

# Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

March 16, 2022

This week's pooled testing at all schools shows very promising trends in the overall number of COVID-19 cases in our school community. On Monday and Tuesday of this week we tested a total of **299 pools** that included **1240 individuals**. We received 5 positive pools out of those 1240 individuals for a percent positivity of 0.4%. 3 positive pools were at Dedham Middle School, 1 positive pool at ECEC, and 1 positive pool at Avery. There were **NO POSITIVE OR INCONCLUSIVE POOLS** from Oakdale, Riverdale, Greenlodge and Dedham High School this week.

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](#)

Based on conversations with principals at DMS, ECEC, and Avery, we expect to gradually begin to reintroduce group-seating lunch tables at schools with cafeterias next week. This will continue our gradual journey toward normalcy in the days ahead.