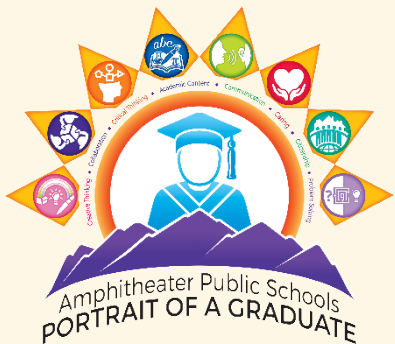




June 22, 2021

Superintendent's Report





Amp Up



The Amp Up! summer program gave us an opportunity to do some new and fun programs, including welding lessons at Amphi Middle School and the Bridge program for incoming freshmen at Canyon del Oro High School.



Amp Up!



Last week marked the end of the first session for our elementary school Amp Up! program. “The Amazing Race” theme finished with a virtual visit to Japan. Above, you see Painted Sky Elementary School students designed structures to withstand a 5.5 or greater magnitude earthquake and made cucumber sushi rolls. Students also got a taste of Italy last week. On the right, you see Keeling Elementary School chefs waiting their turn to cook pizza. The second session begins next week. We can’t wait to see where our students are visiting next!

Professional Development



Learning doesn't stop for our staff during the summer. It's exciting to see so many educators participating in the Summer Institute courses we are offering. The photos above are from a session called, "Utilizing Choice Boards to Personalize Learning." Personalized learning is all the more important this year as we help students move forward from the disruption caused by COVID-19.





Information from Public Health



Pima County Metrics -- As of 6/17 (Steady)

Disease Data

Cases over two consecutive weeks (with complete reporting of cases)

Criteria not met

Progress

Criteria met

Percent Positivity

COVID-19 like illness

Health Care System Availability

Lab Testing Availability and Utilization

Adequate hospital bed capacity to care for 2X the current COVID cases (+ surge) - Statewide

Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Emergency Responders

Criteria not met

Progress

Criteria met

Public Health Tracking and Investigation

Timely case investigation

Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours

Facilities/support for patients who can't be discharged home - Statewide

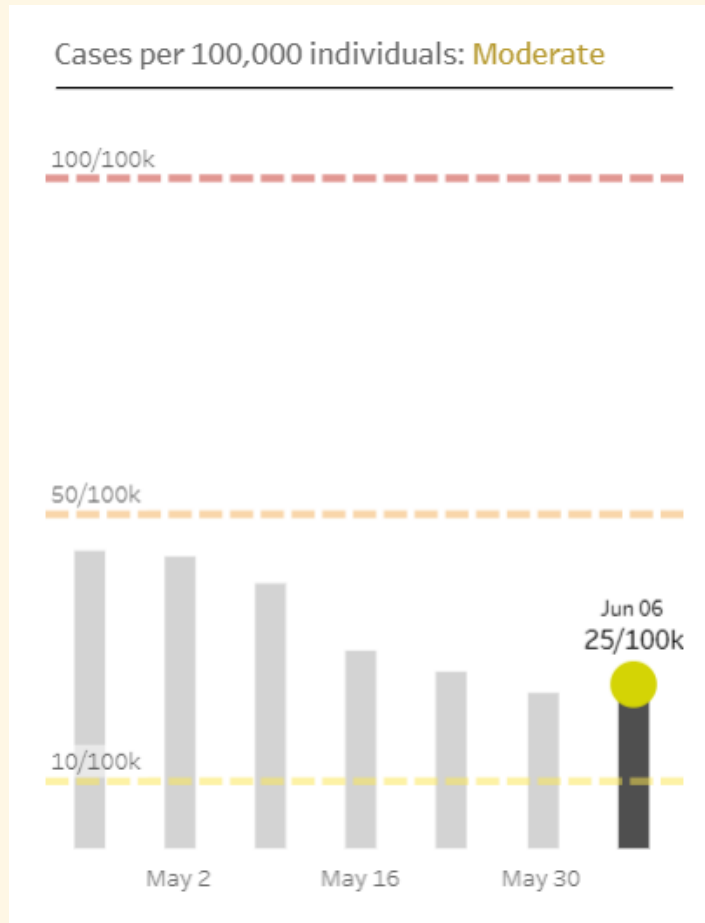
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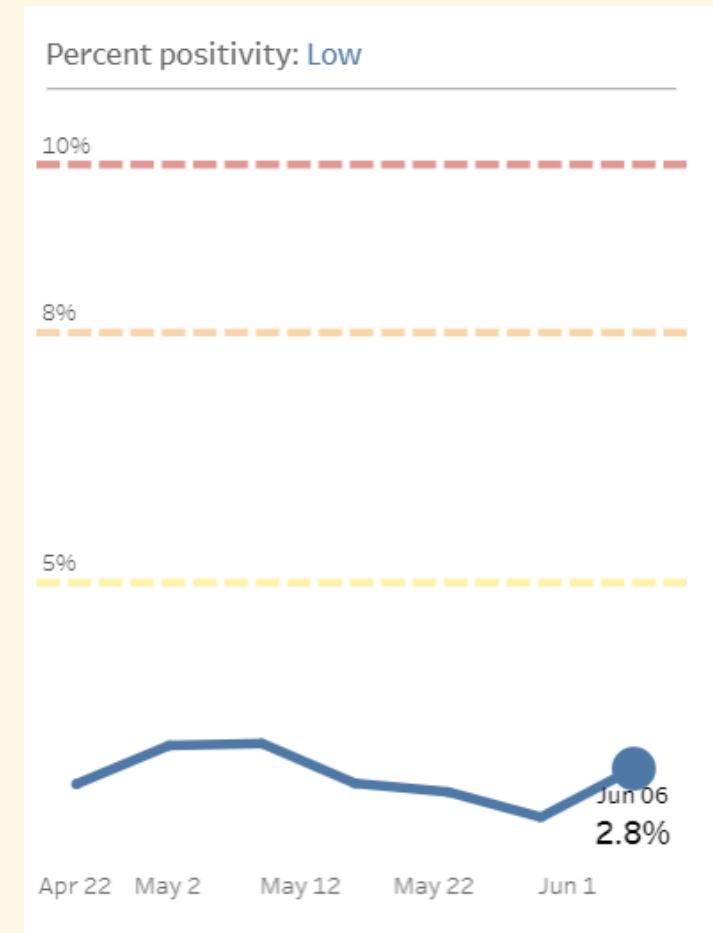


AZDHS School Guidance For Pima



Week of June 6: 25 cases per 100,000 in Pima County
 Week of May 30: 23 cases
 Week of May 23: 26 cases

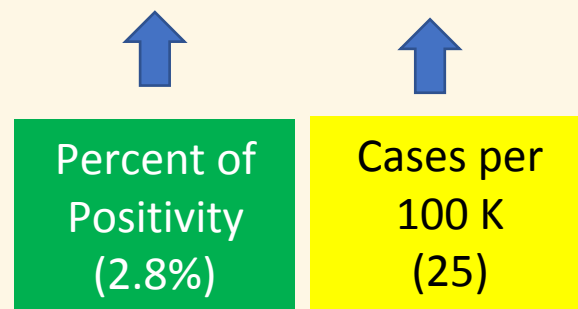
Week of June 6: Test positivity rate = 2.8%
 Week of May 30 = 2.2%
 Week of May 23 = 2.5%





Current Transmission Level: Moderate

Indicator	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the last 7 days	0 - 9	10 - 49	50 - 99	≥ 100
Percentage of nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) that are positive during the past 7 days	<5.0%	5.0% - 7.9%	8.0% - 9.9%	≥ 10.0%





AZDHS Recommended Mitigation Strategies



Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Key Mitigation Strategies: Universal and correct use of masks; physical distancing ¹ ; handwashing and respiratory etiquette ² ; cleaning and maintaining health facilities; contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine.			
Sports and extracurricular activities: physical distancing of 6 feet or more, to the greatest extent possible ³	Sports and extracurricular activities: physical distancing of 6 feet or more	Sports and extracurricular activities: occur only if they can be held outdoors, with physical distancing of 6 feet or more	Sports and extracurricular activities: virtual only
Diagnostic testing⁴: Symptomatic students, teachers, and staff and close contacts referred for diagnostic testing			
K-12 schools open for full in-person instruction		Elementary schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance ⁵	Middle and high schools in virtual instruction unless they can strictly implement all mitigation strategies and have few cases.
		Middle and high schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance	Schools that are already open for in-person instruction with successfully implemented mitigation strategies can remain open, but only if they continue to strictly implement mitigation strategies and have few cases ⁶
The items listed below include additional recommendations for schools choosing to perform routine COVID-19 screening testing.			
Screening testing for teachers and staff⁷: Routine screening testing of teachers and staff offered once per week			
Screening testing for students⁸: None	Screening testing for students: Routine screening testing of students offered once per week		
K-12 schools open for full in-person instruction		K-12 schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance	



Proposal for Revision of Mask Regulation



- 838,044 Vaccine doses administered in Pima County to date



- 45.2% of Pima County residents vaccinated



- These numbers do **not** include vaccinations provided at State vaccination PODs



- Per CDC (May 28,2021): Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by laws, rules or regulations, including those of local entities



- CDC: Those who are fully vaccinated and who also have no symptoms do not need to quarantine, be restricted from work, or be tested even after exposure to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case. Those who are unvaccinated should continue to wear masks for their own protection and for that of others





Proposal for Revision of Mask Regulation



- Progress in these markers will continue as we near next school year



- Moving forward, we need to put as much of *annus horribilus* in our rear view mirror as possible. In addition, we should be cognizant and reflective of the advances we have made through vaccinations and mitigation efforts

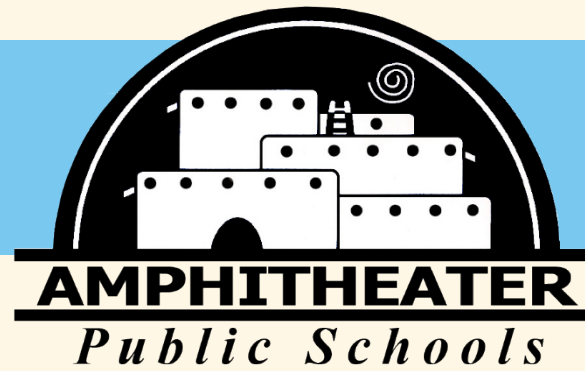


- *Accordingly, I am proposing that the wearing of masks be optional for staff and students alike for the 2021-2022 school year. Those who are not vaccinated, however, will be advised to continue to wear masks and will be subject to quarantine measures. In addition, we will urge parents of elementary age students to continue to ask or direct their children to wear masks – but the ultimate choice would be theirs*

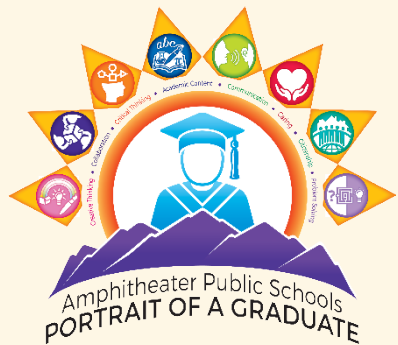


- I will be seeking feedback on this proposal and then will formally announce a final revision to the regulation regarding masks in the next several days





Point of Personal Privilege



Thank you!

