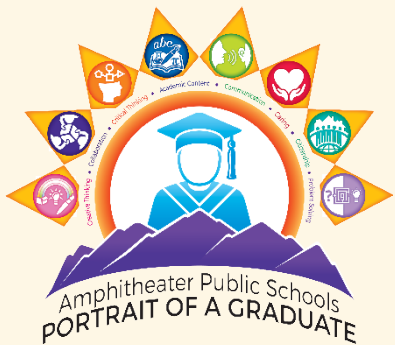




August 24, 2021

Superintendent's Report





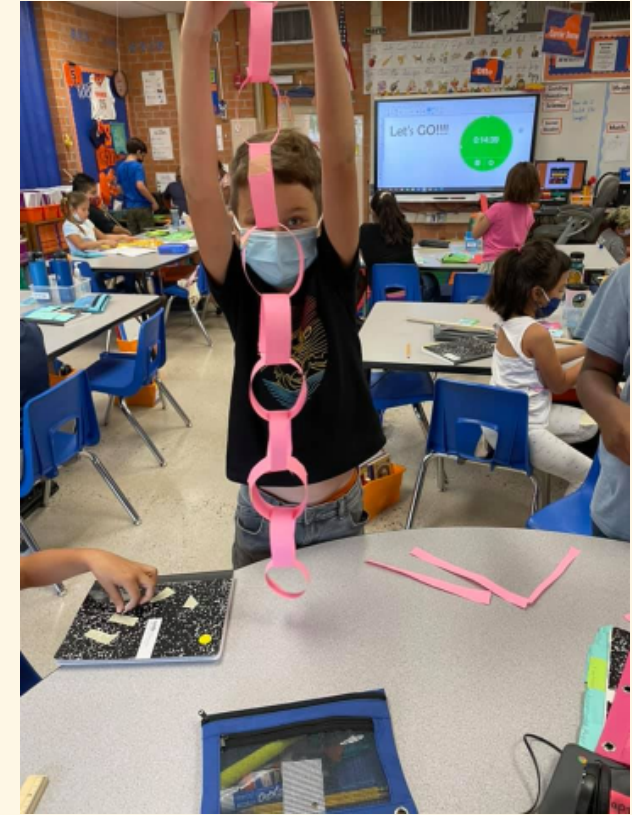
Around the Schools



Students in Mrs. Vaswani's class at Innovation Academy spent time last week creating food truck businesses. They developed their own menus, calculated how much profit they would be making, and made plans for promoting their businesses.



Around the Schools



At Prince Elementary, last week's STEAM activity had third-graders tackling engineering and architecture. Teams worked together to see who could make the longest paper chain with paper, tape, and scissors!



Around the Schools

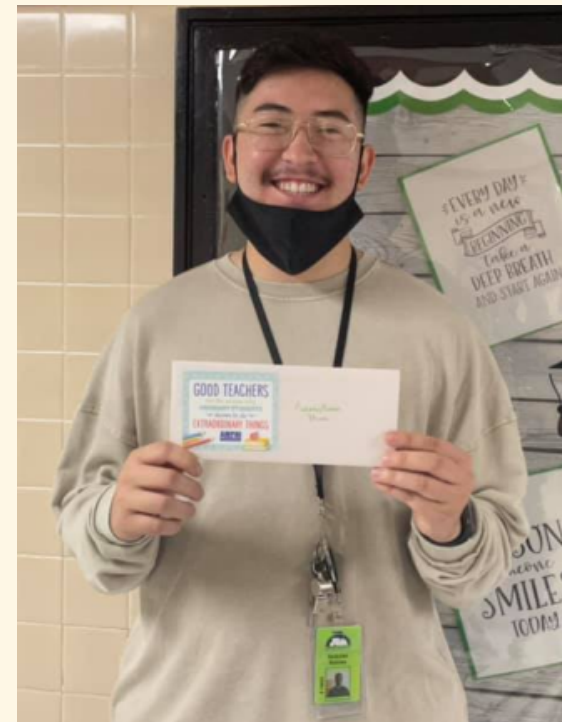
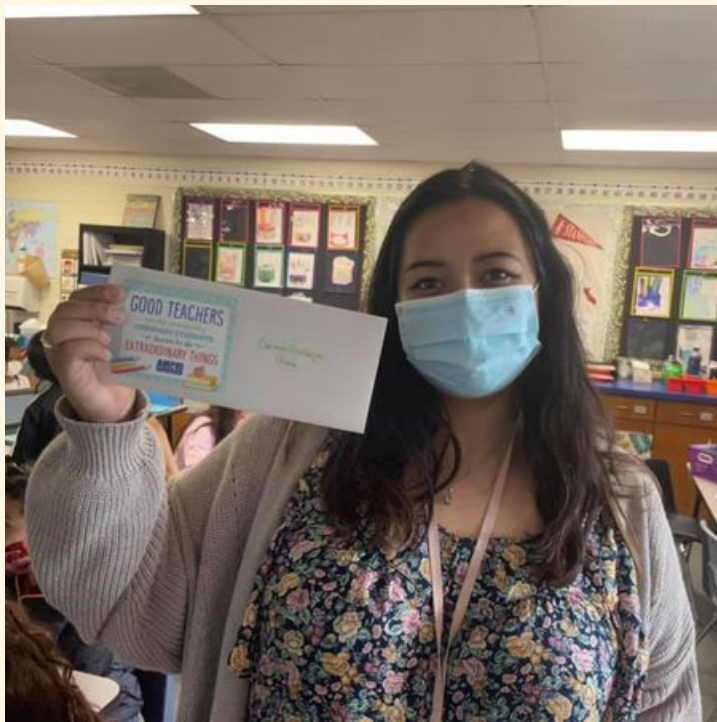


We are proud to offer middle school sports in the Amphi District. Above, parents gather to learn more about the athletics programs at Amphi Middle School, and at right, the girls softball team at La Cima Middle School gets ready to take the field.





Thank you



Above are photos of just a few of our new teachers who received classroom 'start up' grants from the Amphi Foundation this year. The Foundation has given out about 35 grants for \$250 each to the newest Amphi teachers. We are so grateful to the Foundation for their support.



Thank you

Special thanks to Elise McGee, who sent in this beautiful photo of Ironwood Ridge High School. Elise took the picture on August 13, 2021 a day when Mother Nature put on an amazing show!





Pima County Metrics -- As of 8/20/21

Disease Data

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

Percent Positivity →

COVID-19 like illness

Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met

Health Care System Availability

Lab Testing Availability and Utilization →

Hospital Bed Capacity

Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Emergency Responders

Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met

Public Health Tracking and Investigation

Timely case investigation

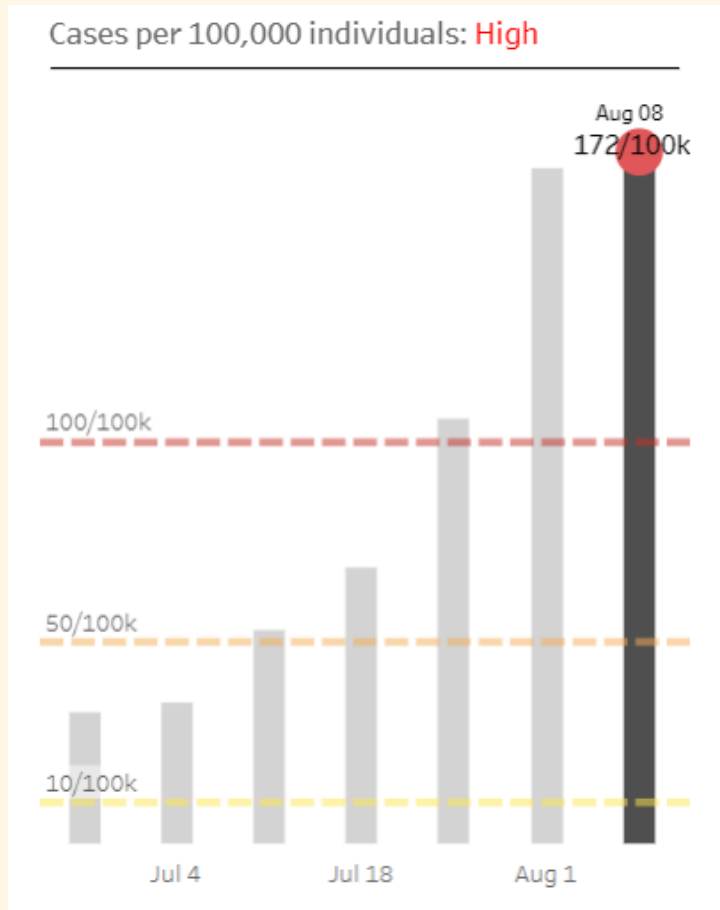
Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours

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

Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met

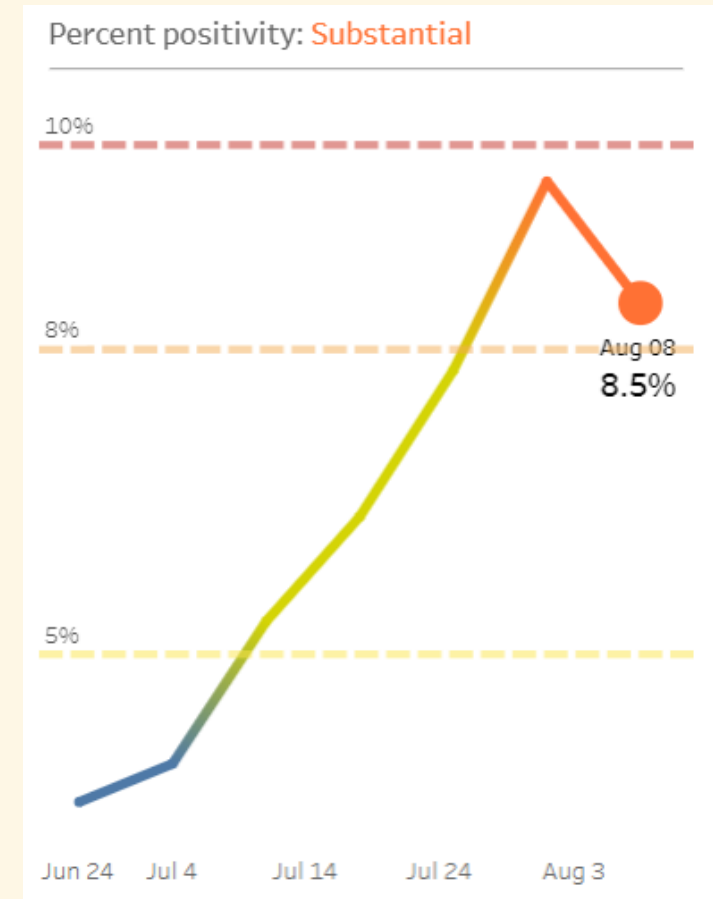


AZDHS Data for Pima County



Week of August 1: 168 cases per 100,000 in Pima County.
 Week of July 25: 106 cases
 Week of July 18: 69 cases
 Week of July 11: 53 cases

Week of August 1: Test positivity rate = 9.6%
 Week of July 25: 7.8%
 Week of July 18: 6.4%.
 Week of July 11: 5.3%





District COVID-19 Dashboard

Confirmed Case Data as of this morning (8/20) (includes staff and students) (55 cases currently):

- Amphitheater High School 9
- Canyon del Oro High School 9
- Copper Creek Elementary School 1
- Coronado K-8 School 1
- Cross Middle School 4
- Donaldson Elementary School 1
- Harelson Elementary School 7 (1 additional *presumed* positive)
- Holaway Elementary School 1
- Innovation Academy 1
- Ironwood Ridge High School 4
- La Cima Middle School 3
- Mesa Verde Elementary School 4
- Painted Sky Elementary School 1
- Prince Elementary School 2
- Rio Vista Elementary School 1
- Walker Elementary School 2
- Wilson K-8 School 4
- Other District Sites 0



School Cases – Pima County

School Cases

As reported since July 20, 2021.

Total cases: 947

Outbreaks: 33

Last updated: 8/23/21, 2:05 p.m.

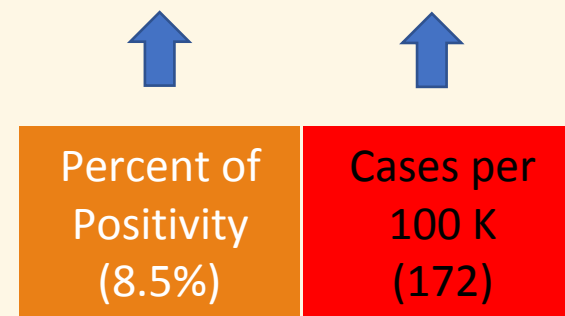
District/category	Cases
Altar Valley	<10
Amphitheater	99
Catalina Foothills	11
Continental	<10
Flowing Wells	23
Marana	184
Sahuarita	42
Sunnyside	68
Tanque Verde	16
Tucson Unified	139
Vail	197
Other	157

Source: PCHD



Current Transmission Level: High

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%





Mitigation Measures: Vaccinations



- Amphitheater is working with PCHD to host and publicize vaccination clinics at our schools – open to the community and eligible students.
- Get vaccinated if you can!
- Per AZDHS:



People in Pima	
Total number of people who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine:	534,453
Percent of people vaccinated:	51.2%
Number of people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19:	472,090



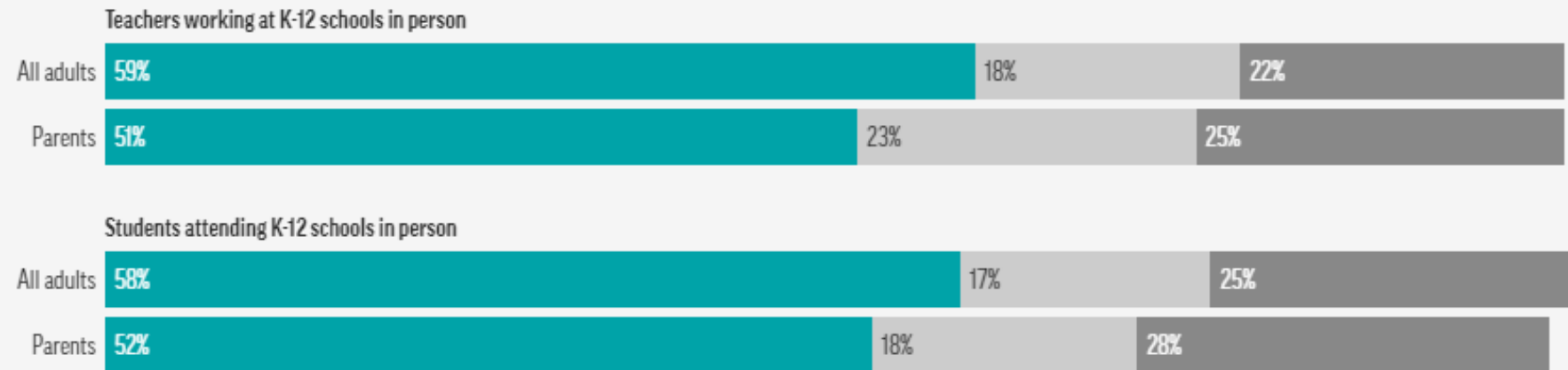
Masks: A Point of Controversy

About 6 in 10 Americans favor requiring K-12 teachers, students to wear masks

A new AP-NORC poll finds parents somewhat less likely than the broader population to favor requiring teachers and students at K-12 schools to wear masks, though only about a quarter are opposed.

Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose requiring ___ to wear face masks?

■ Favor ■ Neither favor nor oppose ■ Oppose



Results based on interviews with 1,729 U.S. adults conducted Aug. 12-16. The margin of error is ±3.2 percentage points for the full sample.

Source: AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research



Effectiveness of Face Masks in Reducing the Transmission of SARS-CoV-2

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PERSPECTIVE

An evidence review of face masks against COVID-19

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The science around the use of masks by the public to impede COVID-19 transmission is advancing rapidly. In this narrative review, we develop an analytical framework to examine mask usage, synthesizing the relevant literature to inform multiple areas: population impact, transmission characteristics, source control, wearer protection, sociological considerations, and implementation considerations. A primary route of transmission of COVID-19 is via respiratory particles, and it is known to be transmissible from presymptomatic, paucisymptomatic, and asymptomatic individuals. Reducing disease spread requires two things: limiting contacts of infected individuals via physical distancing and other measures and reducing the transmission probability per contact. Public mask wearing is most effective at reducing spread of the virus when the current shortages of medical masks, we recommend the adoption of public use of widely available, low-cost, multi-layered cloth masks. Because many respiratory particles become smaller due to evaporation, the protective aspect of mask usage, in conjunction with existing hygiene, distancing, and other measures, may be more effective at the population level, rather than only mask wearing by susceptible individuals. We recommend that public use of widespread face masks in public, including the

ABSTRACT
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Conclusions

Evidence in Counties With and Without a Stay-at-Home Order, June 1–August 23, 2020

Catherine L. Satterwhite, PhD¹; Hina B. Shah, MPH⁴; Charles Hunt, MPH⁴; John Rule⁶

Stay-at-home orders in unvaccinated counties and the continued increase in cases in unvaccinated counties adds to the evidence supporting the effectiveness of wearing masks and implementing policies to mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2. Community-level mitigation strategies emphasizing physical distancing, staying at home, and practicing good hygiene practices can help reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2.

Requiring the wearing of face coverings in public places became effective July 3, 2020. Data on the effectiveness of these orders were obtained from the Kansas Health Department. We compared counties that enacted on June 9, 2020, with counties that enacted health orders that are less restrictive. We found that statewide executive orders that require counties to opt out of the stay-at-home order in counties in Kansas that have not opted out of the state mandate to stay at home are considered to have been effective. The state mandate to stay at home was not effective in counties that opted out of the state mandate were

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Mask Guidance



- Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS):

- *Wear masks in public settings.*
- *Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to wear masks in indoor public settings where transmission is substantial or high.*



- CDC (July 27, 2021):

- *All staff and students 5 years or older should wear masks indoors unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit their use regardless of vaccination status.*
- In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors.



- Pima County Health Department (PCHD):

- *Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to wear masks in indoor public settings where transmission is substantial or high.*



- SB 1824 (ARS 15-342.05), passed by legislature, created new Arizona law which prohibits school mask mandates.



- We will not violate state law, but a recent court ruling clarified this law is not yet effective and efforts to make it so were unconstitutional. (Effective Date: September 29, 2021)



- In absence of law, I feel constrained to be guided by public health guidance – not politics, not funding, not threats, not insults and vulgar slurs.





Mitigation Measures: Quarantine & Isolation



- Amphitheater is working with PCHD on contact tracing and case investigation for positive cases and close contacts.



- What's a close contact?



- Anyone within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.



- *Where the parties involved are wearing masks, this zone is reduced to 3 feet of distance.*



- An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or 2 days before the positive specimen collection date) until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation.



- Isolation and quarantine recommendations will be determined by PCHD through contact tracing and case investigation.





Mitigation Measures: Quarantining



- A.R.S. § 36-624 enables county health departments to adopt quarantine and sanitary measures to prevent the spread of an infectious or contagious disease within their jurisdictions.



- PCHD is implementing such protocols during the current pandemic and the District is subject to the law.



- Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-630, any person who violates such a measure is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor.



- Again, we will comply with the law. All laws.





Quarantine & Isolation Public Health Order

- Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts must remain at home and be excluded from school and extra-curricular activities.
- Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts who remain asymptomatic may return on or after day seven (7) upon providing documentation of a valid negative COVID-19 test collected on or after day 5 of the quarantine.
- Close contacts who can provide documentation of a completed COVID-19 vaccination series may return to school immediately if asymptomatic.
- Individuals who are vaccinated should test for COVID-19 between day 3 and 5 of their exposure to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, as well as continue to mask.

PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SANITARY MEASURE 2021-01



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