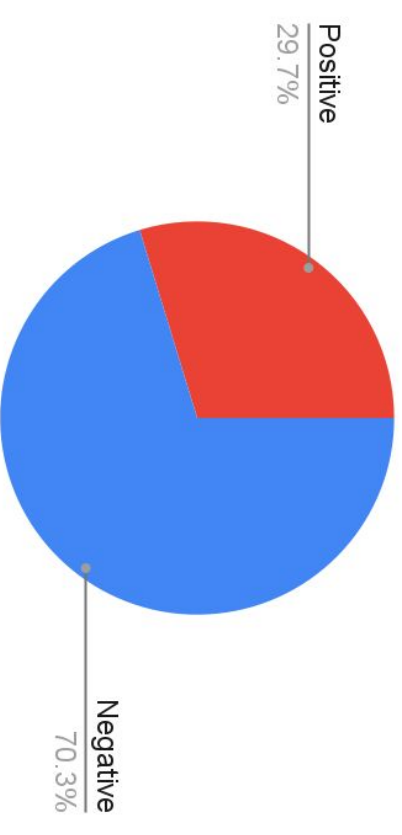
More Information about TtR:

- Only APS rapid antigen tests must be used for return testing after an infection;
- Students may only "test to return" one time between days 6 and 10;
- Students who test positive must continue to quarantine until Day 11;
- Students who test negative may attend school the following day

For the month of January, "Test to return" will take place at Arlington High School from 3:30-4:30pm Monday-Thursday.

Why Test-to-Return?

CDC Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines: "If an individual has access to a test and wants to test, the best approach is to use an antigen test towards the end of the 5-day isolation period. Collect the test sample only if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved. *If your test result is positive, you should continue to isolate until day 10. If your test result is negative, you can end isolation, but continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public until day 10.*
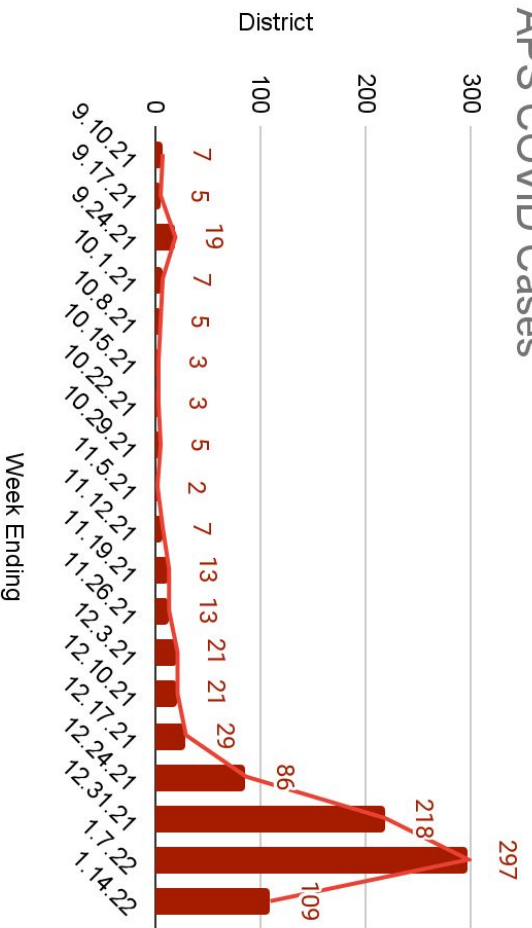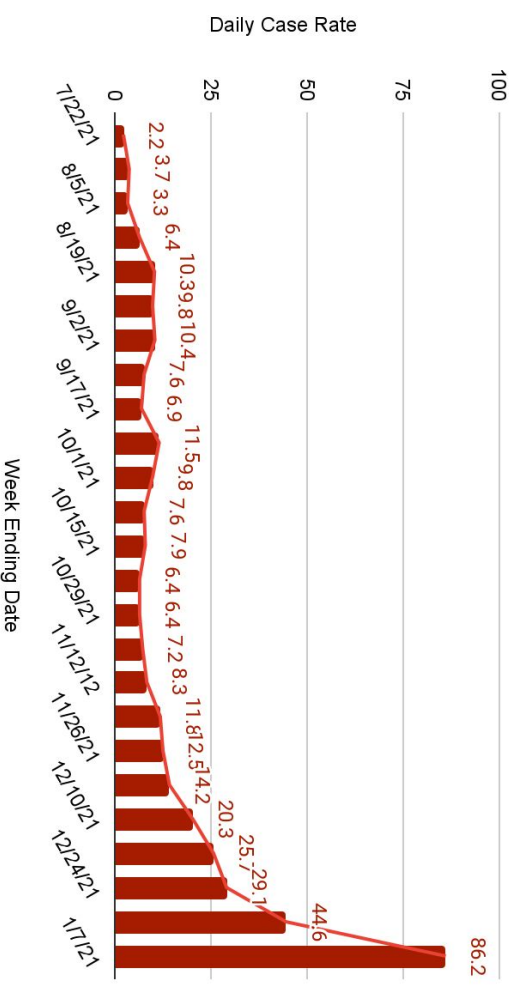
APS Test-to-Return Results

Positive
29.7%

Negative
70.3%

Superintendent's Update 1/13/21

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

APS COVID Cases

District

Daily Case Rate

Week Ending

9.10.21, 9.17.21, 9.24.21, 10.1.21, 10.8.21, 10.15.21, 10.22.21, 10.29.21, 11.5.21, 11.12.21, 11.19.21, 11.26.21, 12.3.21, 12.10.21, 12.17.21, 12.24.21, 12.31.21, 1.7.22, 1.14.22

Values: 7, 5, 19, 7, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 2, 7, 13, 13, 21, 21, 29, 86, 218, 297, 109

Axis: 0, 100, 200, 300

Arlington Average Daily Case Rate / 100k

Week Ending Date

7/22/21, 8/5/21, 8/19/21, 9/2/21, 9/17/21, 10/1/21, 10/15/21, 10/29/21, 11/12/12, 11/26/21, 12/10/21, 12/24/21, 1/7/21

Values: 2.2, 3.7, 3.3, 6.4, 10.3, 9.8, 10.4, 7.6, 6.9, 11.5, 9.8, 7.6, 7.9, 6.4, 6.4, 7.2, 8.3, 11.8, 12.5, 14.2, 20.3, 25.7, 29.1, 44.6, 86.2

Axis: 0, 25, 50, 75, 100

Superintendent's Update 12/16/21

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- APS Revised Protocol A Pilot to Extend to at Least Feb 1
- Received: High-Quality KN95 Masks for Staff
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- Processing: ~9,000 Home Tests for Staff and Families
- Processing: Additional Binax for Test to Return
- Thank You: Coverage Assistance from Staff and the Community
- Equity Audit Update and IDEAS I & II Courses for Staff
- Strategic Planning Update: Facilitator RFP to Post
- Budget Planning: Spring Implementation of Staff Roster Review and Position Control