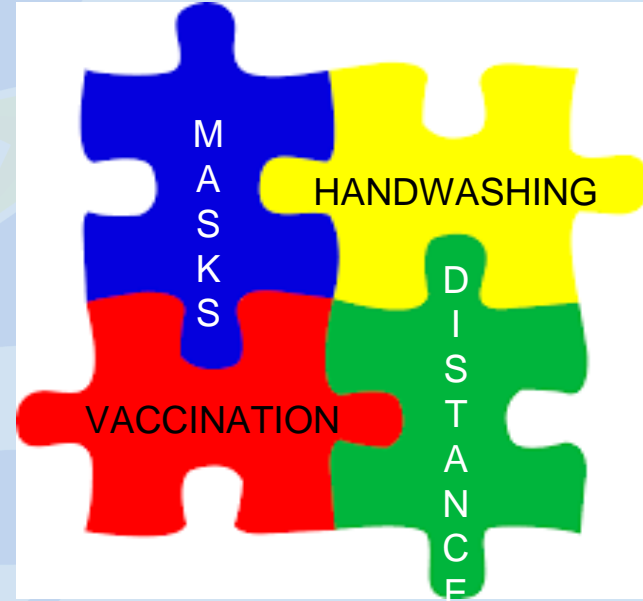


SPS Covid -19 Updates

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Putting the pieces together

for safe schools

VDH Metrics for Suffolk

* As of 8/2/2021, the SPS dashboard will show total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days instead of rate per 100,000 to more closely align with the VDH main dashboard view and to highlight the key metrics recommended for school planning and decision making.

Suffolk City	September 6th	September 13th	September 20th	September 27th	October 4th	October 12th
Total New Cases Per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	301.8	226.9	255.1	293.1	246.4	222.6
Percent Positivity in the past 7 days	18.4%	15%	13.6%	9.9%	11.3%	9.5%

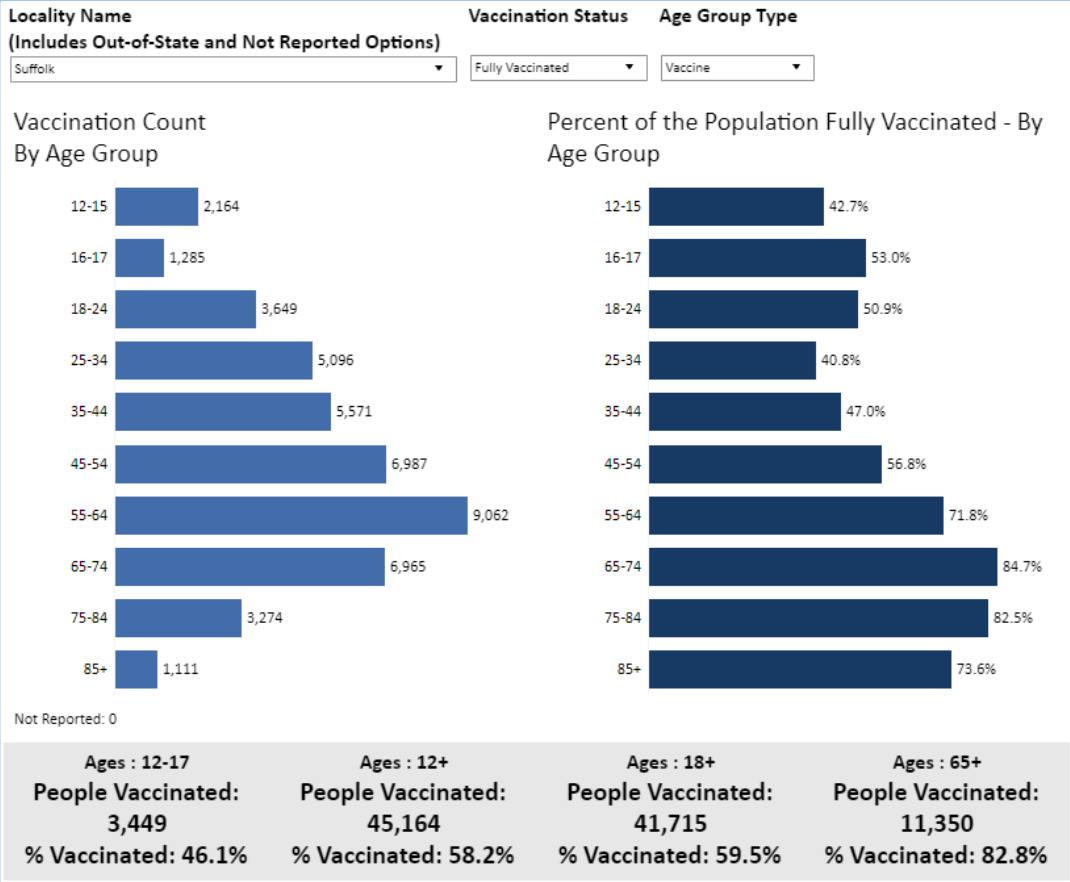
Cases per 100,000 in the past 7 days
0 - 9
10 - 49
50 - 99
100+

Percent Positivity in the past 7 days
< 5.0%
5.0 - 7.9%
8.0 - 9.9%
≥ 10.0%

Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
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**VDH is updating the Locality Metrics and School Metrics to better align with the new CDC guidance. During the transition, [please check the CDC's map](#) to view the level of community transmission for your area.

Community Level of Fully Vaccinated



Guidance on School Impact

Criteria to consider	Level of School Impact*		
	Low	Medium	High
Transmission within school	Zero or sporadic cases with no evidence of transmission in school	Two outbreaks within a short time period or sporadic outbreaks in school. Size of outbreaks remains small.	Several outbreaks in school within short time period; size of outbreaks is large or scope of outbreaks is significant (e.g multiple classrooms or grade levels are impacted).
Student absenteeism	At baseline/Low	Slightly above baseline	High
Staff Capacity**	Normal	Strained	Critical

*Level of impact to school can only be assessed for those schools that have opened to in-person instruction. Schools should collaborate with local health departments on contact investigations. Depending on the level of COVID-19 transmission in the school and outbreak status, public health may recommend adjustment to prevention strategies. If a school is conducting a COVID-19 testing program, screening testing data can also be helpful.

**This subjective assessment should factor in a school's ability to maintain adequate staff for facility operations, transportation, teaching, and administrative functions. It should include input from teachers/staff regarding their availability to provide in-person instruction.

