



School Reopening Update

September 2, 2020



Key Messages

- 1) The health & well-being of students, families, & staff is priority #1.
- 2) Our focus for the coming 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 planning based on guidance from 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.



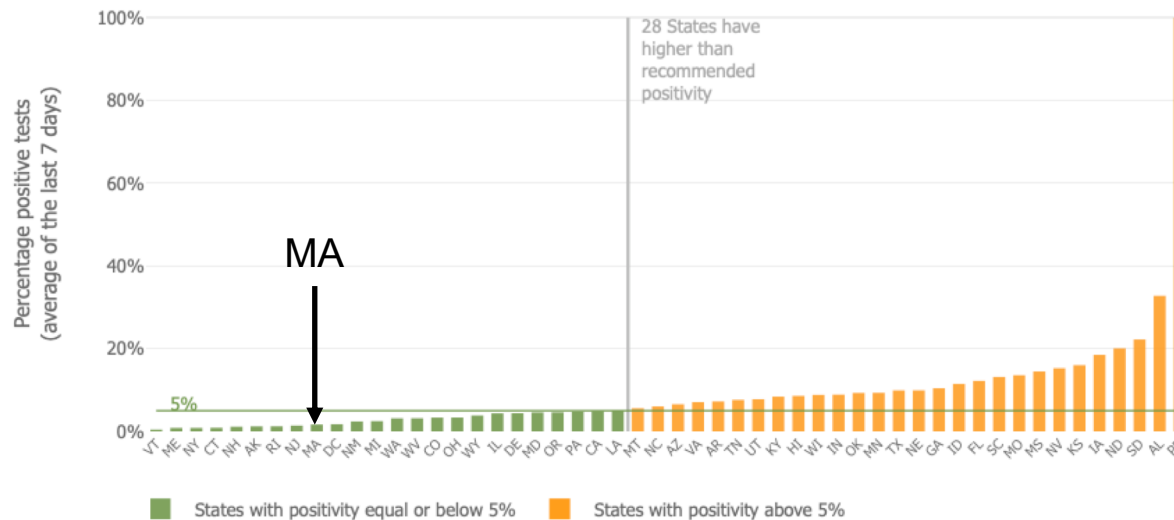
Current Public Health Data

MA 7-Day Positivity Rate = **1.65%**

(Down from **2.05%** one week ago)

Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center

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

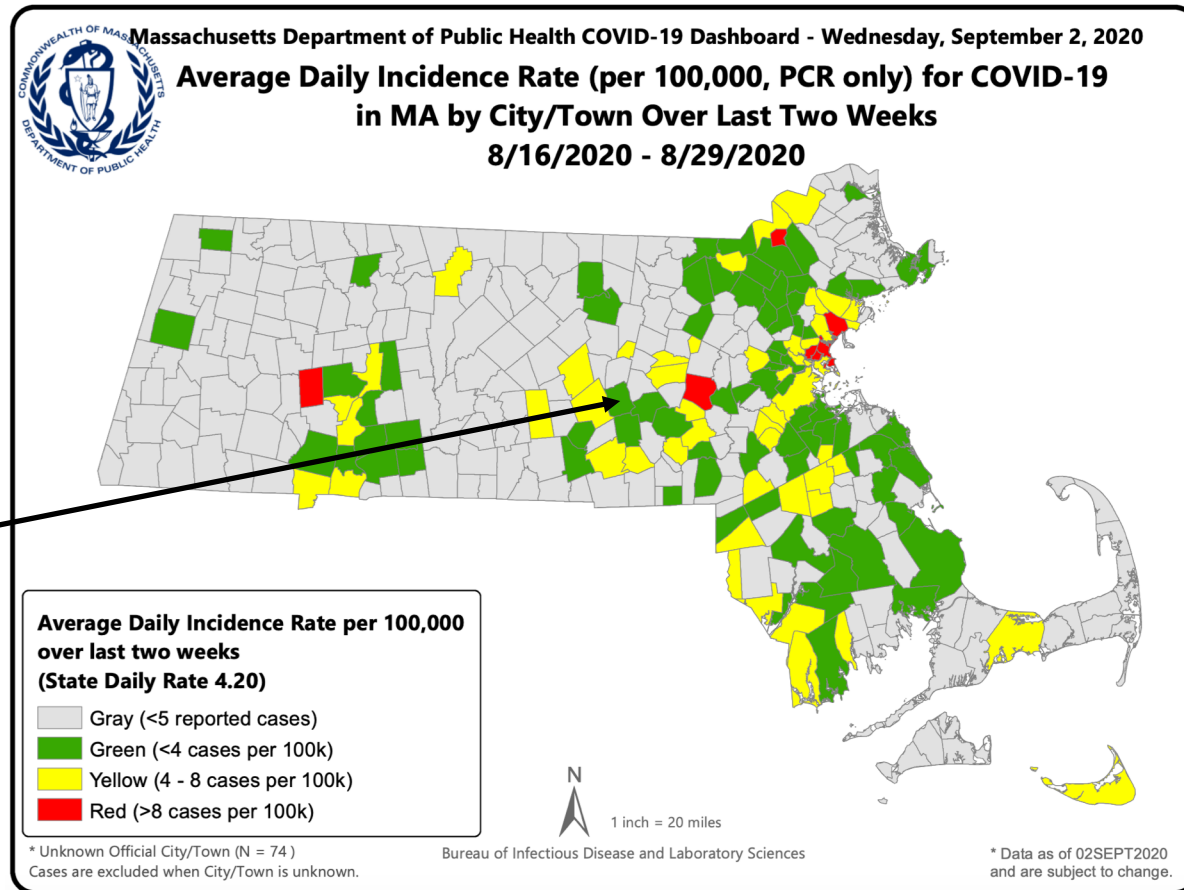




Current Public Health Data

Shrewsbury 14-Day Cases per 100,000 = 1.6

Shrewsbury
Case Count
Last 14 Days =
9 Cases
(0.6 Cases/Day)





Current Public Health Data

Shrewsbury 14-Day Positive Test Rate

Four Weeks Ago = 1.23%

Three Weeks Ago = 1.00%

Two Weeks Ago = 0.72%

Last Week = 0.56%

This Week = 0.49%

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/weekly-covid-19-public-health-report-september-2-2020/download>



Our Staff is Back to Work

- Monday AM: Health & Safety Universal Training
- Monday PM: Webinars for Q&A on Health & Safety

- Tuesday AM: Virtual District Opening Day Meeting;
Virtual School Opening Staff Meetings
- Tuesday PM: Virtual Seminar on Staff Resilience;
Virtual Seminar on Staff Well-Being/Mindfulness

- Wednesday AM: School-Based Training in Protocols
- Wednesday PM: Department-Based Organizational Meetings



HVAC System Analysis Independent Third Parties

- Five schools completed and reports received (reports will be posted on our website)
- Three schools completed, reports pending (expected tomorrow)
- Minor repairs made as audits occurred; others ongoing
- Systems working as designed
- Four non-classroom spaces at Parker Road Preschool need new rooftop unit (staff relocated)



Family Choices: Remote vs. Hybrid

As of September 2, 2020	All Remote	% All Remote	Hybrid	% All Hybrid
Parker Road Preschool	76	41%	108	59%
Beal Early Childhood Center	137	50%	139	50%
Calvin Coolidge School	178	42%	242	58%
Floral Street School	355	53%	313	47%
Walter J. Paton School	94	26%	266	74%
Spring Street School	87	27%	239	73%
Sherwood Middle School	344	36%	609	64%
Oak Middle School	320	32%	670	68%
Shrewsbury High School	267	14%	1608	86%
Total	1858	31%	4194	69%



Staffing Challenges

- Based on the ratio of remote to hybrid, we have major challenges due to changes in the ability to staff efficiency, but we have made progress
- Last minute resignations, esp. paraprofessionals
- Extremely competitive market for qualified educators



Operational Challenges

- Educational placement of students in classrooms (elementary), on teams (middle), and in schedules (high) is highly complex
- These placements must enable special subject scheduling (e.g., foreign language), coordinate special education services, etc. across four separate cohorts of students (A, B, C, D)



Capacity Challenges

- Massive amount of work to complete in compressed timeframe
- Asking for continued patience, flexibility, & grace



Program Challenges

- Updated recommendation for Extended School Care program