



Canton Public Schools School Year 2020/2021

School Committee
October 1, 2020



DPH COVID-19 Metrics



DPH COVID-19 Dashboard

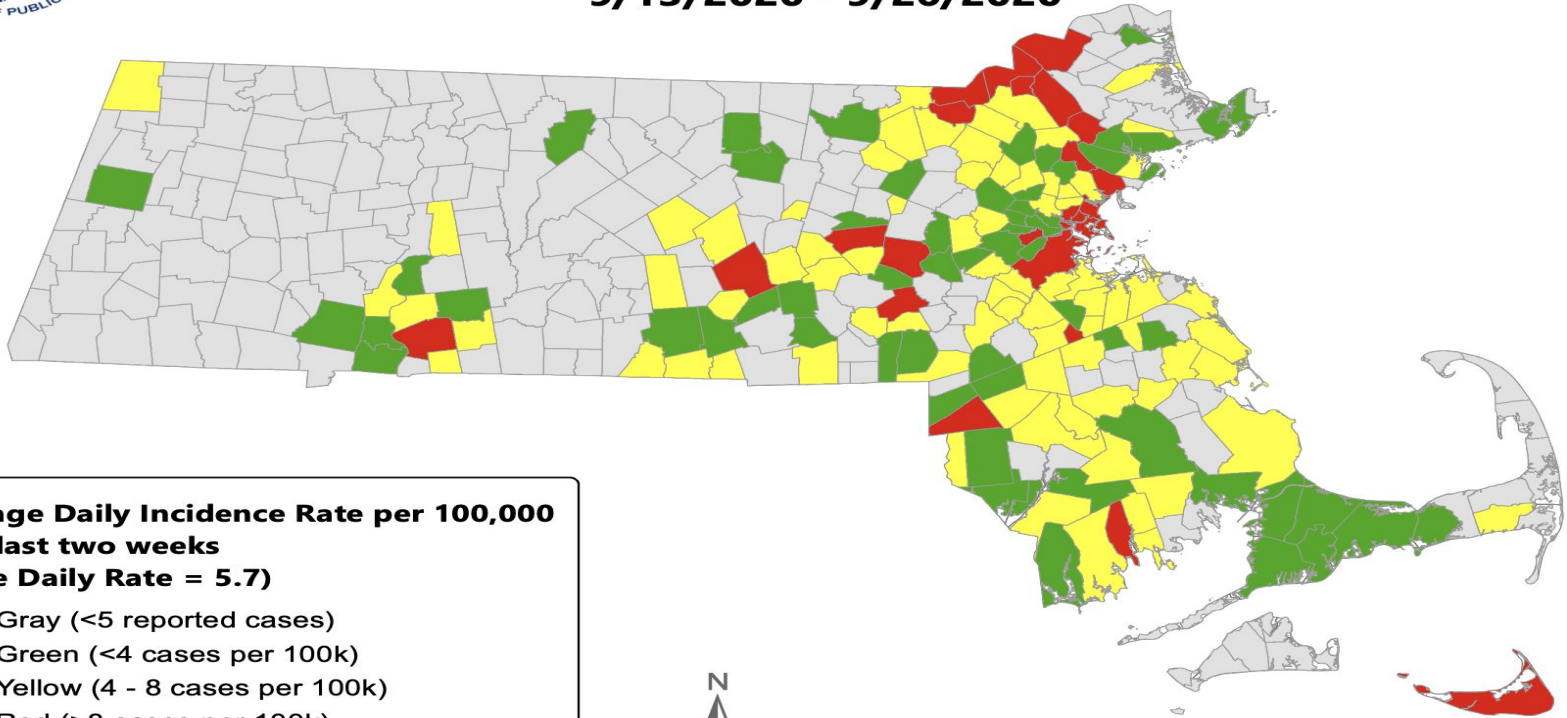
New color-coded metric*		DESE expectation for learning model
RED	Average daily cases per 100,000 is greater than 8	Remote
YELLOW	Average daily cases per 100,000 is between 4 - 8	Hybrid OR Remote (if extenuating circumstances)
GREEN	Average daily cases per 100,000 is less than 4	Full-time in-person OR Hybrid (if extenuating circumstances)
UNSHADED	Fewer than 5 total cases over the past 14 days. Generally, this is for communities with small populations and very few cases.	

**Measured as a 14-day rolling average and will be reported weekly as part of the online DPH dashboard*



Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard - Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Average Daily Incidence Rate (per 100,000, PCR only) for COVID-19 in MA by City/Town Over Last Two Weeks 9/13/2020 - 9/26/2020



Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 over last two weeks
(State Daily Rate = 5.7)

- Gray (<5 reported cases)
- Green (<4 cases per 100k)
- Yellow (4 - 8 cases per 100k)
- Red (>8 cases per 100k)



1 inch = 20 miles

* Unknown Official City/Town (N = 22)
Cases are excluded when City/Town is unknown.

Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences

* Data as of 30SEPT2020
and are subject to change.

State Dashboard- Through September 16, 2020

City/Town	Total Case Count	Case Count (Last 14 Days)	Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 (Last 14 days) ¹	Relative Change in Case Counts ²	Total Tests	Total Tests (Last 14 days)	Total Positive Tests (Last 14 days)	Percent Positivity (Last 14 days)	Change in Percent Positivity ³
Canton	347	8	2.5	No Change	10267	1537	10	0.65%	Lower

State Dashboard- Through September 30, 2020

City/Town	Total Case Count	Case Count (Last 14 Days)	Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 (Last 14 days) ¹	Relative Change in Case Counts ²	Total Tests	Total Tests (Last 14 days)	Total Positive Tests (Last 14 days)	Percent Positivity (Last 14 days)	Change in Percent Positivity ³
Canton	369	21	6.5	Higher	12168	1760	25	1.42%	Higher

Transition to Hybrid



Self Screening / Close Contacts

Canton Public Schools COVID-19 SYMPTOM SCREENING CHECKLIST FOR STAFF/STUDENTS



- Fever or chills
- New** or worsening cough
- Muscle or body aches
- New** loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New** or worsening shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue when in combination with other symptoms**
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms**
- Congestion or runny nose when in combination with other symptoms**

Students or staff experiencing symptoms as above should **stay home** and **cannot** come to school.

Canton Public Schools COVID-19 SYMPTOM SCREENING FOR STUDENTS



Students must **self-screen** for COVID-19 symptoms each day before entering school buildings.



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to access the form.

Students experiencing symptoms should **stay home** and **cannot** come to school. Caregivers must call the school to report their child's absence and inform the school nurse:

CHS: 781-821-5050
GMS: 781-821-5070
HANSEN: 781-821-5085
JFK: 781-821-5080
LUCE: 781-821-5075
RODMAN: 781-821-5060

Canton Public Schools PROTOCOL: STUDENT/STAFF IS A CLOSE CONTACT OF A POSITIVE CASE



Who is considered a close contact or potential close contact?

Any individual, or whole cohorts, who came within 6 feet of a person infected with COVID-19 for at least 10-15 minutes.



Close contacts will be notified by the local health department and be instructed to monitor their symptoms and self-quarantine for 14 days. An individual may be identified as a potential close contact by the school.

Note: Testing is not required by the district, and does not shorten the 14-day self-quarantine period. However, if symptoms develop the individual should contact a healthcare professional.

If the close contact tests **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19:

The student or staff member must remain symptom free for 24 hours to return and follow a 14-day self-quarantine.

If the close contact tests **POSITIVE** for COVID-19:

The student or staff member should:



Stay home



Notify the school and close contacts



Monitor Symptoms



Assist the school or local health department with contact tracing



Answer calls from the local board of health

The student will need to stay in **isolation for at least 10 days, AND** until they have been **fever free for 24 hours, AND** experienced **improvement in symptoms, AND received clearance** from public health authority contact tracers.

School Committee Questions



Teaching and Learning



MCAS Update

- Students in Grades 11 and 12 will have 2 opportunities to take their ELA and Math MCAS: January and May
- Students in Grades 10-12 do not need to take STE, if they haven't yet as long as they have a passing grade in a related course.
- Grade 9 students will take STE exam this year or next year
- Students in grades 3-8 will take exams in April and May
- Additional guidance for MCAS Alt.

Remote Learning Pathway

- Weekly communication
- RLP Administrator
- Elementary Materials distribution schedule:
 - October 15, October 29, November 12
- GMS and CHS will distribute from their buildings on their schedule
- Teachers will notify parents if there are materials to pick up

School Committee Questions



Technology and Digital Learning

- Strengths and Challenges
 - Devices
 - Video Conferencing platforms
 - Connectivity
 - Support

School Committee Questions

