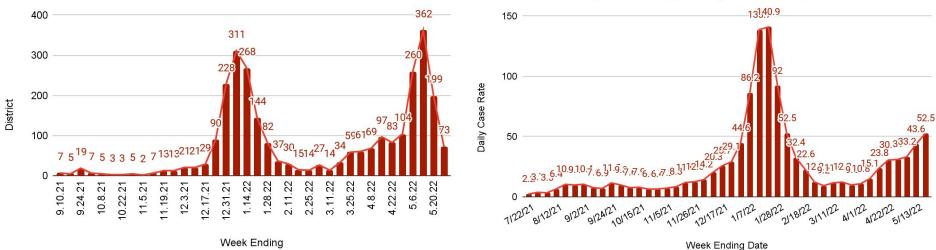
## Superintendent's Update 5/26/22



## **APS COVID Cases**



Week Ending

Arlington Average Daily Case Rate / 100k



## Indoor Masking:

- Menotomy requirement with exemption extended through end of the school year;
- Masking requirements have a significant positive impact when outbreaks occur, and are a last resort after implementation of other mitigation strategies;
- School-based outbreaks generally considered infection rates of 4-5% of the school population, spread across the school, in a short period of time (3-5 days);
- Classroom-based outbreaks generally monitored with some mitigation at 3-4 cases, with requirements considered at 5+ cases in a single classroom, depending on the circumstances;
- Recommendation intended to protect staffing levels at all schools;
- Those who have not been infected since January 2022 are at high risk of infection in the current surge.



## Updates from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:

- Spring 2022:
  - Continue current testing program, no pooled testing the last week of school;
  - Change protocol for Students (only) that are identified as close contacts outside of school: no longer need to quarantine at home, should continue to mask x 10 days & recommend testing on day 5;
  - APS Test to Return *recommended,* but not required, for remainder of the school year.
- **Summer 2022:** No state program support; self-tests and symptomatic testing continue.
- Fall 2022: No state program support; schools can purchase self-test through statewide contract



- COVID-19 Booster Clinic Interest Survey: Community Input Requested
- District and School Website Update and Revision: Community Input Requested
- Before School Programming: Community Input Requested
- Strategic Planning Update
- After School Planning Meetings: 3 completed, action steps established with teams
- Instructional Leadership Team Workshop May 31st for Administrators, Coaches
- Enrollments
- Administrator Hiring Searches:
  - K-12 Wellness Director: Congratulations to Kim Visco!
  - K-12 Visual Arts Director: Final Round Tomorrow 5/27
  - Brackett Assistant Principal: First Round Complete
  - Stratton Assistant Principal: Posted
  - AHS SPED Coordinator: Final Round