

Health and Safety

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Chicago Surges: CPS Contact Tracing Update

Chicago facing **929** Daily Avg Cases

CPS Contact Tracing Team now closes >**1,000 cases/week**

Contact Tracing Team (operates in **Surge Protocol** mode, 7 days/week, under guidance of CDPH):

- 38 Contact Tracers (43 by Jan 3, 2022)
- 7 Team Leads
- 1 COVID-19 Response Manager
- 1 Director

Total Reported Case Counts in SY21-22

Aug. 29 - Dec. 11

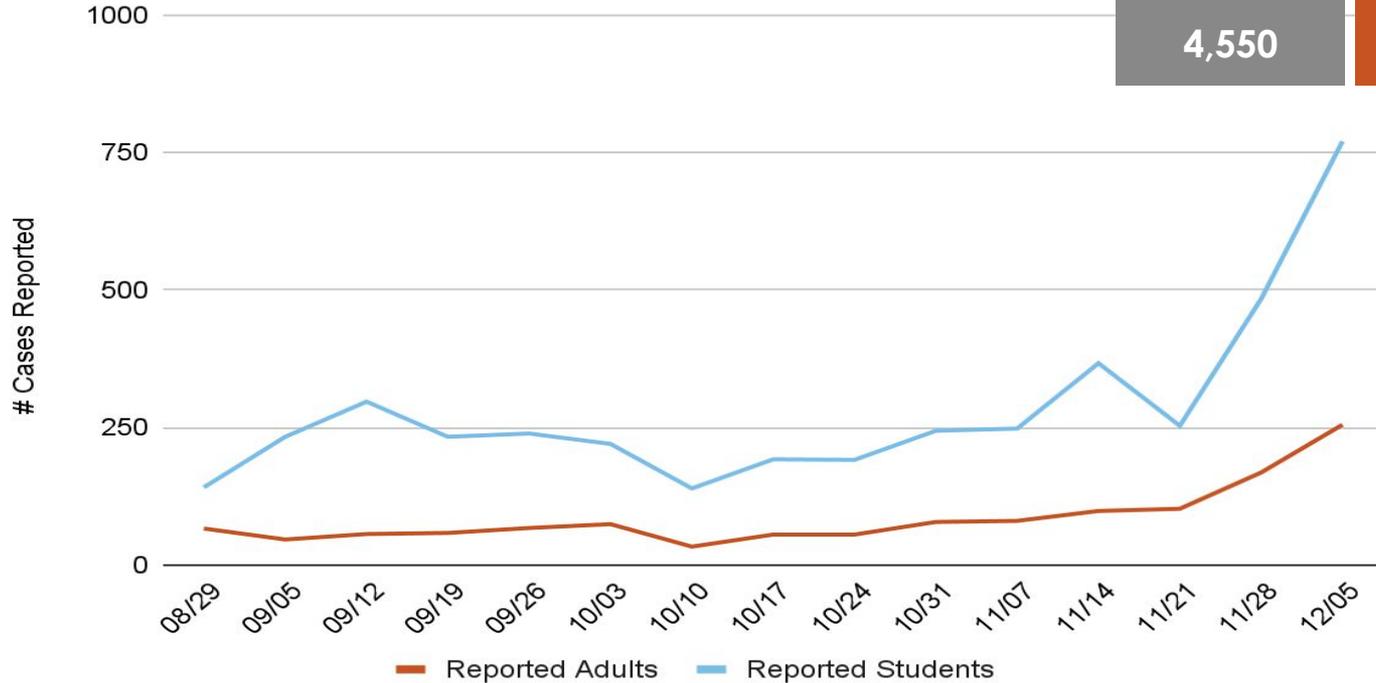
Overall Total Cases:

Students

4,550

Staff

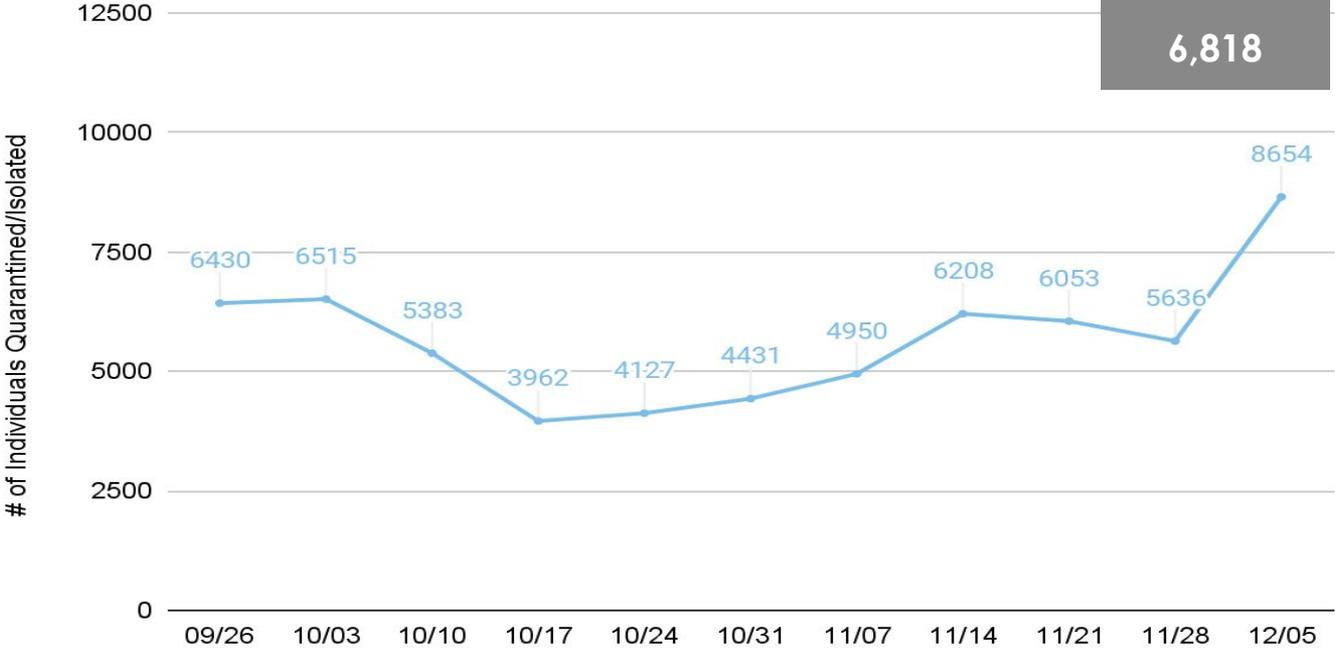
1,399



Weekly Average of Individuals Quarantined/Isolated

Sept. 26 - Dec. 11

Currently Quarantined/Isolated	
Students	Staff
6,818	380



CPS COVID-19 Testing Update (as of Dec 2021)

Screening Tests

- CPS will complete nearly **400,000 COVID-19 Screening Tests** for 2021
- This includes **>263,000** screening tests since September 2021;
Last week, over **32,000 tests** were completed
- COVID-19 screening test yield: Consistently <1% (**0.82% positive** last week)

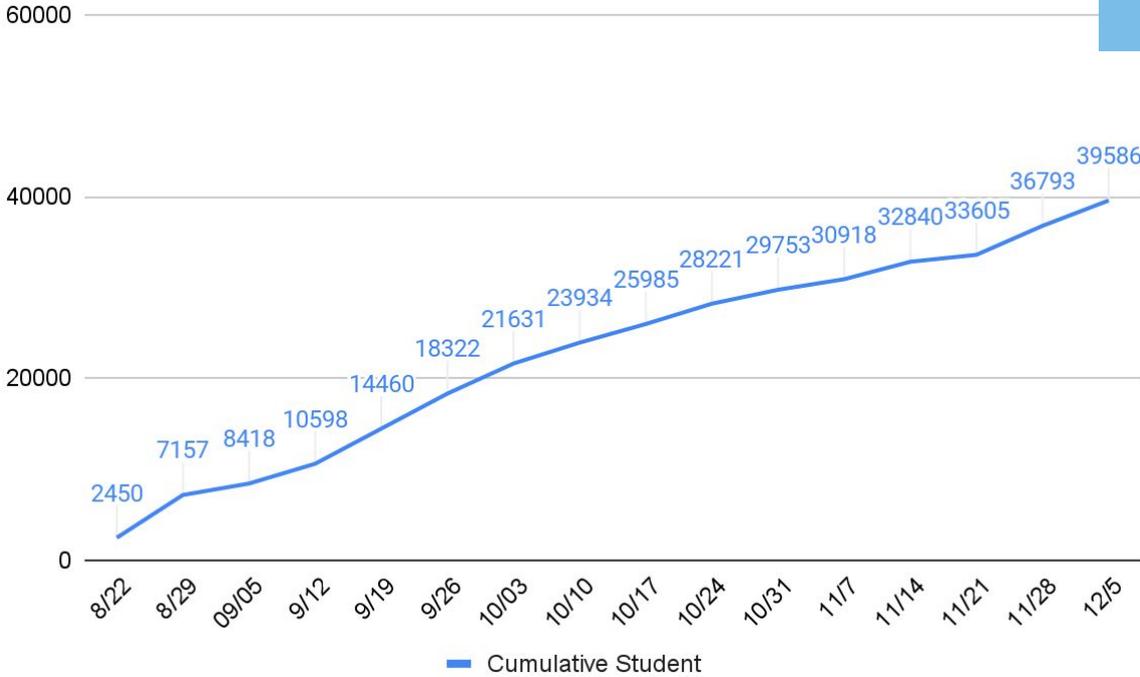
Test to Stay Pilot

- Launched week of December 6th
- One classroom in one elementary school with high vaccine coverage rates
- Strong cooperation and communications between eager principal and parents
- Analysis ongoing: Health success; resource intensive; operationally taxing

Students Registered for Testing

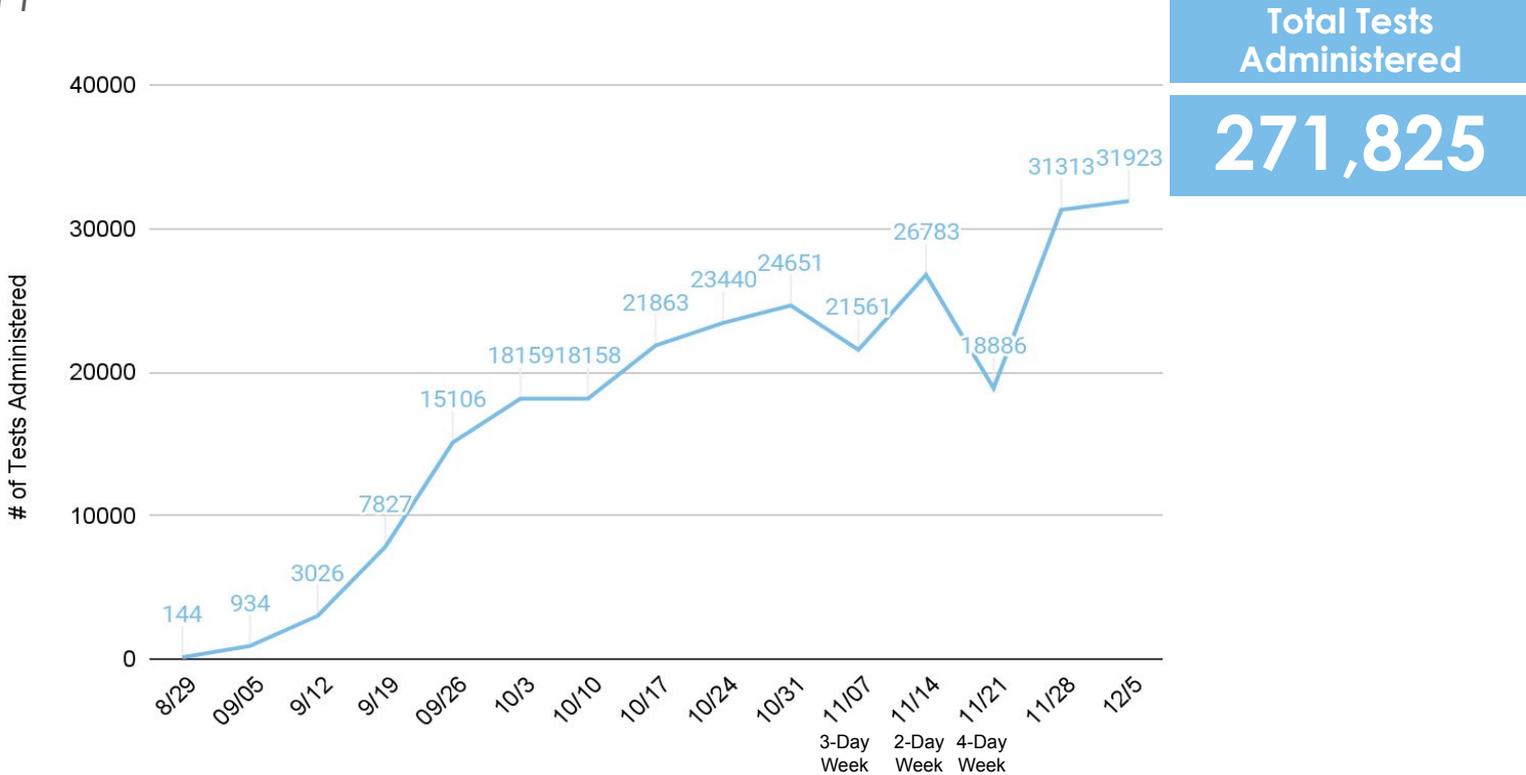
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Students Registered for Testing:
40,135



Number of Tests Administered

Sept. 26 - Dec. 11

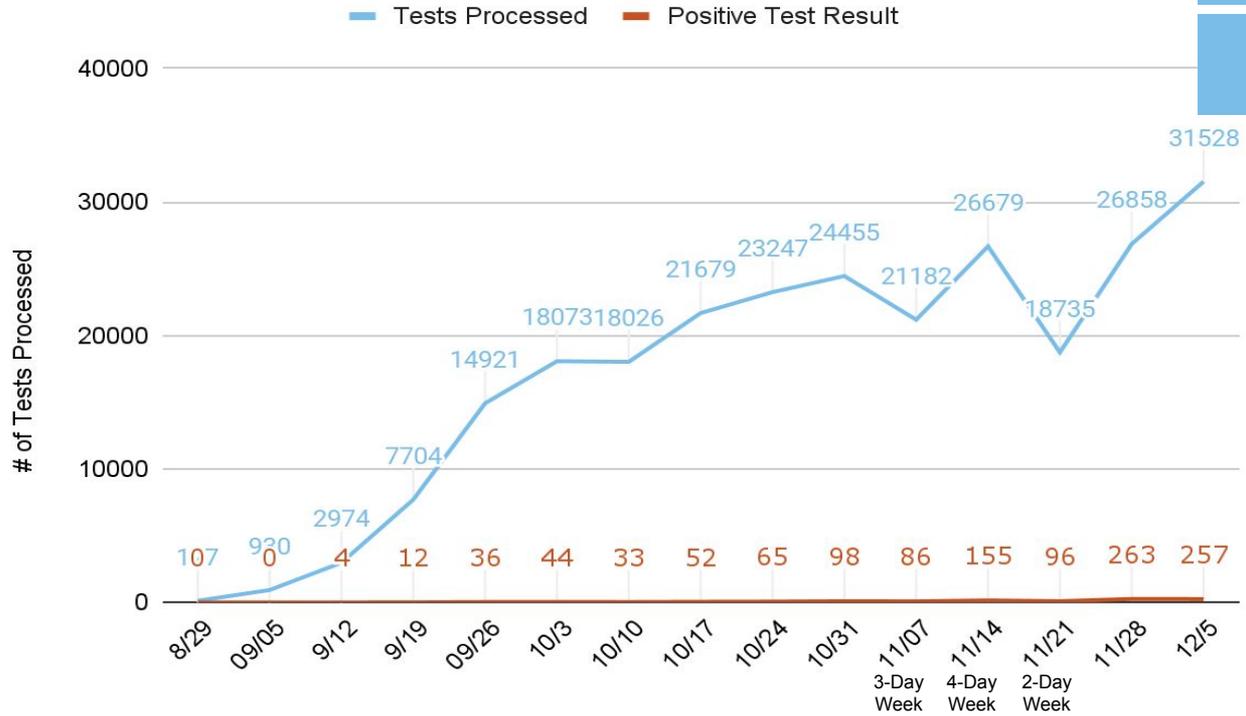


Weekly Number of COVID Tests Completed vs. Positive Tests

Aug. 29 - Dec. 11

Test Positivity Rate

0.82%



Winter Break Testing Innovation: Home Tests

150,000 COVID-19 Home Screening Test Kits will be sent to >300 schools for student use

- Prioritized distribution based on:
 - *COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index (CCVI)*
 - Vaccination coverage rates

Screening Kits to be sent home via students on Friday, Dec 17th

- Highly recommended for the unvaccinated
- Kits include prepaid FedEx label for shipping.
- Collect specimen **Tuesday, December 28th**. Fedex on day of collection.
- This allows adequate time to get result before school starts on **Monday, January 3rd**.
- Results shared by text, email or log-in to website account on home.color.com
- If POSITIVE, isolate for 10 days from date of test.



CPS COVID-19 Vaccination

90%

of CPS staff are vaccinated

>50%

of CPS students ages 12 and up have been vaccinated

CPS Student COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage (12/10/21)

Eligibility Group	At least First Dose received
5-11 years	13.31%
12-17 years	55.42%
18 years+	50.33%

- CPS receives state vaccine registry data from CDPH twice/month
- ITS then uploads vaccination records into Aspen
- 38,786 doses currently pending upload
- A School Nurse can validate and enter student vaccination data into Aspen to remove students from quarantine list if data is yet not uploaded (at the time that a quarantine decision must be made)

CPS COVID-19 Vaccination Events: Dec 2021 Update

Recent CPS COVID-19 vaccination opportunities (Nov 13- Dec 10, 2021):

- **75** Mobile Clinic Events: **1,969** patients
- **13** Regional Clinical Events: **920** patients

Between Nov 11 and Dec 23rd:

- **22** Mobile Clinic Events available
- **4** Regional vaccination events available
- School-based/School-linked Health Centers continue to make appointments:
 - 23 school-based clinics offer COVID-19 vaccine for 12+ yo
 - 15 school-based clinics offer COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11 yo
- CPS temporary Satellite Clinic at Harlan HS (zip: 60628) supplements wider city/ community opportunities.
- Additional CPS Satellite Clinics with contracted health system providers are in production

COVID-19 vaccine availability continues to outpace demand; slots remain unfilled

COVID-19 Communications

Paid Advertising Campaign

- Leading with student voices
- English and Spanish
- Targeted to West and South Side
- Types of Advertising:
 - Billboards
 - Public Transportation
 - Radio Ads
 - Website Banner Ads
 - Social Media Ads



A big reason why I decided to get vaccinated was to protect my friends and family – especially my great-grandma.

**MAKE A PLAN
GET VACCINATED**

Find out where you can get vaccinated at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)

An advertisement for COVID-19 vaccination. It features a young girl with dark curly hair, wearing a red t-shirt and a dark blue face mask with a red and white logo. She is holding a smartphone in her right hand. The background is a light blue gradient. A white speech bubble contains a testimonial in English. Below the testimonial, the text "MAKE A PLAN GET VACCINATED" is written in large, bold, white letters on a dark blue background. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with the text "Find out where you can get vaccinated at vaccines.gov" and the Chicago Public Schools logo.

Una gran razón por la que decidí vacunarme fue para proteger a mis amigos y familiares, especialmente a mi bisabuela.

**HAZ UN PLAN
VACÚNATE**

Descubre dónde puedes vacunarte en [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)

An advertisement for COVID-19 vaccination, identical to the one above but in Spanish. It features the same young girl with dark curly hair, wearing a red t-shirt and a dark blue face mask with a red and white logo, holding a smartphone. The background is a light blue gradient. A white speech bubble contains a testimonial in Spanish. Below the testimonial, the text "HAZ UN PLAN VACÚNATE" is written in large, bold, white letters on a dark blue background. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with the text "Descubre dónde puedes vacunarte en vaccines.gov" and the Chicago Public Schools logo.

COVID-19 Communications (Cont.)

Direct Communication to Parents

- Emails, Texts, Robocalls From CPS
- Weekly Email from Principals
- Communications/Marketing Packages From CPS to Schools
- Targeted Communications on Key Dates:
 - Vaccine Awareness Day
 - Report Card Pickup
 - Thanksgiving & Holidays



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine?
All Chicagoans aged 5 and up can get vaccinated. Vaccines are free and no proof of insurance or citizenship is required. Children ages 5-11 receive a smaller dose of the vaccine than those ages 12 and up.

Why should my child or teen get vaccinated for COVID-19?
COVID-19 can make children very sick and cause children to be hospitalized. It can cause both short and long-term health complications, and in some cases, even death. Children infected with COVID-19 can spread it to others, including more vulnerable people like older people and those with underlying health conditions.

Are there any side effects to the COVID-19 vaccine?
Your child may have some side effects, which are normal signs that their body is building protection against COVID-19. On the arm where your child got the shot, your child may experience temporary pain, redness and swelling. Throughout the rest of their body, they may experience temporary tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, or nausea. These side effects may affect your child's ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. There is no evidence that the COVID-19 vaccine affects fertility. Severe allergic reactions are rare. If your child experiences a severe allergic reaction after getting a COVID-19 vaccine, vaccine providers can rapidly provide care and call for emergency medical services, if needed.

Can I get COVID-19 from the COVID-19 vaccine?
No, people cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.

If my child is vaccinated, will they have to quarantine if they come into close contact with someone infected with a current COVID-19 variant?
No. One of the benefits of getting your child vaccinated is that they will not have to quarantine as long as they feel well. Avoiding quarantine or isolation will mean less disruption to the child's learning, and less stress on parents who may have to secure child care for a child in quarantine.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?
COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines. While COVID-19 vaccines were developed quickly to meet the worldwide demand for protection from the virus, all steps have been taken to ensure their safety and effectiveness. COVID-19 vaccines have undergone and continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history, which includes studies about adolescents and children.

Where can I find a COVID-19 vaccine?
COVID-19 vaccines are widely available. You can talk to your child's pediatrician or medical provider, or make an appointment by visiting [yaccines.gov](https://www.yaccines.gov), texting your zip code to 438829, or calling 1-800-232-0233. For a list of vaccine opportunities through CPS, please visit cps.edu/vaccinations.

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