

# APS COVID-19 Mask Requirement Recommendations

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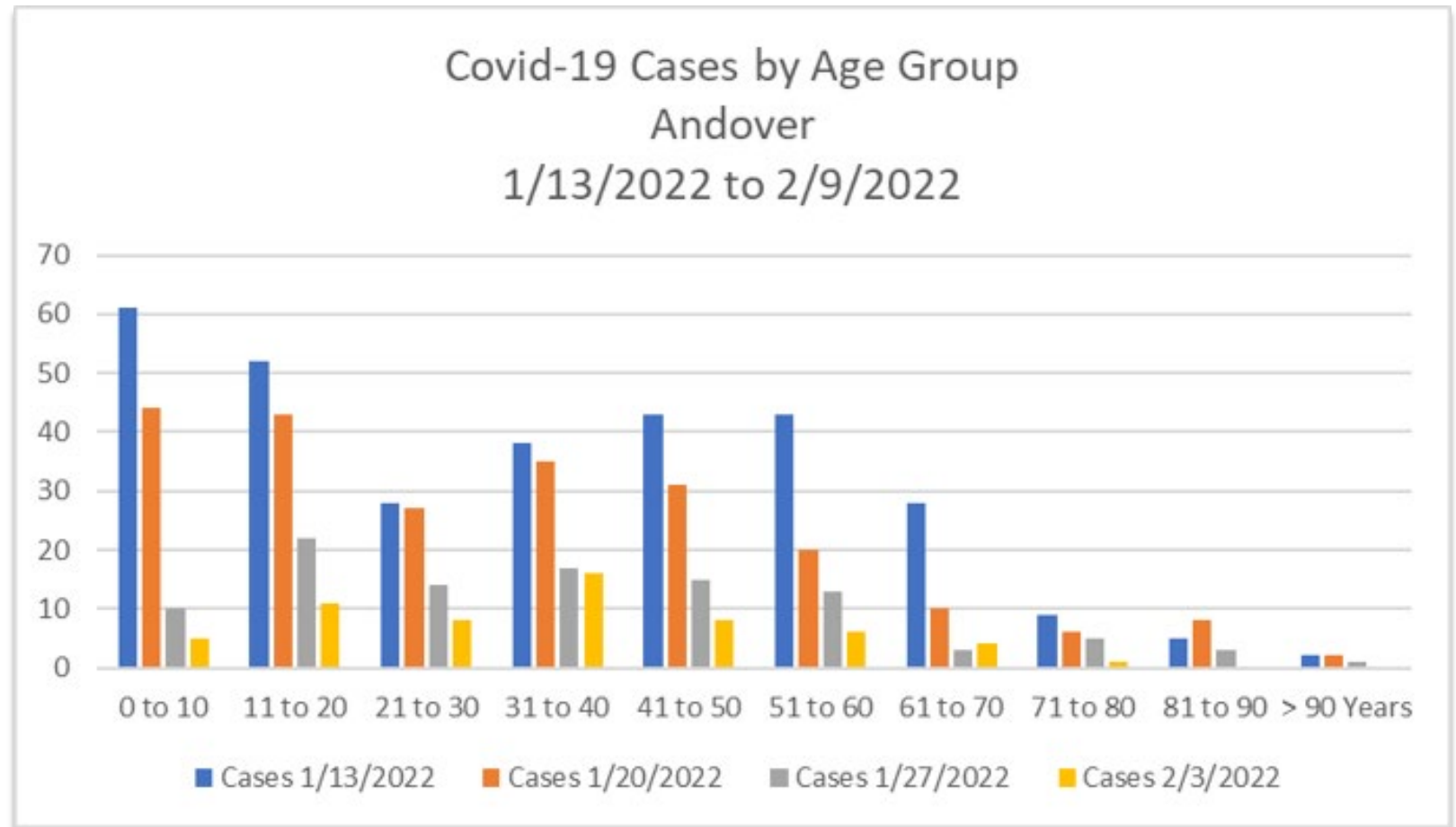
# COVID-19 Cases - Town of Andover

Cases from MAVEN  
(7 Day Total)

Age Group	Cases 1/13/2022	Cases 1/20/2022	Cases 1/27/2022	Cases 2/3/2022
0 to 10	61	44	10	5
11 to 20	52	43	22	11
21 to 30	28	27	14	8
31 to 40	38	35	17	16
41 to 50	43	31	15	8
51 to 60	43	20	13	6
61 to 70	28	10	3	4
71 to 80	9	6	5	1
81 to 90	5	8	3	0
> 90 Years	2	2	1	0
Total	309	226	103	59

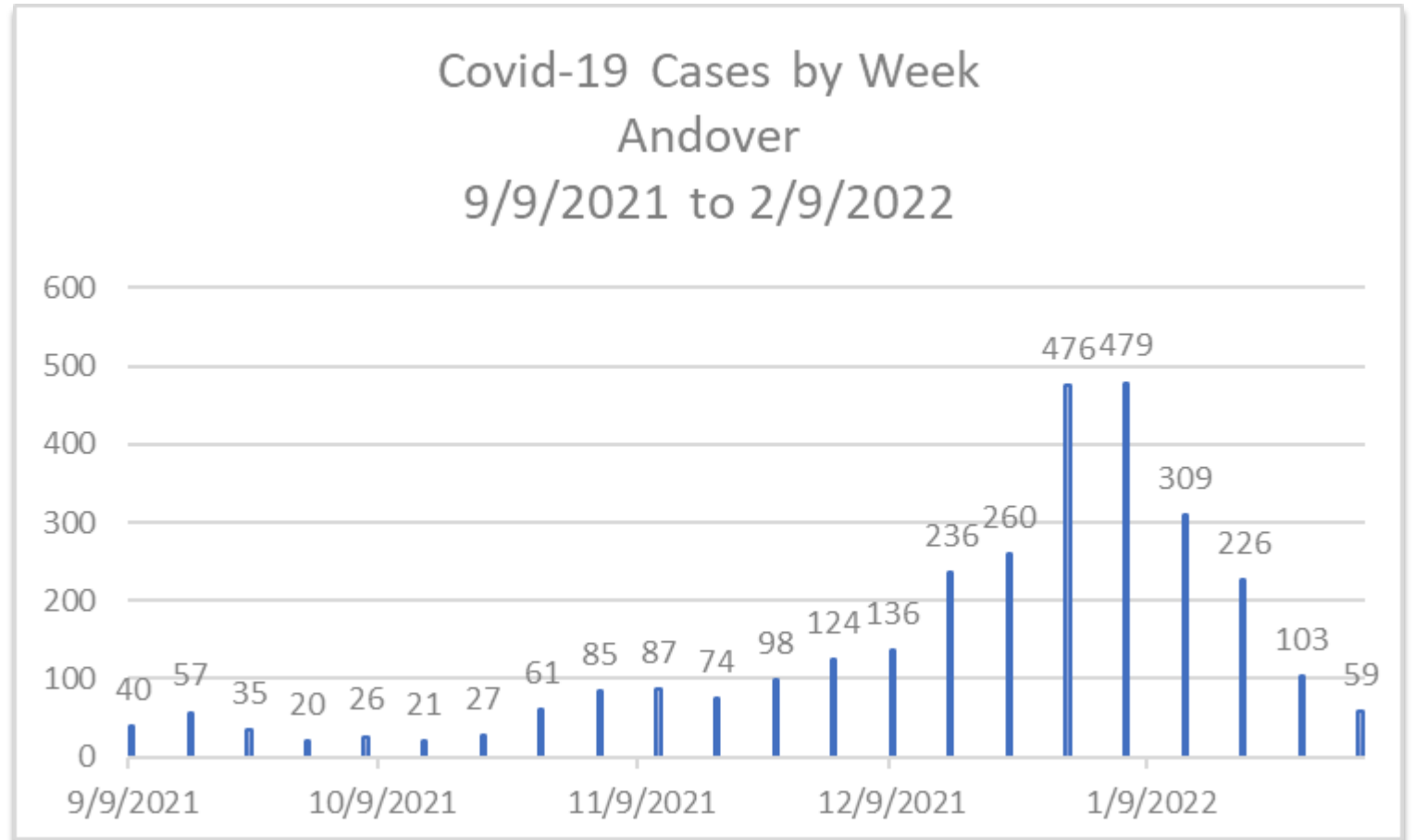
# COVID-19 Cases in Andover by Age Group

## MAVEN Data



# Weekly COVID-19 Cases - Andover

## MAVEN Data



# COVID -19 Cases - Andover Public School

## Family and DPH reported cases (7 Day Total)

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Cases 1.14.22</b>	<b>Cases 1.21.22</b>	<b>Cases 1.28.22</b>	<b>Cases 2.4.22</b>	<b>Cases 2.11.22</b>
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Middle</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17</b>

# Andover Vaccination Rate Data

Data Published 2/10/2022

Town	Age Group	Population	Individuals with at least one dose per capita	Fully vaccinated individuals	Fully vaccinated individuals per capita	Individuals with booster doses	Individuals with booster doses per capita
Andover	5-11 Years	3,285	67%	1,966	60%	4	0%
Andover	12-15 Years	2,155	>95%	1,987	92%	663	31%
Andover	16-19 Years	2,010	>95%	2,168	>95%	1,285	64%

# APS Vaccination Rate Data

## Student Data Published 2/14/2022

School	Fully vaccinated %	Partial vaccination %	Unvaccinated %	Full/Partial %
AHS	87	2	11	89
DMS	79	6	15	85
WHMS	68	24	8	92
WMS	73	6	21	79
Bancroft	75	4	21	79
High Plain El	61	8	30	69
Sanborn	60	9	31	69
South	71	7	22	78
West El	64	9	27	73
<i>Shawsheen*</i>	10	3	87	13

# Recommendations

- **Encourage vaccination**
  - Upcoming after-school clinics to be scheduled
- **Continued self-monitoring for symptoms**
- **Mitigation strategies by the district will continue**
  - Cleaning of high touch areas, ventilation, distancing when feasible, home with illness, symptomatic testing, DESE isolation and quarantine guidelines
- **Symptomatic testing in school (CIC)**
- **DESE and DPH strongly recommend students and staff continue to follow the DESE-DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios.**



# Recommendations

- **DESE At-Home testing (began Jan 2022)**
  - Approximately 2,000 students
  - Approximately 700 staff
  - Individuals can still opt-in
- **Masks encouraged:**
  - Immunocompromised
  - DESE and DPH strongly recommend unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks in school settings.
  - Any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID-19, should be supported in that choice.

# Recommendations

## **Recommendation to revise the current School Committee policy EBCFA with the following:**

- Students and staff returning from isolation or quarantine must follow strict mask use in accordance with the DESE protocols other than when eating, drinking, or outside, and conduct active monitoring for symptoms through day 10.
- Masks will be required in all school health offices.
- By federal public health order, all students and staff are required to wear a mask on school buses.

# Recommendations

## Recommendation to revise the current School Committee policy EBCFA with the following:

- The district recommends lifting the mask requirements on March 7, 2022, making masks optional for individuals in school buildings.
- Based on historical data of positive cases following breaks in Nov. & Dec., the district may delay the lifting of the mask requirement following February recess until at least March 14<sup>th</sup> .
  - This determination will be made in consultation with Andover's Director of Public Health and APS Director of Nursing.