



# Pandemic Response Update

April 28, 2021



# Key Messages

- 1) The health & well-being of students, families, & staff is priority #1.
- 2) Our focus for this school year is to develop a safe school environment for our students and staff that prioritizes everyone's well-being and enables high levels of learning for all.
- 3) We are operating based on guidance from public health authorities and the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education while closely monitoring the latest information from medical experts and the evolving data regarding the pandemic both in Massachusetts and in Shrewsbury.



## **Current Case Count in District**

### In-School Hybrid Model Cases

Cases this week to date = 6

Cumulative cases since start of school = 435

Cases traced to possible exposure in school = 8

### Cases in Remote Program

Cases this week to date = 2

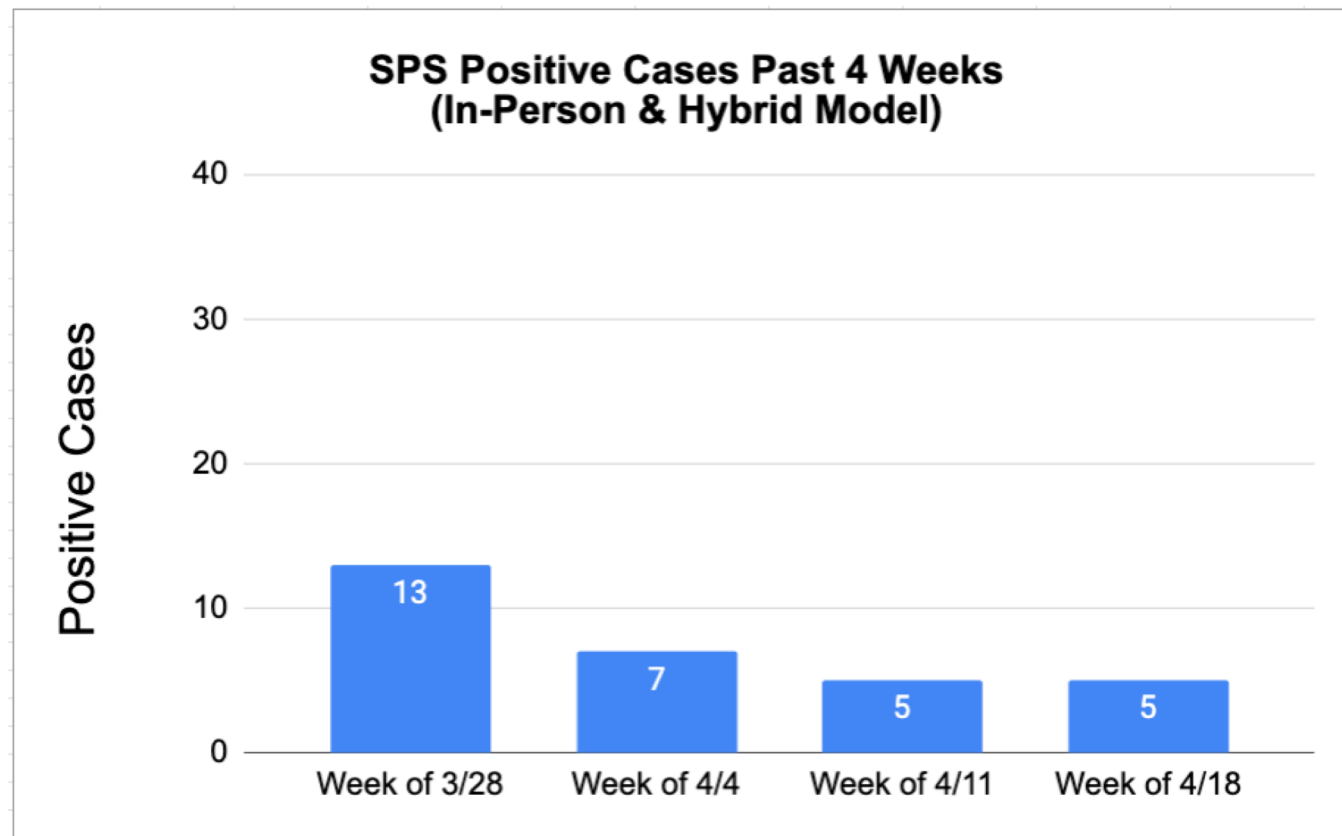
Cumulative cases since start of school = 40



# SPS COVID-19 Data Dashboard

Daily cases on weekdays with weekly count on Mondays

<https://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/sps-weekly-covid-19-data-dashboard>





# Current Public Health Data

**MA 7-Day Positivity Rate = 1.74%**

(Down from 2.46% from last report on 3/24)

Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/testing-positivity>





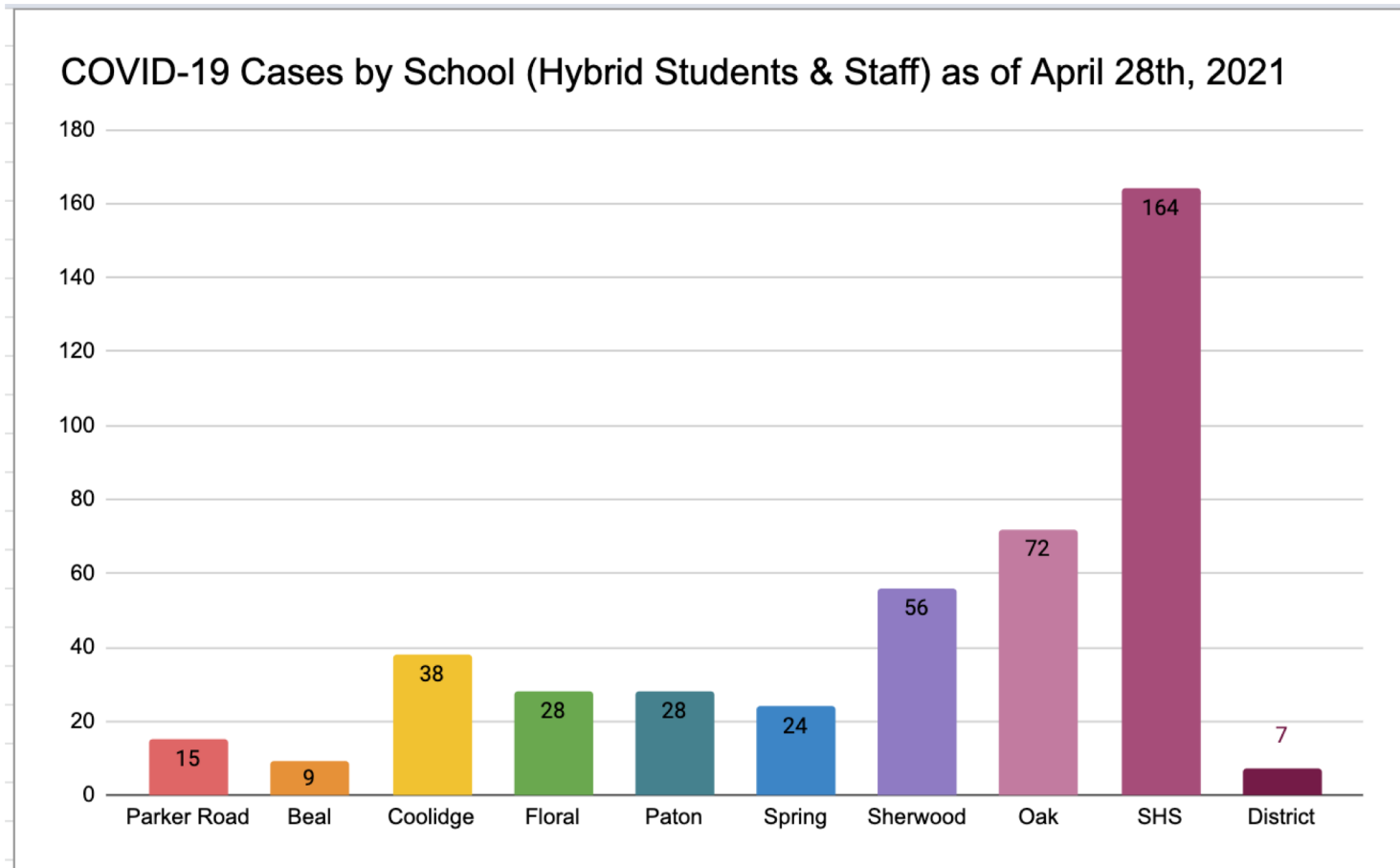
## **Current Public Health Data**

**Shrewsbury 14-Day Positive Test Rate  
(2.25% vs. 5.0% Benchmark)**

**As of April 22 (Last Published)**



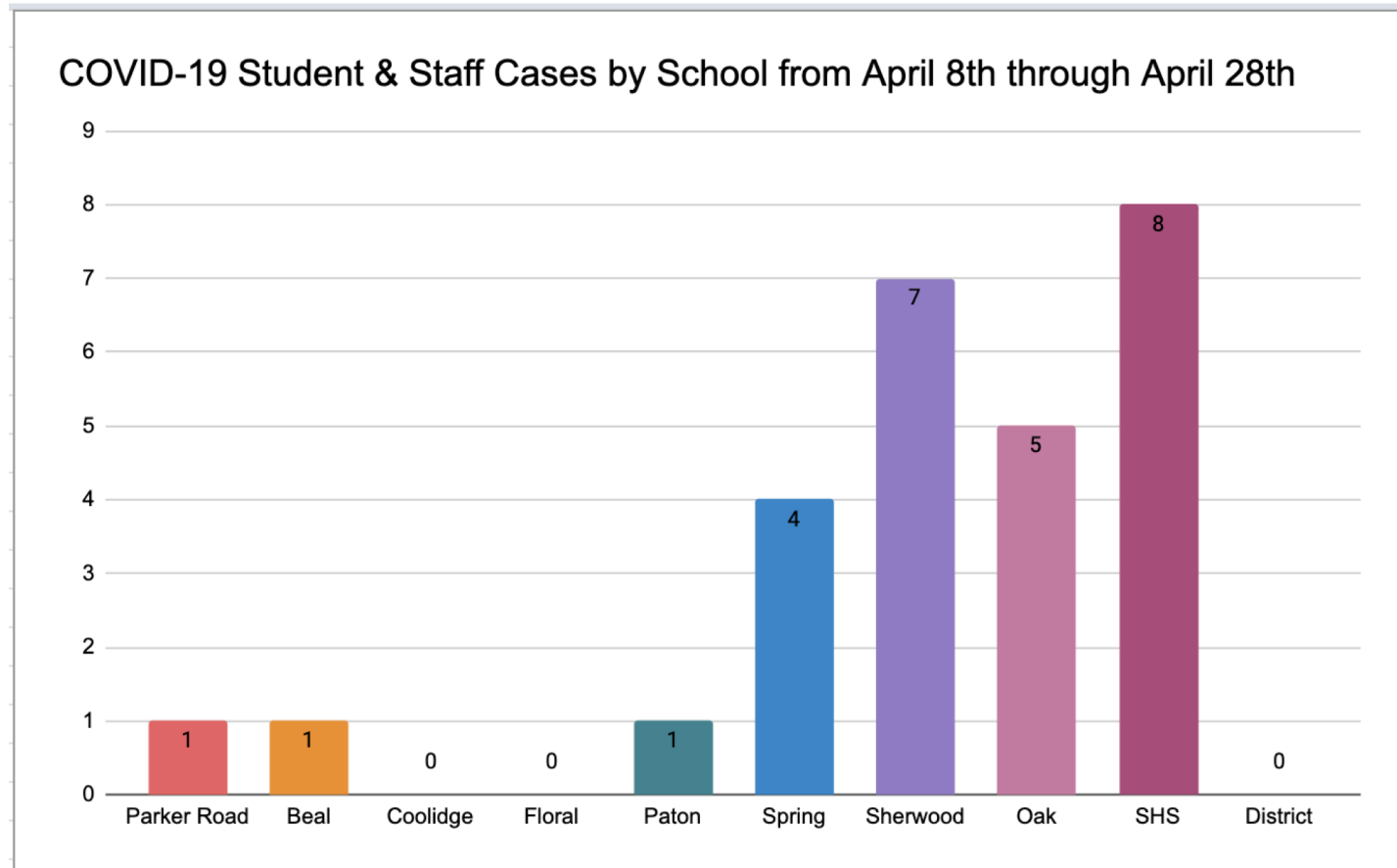
## Cases by School (Hybrid Model) *Year to Date*





## Cases by School (Hybrid Model)

*Past Three Weeks*

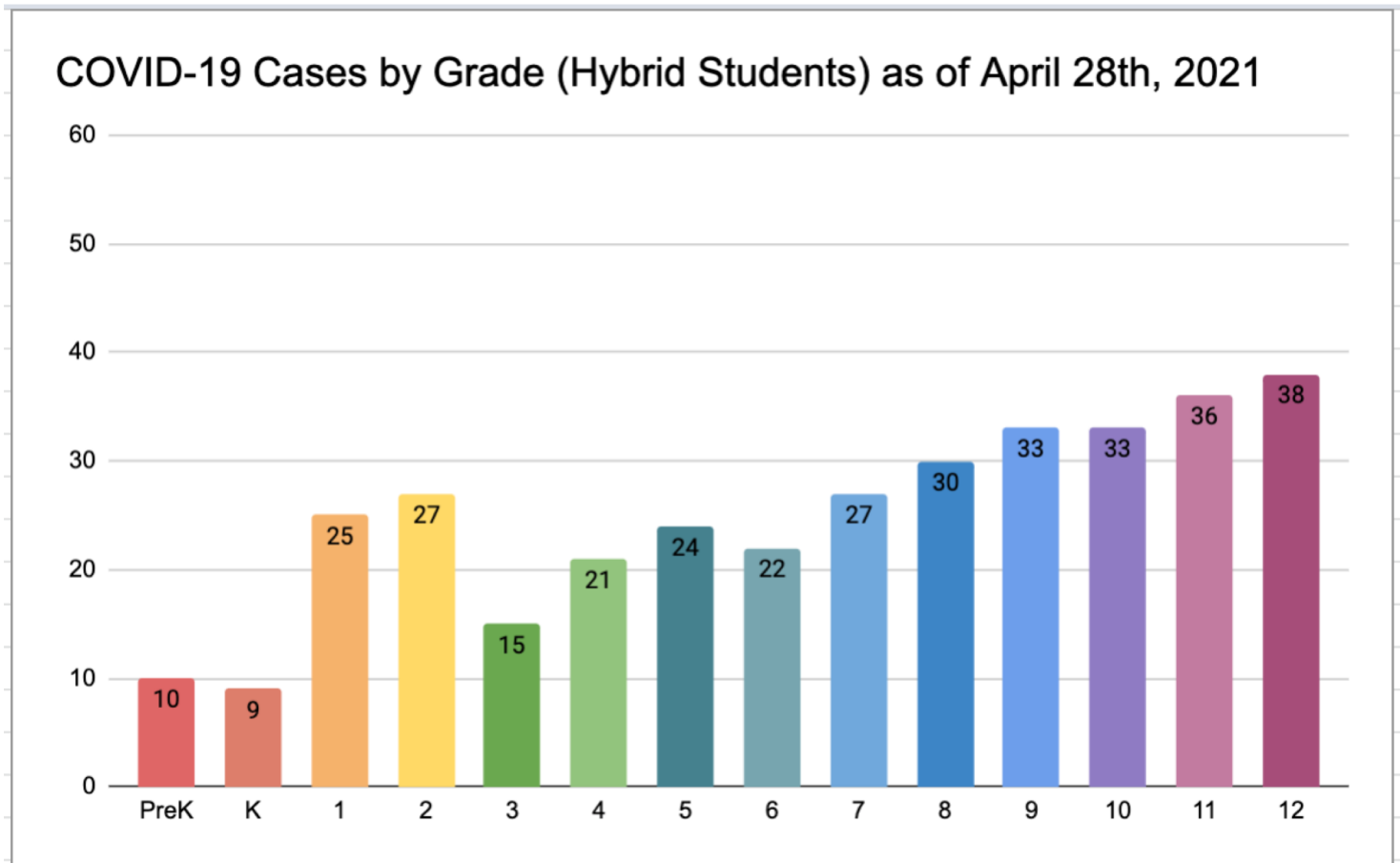






# Student Cases by Grade (Hybrid Model)

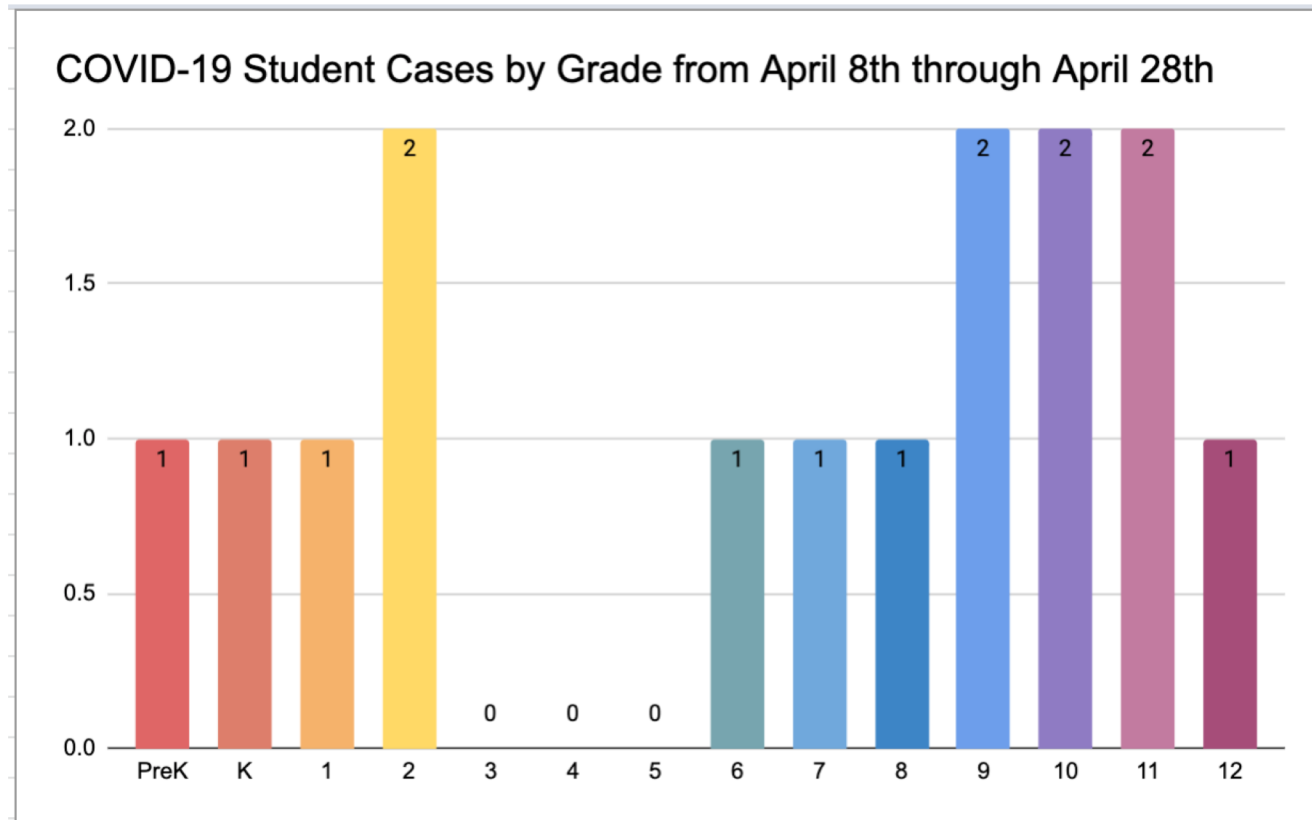
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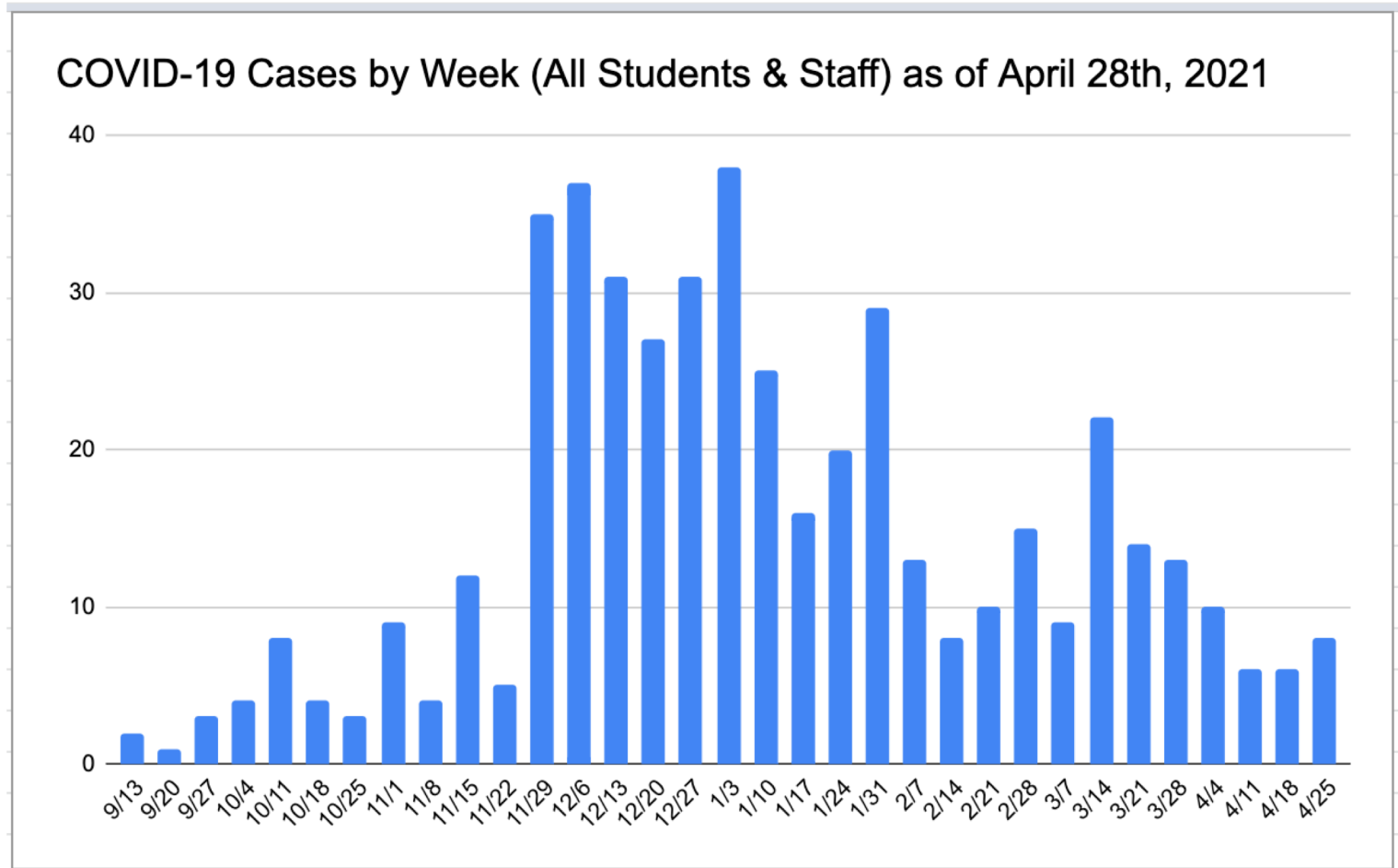
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## *Past Three Weeks*





## Positive Cases by Week (Hybrid & Remote)





## **Suspected In-School Transmission**

- There remain 8 suspected cases of in-school transmission
- No new suspected cases since last report in early April



# Vaccines for School Staff

Over 750 staff responded to a survey yesterday

68% of staff are “fully vaccinated” (14 or more days out from the final dose of a vaccine series)

23% of staff have received 2 doses of Moderna or Pfizer but are not at the 14 day mark yet

4.5% do not plan to receive the vaccine

4% of staff have received a first dose of Moderna or Pfizer and plan to get the 2nd dose

<1% of staff have a first dose currently scheduled

<1% of staff have not been able to schedule an appointment



## **Maintaining Hope for Better Times Ahead; Viewing Our Current Situation with Candor**

- **Our return to full, in-person school in grades K-8 has been very successful**
- We continue to follow guidance from experts as we return to full, in-person learning in the safest way possible, while balancing risk
- We will experience major benefits with a phased-in return to full, in-person school