

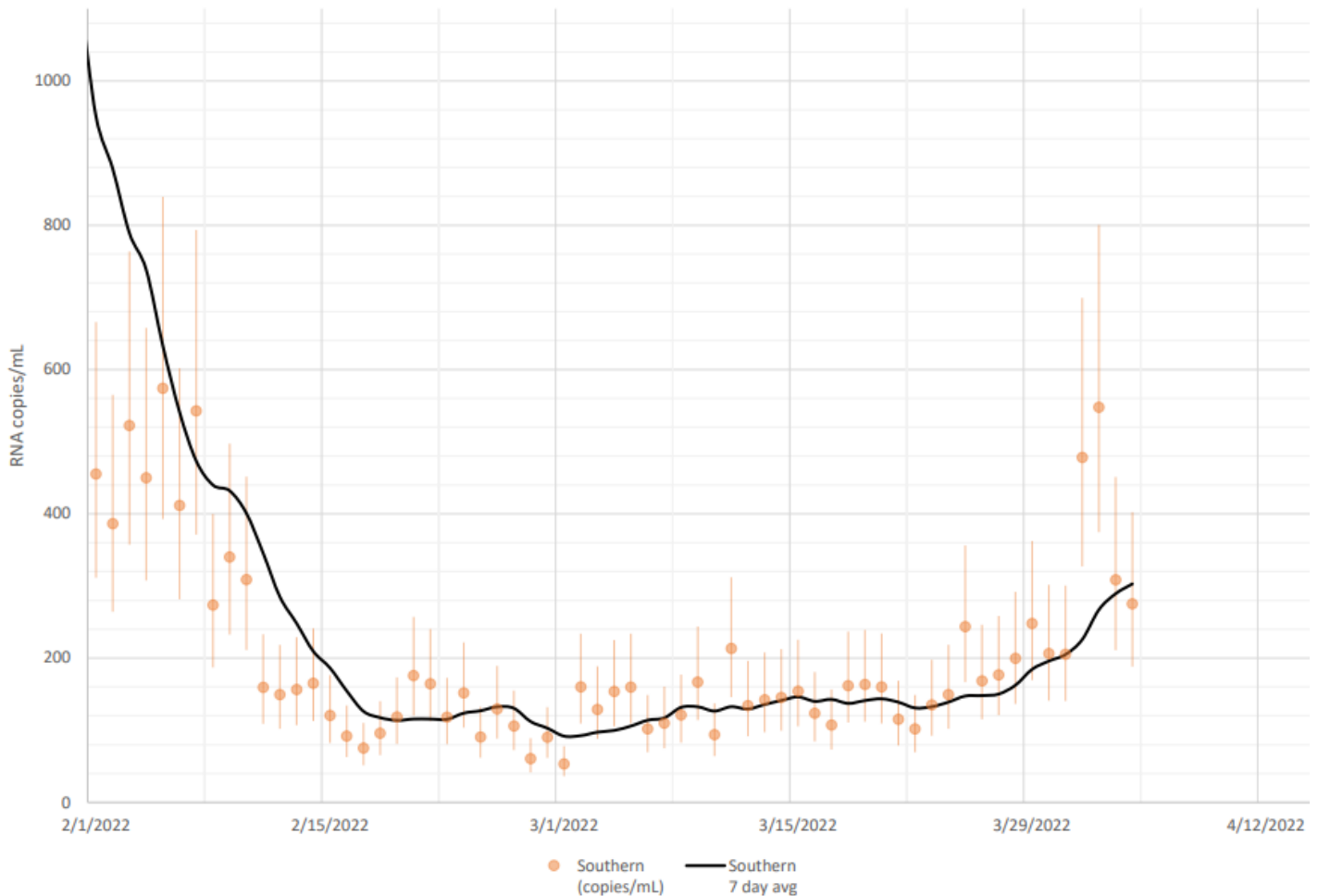
Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

April 6, 2022

In the three weeks since our last meeting (March 16), there has been a slow and steady uptick in cases throughout the Dedham Public Schools and in the greater Dedham community. This week's pooled testing at all schools showed fewer positive test results than our past few weeks' trending would have suggested. On Monday and Tuesday of this week we tested a total of **269 pools** that included **1337 individuals**. We received 5 positive pools out of those 1337 individuals for a percent positivity of 0.37%. 2 positive pools were at Dedham High School, 1 positive pool at Avery, and 2 positive pools at Dedham Middle School. There were **NO POSITIVE POOLS** from ECEC, Oakdale, Riverdale, and Greenlodge this week.

The slight increase in cases this week is consistent with reports of slight increases in schools across the state. Recent wastewater COVID-19 concentrations mirror this slight uptick also. This reading has proven to be pretty accurate in predicting future cases 2-5 days in advance. A graph of recent data from MWRA wastewater is shown below:

Recent South System Viral RNA Signal by Date



The most recent data regarding COVID cases in Dedham and the Dedham Public Schools are below:

[COVID-19 data for Town of Dedham](#)

[COVID cases in MA schools](#) (For comprehensive statewide results, click [HERE](#))

Positive COVID Cases in DPS Schools

DPS Pooled Testing Participation and Results