



**2022-2023**  
**Stay-In-School Recommendation**

Laconia School Board  
February 15th, 2022

# Priorities



- ❖ **Ensure success for every student, every day, in every way**
- ❖ **Build on past successes and lessons learned**
- ❖ **Maintain health and safety in our schools**
- ❖ **Use flexibility when circumstances related to COVID-19 change based on data**

# Vaccinations

- ❖ Inform the school community of vaccination opportunities
- ❖ The Center for Disease Control and Department of Health and Human Services continue to promote vaccinations as an important layer of protection against COVID-19
- ❖ People 12 years old and older can receive a vaccine for free at various sites
- ❖ See <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov> to register for a vaccine
- ❖ Vaccinations are a choice
- ❖ If you have questions or concerns, contact child's school nurse or doctor

## Daily Screening

- ❖ Staff, students and families will conduct daily Covid-19 self screenings
- ❖ “(E)xclud(e) and (test) people with new signs/symptoms of a viral syndrome (e.g., fever, chills, body or muscle aches), or respiratory viral infection (e.g., sinus congestion, sore throat, runny nose, cough)” (NH-DHHS)
- ❖ Encourage testing when a person experiences new and/or unusual symptoms
- ❖ Stay home when sick
- ❖ If there are questions about a child’s health, contact the school nurse or doctor

# Health and Cleaning Protocols

- ❖ Wash hands frequently
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into the inside of your elbow
- ❖ Educate staff and families on proper hand-washing
- ❖ Clean high contact surfaces frequently
- ❖ Deep clean, including fogging, in spaces with positive cases

# Ventilation

- ❖ Rist-Frost-Shumway (RFS) conducted air quality assessments in the district last year.
- ❖ Air exchanges rates are excellent in the elementary schools, the Middle School, and in the Huot.
- ❖ Portable air exchange units were purchased and will continue to be used in some spaces at LHS and the SAU to increase air exchange rates
- ❖ Continue to work on improving air quality in spaces at LHS and the SAU

## Teaching and Learning

- ❖ 19 extra staff positions have been approved to support students this year using ESSER funds (interventionists, extra teachers, College and Career exploratory teacher at LMS, Student Learning Coordinator at LHS, etc.)
- ❖ Google Classroom will be used by teachers for students as a platform for communication and for students to access class information and assignments
- ❖ There will be no remote division. Families who want to access remote opportunities can access the [Virtual Learning Learning Academy \(VLACS\)](#)

# Masks and Physical Distancing

- ❖ There are two options on masks:
  - Optional
  - Required
- ❖ First Student Transportation is requiring masks for all students on busses to comply with federal public transportation guidelines
- ❖ “...(M)aximize physical distance to the extent possible between everybody with an ideal goal of at least 3 feet of separation” (from NH-DHHS)



# Quarantine and Isolation

- ❖ 10 day isolation will take place for anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 and have met the criteria for [discontinuation for isolation](#)
- ❖ If a household member tests positive, NH-DHHS Guidelines state:
  - [Quarantine](#) will be required for household contacts by DHHS if unvaccinated
  - Vaccinated household contacts self monitor for symptoms and test after 3-5 days or wear a mask for 14 days
- ❖ Non-households close contacts are to [self-observe](#) and monitor for symptoms
- ❖ DHHS could expand quarantine to non-household contacts to control a potential outbreak

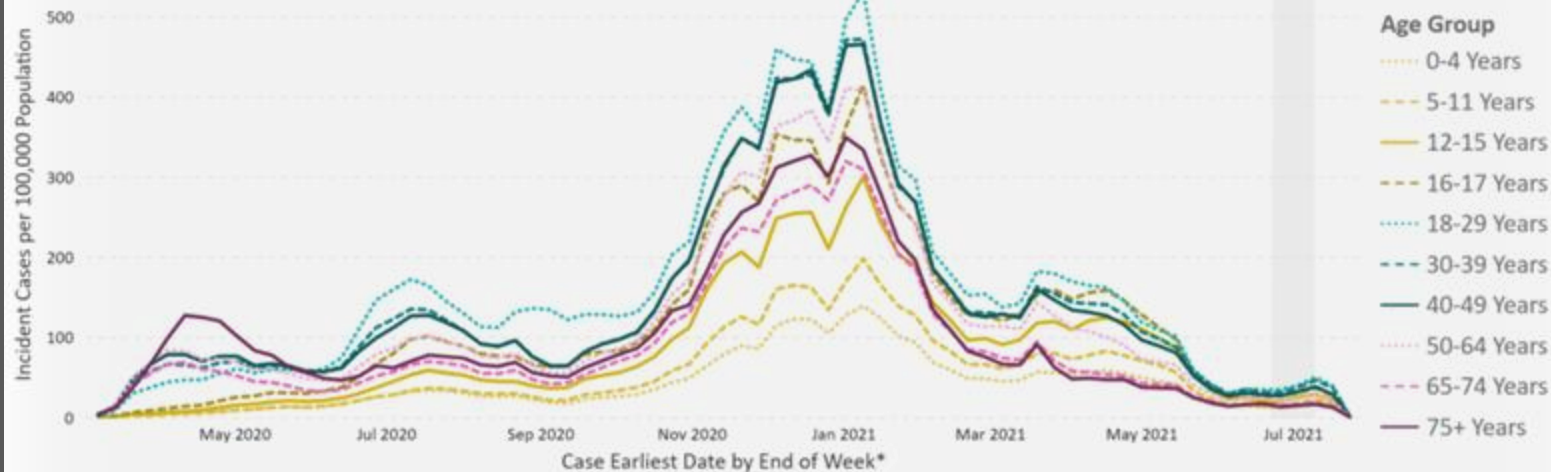
## **Athletics and Co-Curriculars**

- ❖ **Full play / participation with no restrictions is planned at this point**
- ❖ **The Superintendent will work with the athletic directors and principals to determine if schedule changes or cancellations are necessary due to COVID-19 circumstances**

## Considerations to Change Safety Protocols

Data Point	Current Measure (as of Tuesday, August 17)
Cases Per 100,000: Belknap County	195.7
7-Day Positivity Test Rate: Belknap County	4.4%
Cases in Laconia	22
Vaccination Rate: County	53.8%
Hospitalizations: I-93 Corridor Group	38 in 13 hospitals
Cases in Laconia Schools	0

# Trends in COVID-19 Cases by Age Group, U.S.



US: The most recent line level case record was reported during the week ending on Jul 24, 2021. Percentage of cases reporting age by date - 98.40%

US territories are included in case and death counts but not in population counts. Potential two-week delay in case reporting to CDC denoted by gray bars.

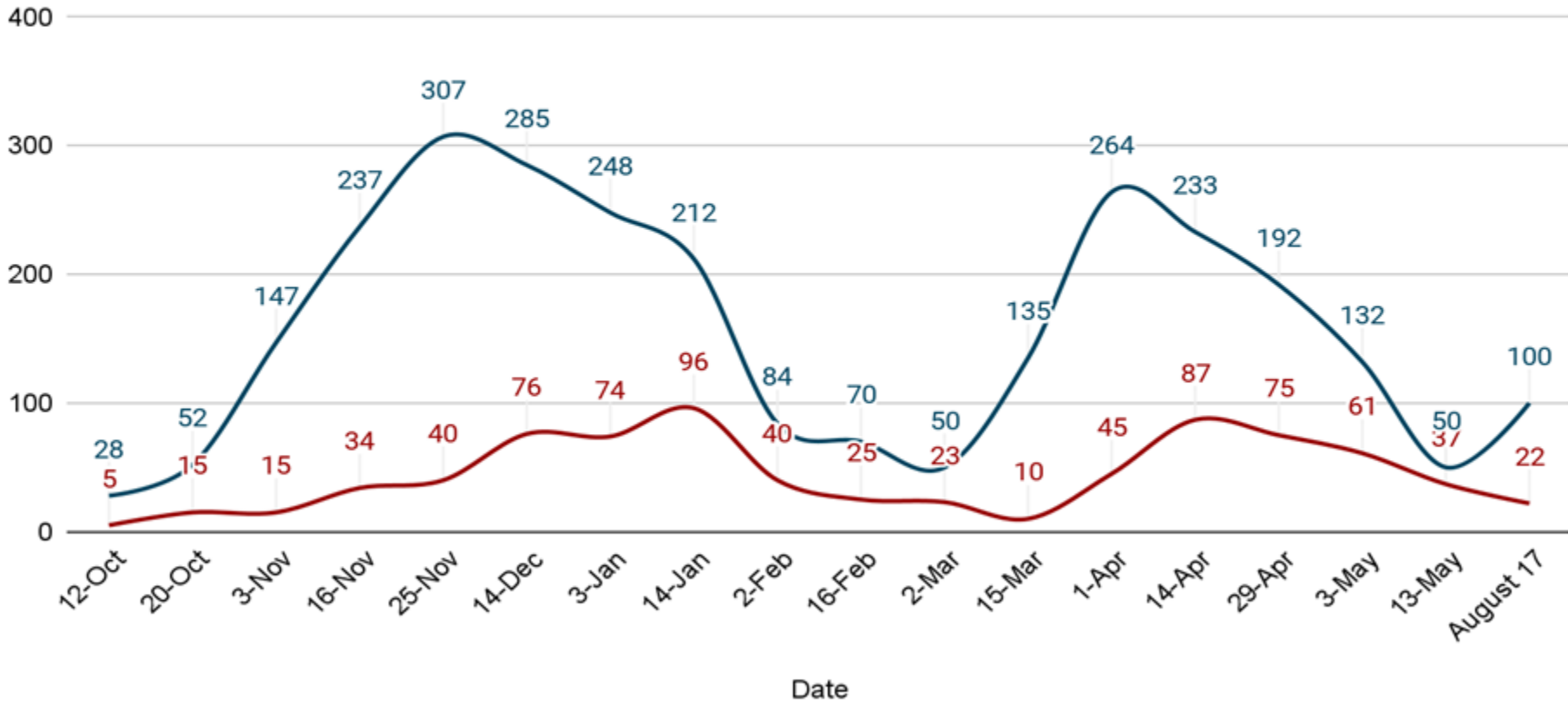
\*Case Earliest Date is the earliest of the clinical date (related to illness or specimen collection and chosen by a defined hierarchy) and the Date Received by CDC.

Last Updated: Jul 20, 2021

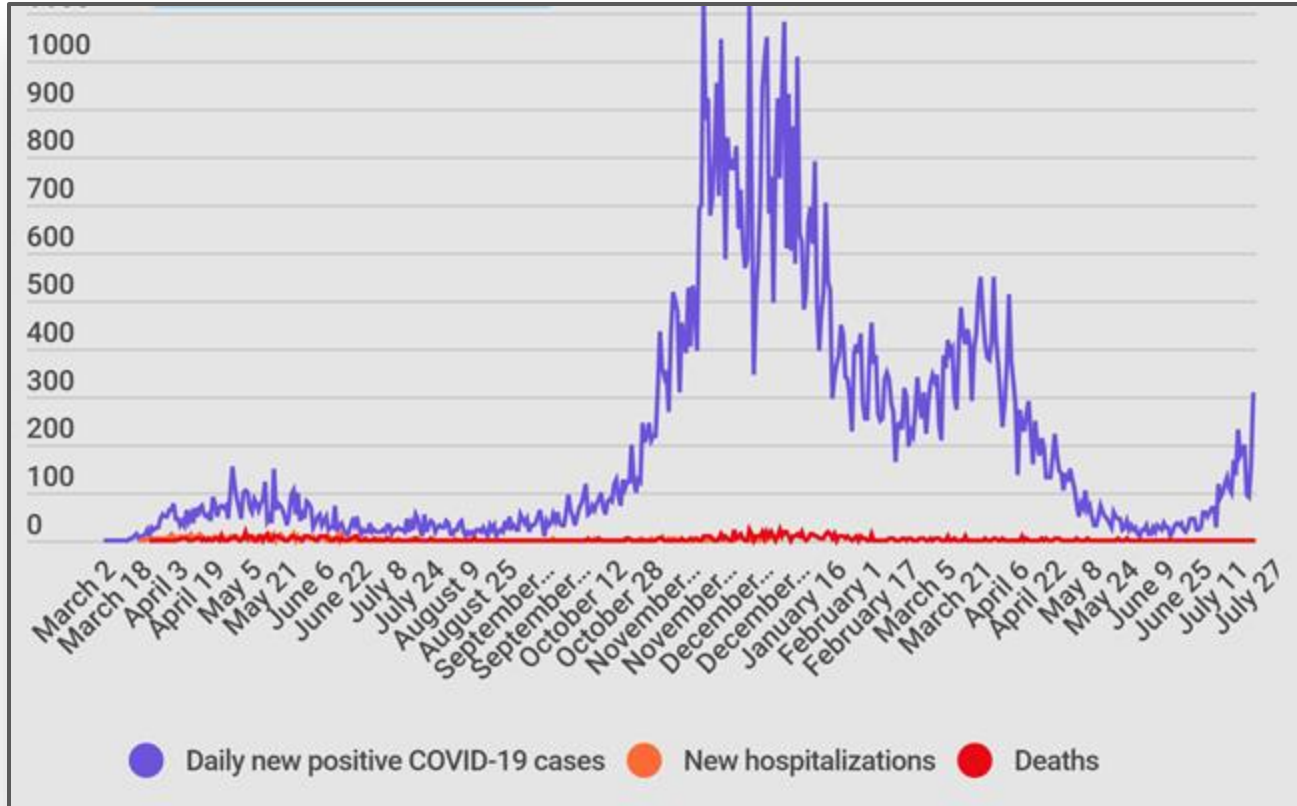
Source: CDC COVID-19 Case Line-Level Data, 2020 US Census, NWS Protect; Visualization: Data, Analytics & Visualization Task Force and CDC CPE DEO Situational Awareness Public Health Science Team

# Laconia Current Cases and Belknap Current Cases

Laconia Current Cases    Belknap Current Cases



# New Cases in New Hampshire: Each Day



## Resources

- ❖ [STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 \(COVID-19\) SCHOOL & CHILDCARE TOOLKIT 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR](#)
- ❖ [New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Education and Childcare Partner Call \(21 July 2021\)](#)
- ❖ [New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 Weekly Partner Call \(5 August 2021\)](#)
- ❖ [New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Education and Childcare Partner Call \(11 August 2021\)](#)
- ❖ [Covid-19 New Hampshire site](#)