

SFX Covid-19 FAQs

Can the school data start to clarify whether the Covid-19 cases identified are related to on-campus vs. off-campus transmission? If not, why?

The data that is posted on our Gradelink daily totals reflect the total number of positive cases and quarantines for that day. Our goal is to be transparent and factual while protecting the privacy of all involved. The determination of on-campus vs off-campus transmission is determined by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH). We do not presume or make judgments with regard to on or off-campus transmission without confirmation from the county.

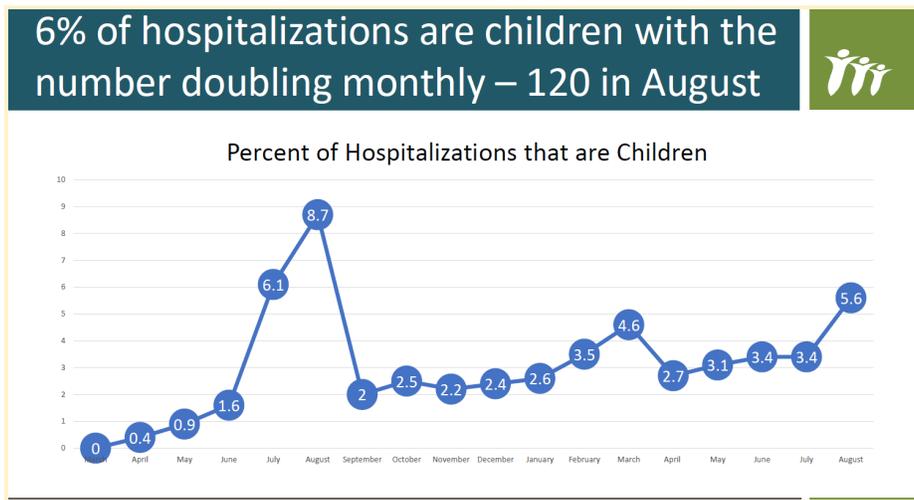
What is the turnaround notice for contact tracing?

As soon as we are alerted to a positive case and confirm the person was on campus during the infectious period we begin contact tracing. Our nurses and teachers have done an outstanding job with this process in communicating and keeping consistent seating charts.

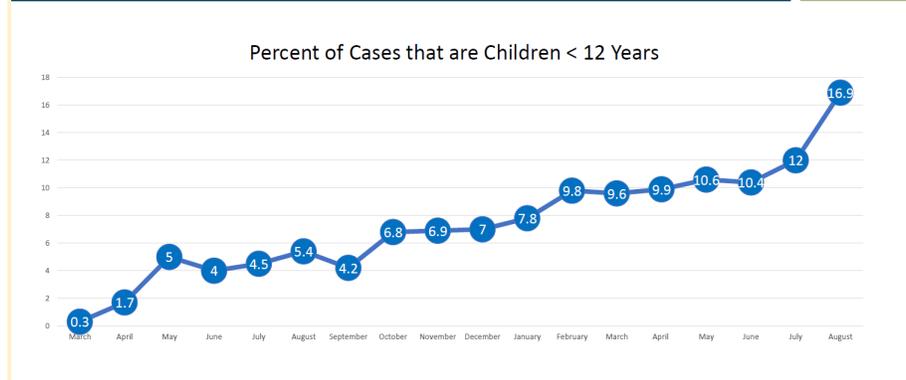
Where can parents lookup data to find the number of children who have been impacted by Covid-19?

The American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital Association frequently publish updated Children and Covid-19: State-Level Data Reports. The reports are available here: <https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/children-and-covid-19-state-level-data-report>.

Covid-19 data for Maricopa County from August 2021 shows 6% of hospitalizations were children (120 children total), while 1 in every 6 Covid-19 cases was in a child under 12 years of age (16.9% of all cases).



1 in 6 cases are children under 12



Why does SFX consider transmission levels for Maricopa County?

We have students that come from all over Phoenix and surrounding areas.

What happens if a student is quarantined and has to miss several days of school?

Our school policy states that if a student misses days due to quarantine, that student is allowed an equal number of days to make up and turn in school work. Our teachers are very understanding and have been great at working with students and families in quarantine situations. We strongly encourage any student who is following a mandatory quarantine to email his/her teacher directly for specific instructions. If it is a younger student, then the parent should email.

Is there a plan to support the student and family with schoolwork at home, checking on sick families, ordering dinner?

Students who are home due to imposed quarantine should correspond directly with their teachers. If a teacher has a specific concern related to the needs of a student or their family, the teacher will inform our director of Cura Personalis, Mrs. Patti Thoeny, who will coordinate efforts to support and address any concerns.

Are students with previous Covid-19 infections exempt from quarantine policies?

Students who have tested positive for Covid-19 within the last three months are exempt from quarantine.

What is the ultimate goal of the SFX Covid-19 policies?

Our goal is to nurture a safe and healthy campus environment for all students, staff, and families. The goal is also to have an uninterrupted school year, minimize quarantines, and refrain from distance learning.

How are we ensuring our kids are not slipping in core milestones and test scores? What are the benchmarks?

We use STAR as our benchmark assessment tool. We analyze those students that fall below the 35th percentile in Reading and/or Math. We then communicate with teachers to see if that data point is consistent with their classroom performance. If it is consistent, we look at classroom accommodations, then a support plan or intervention if needed. We also have professional development time designated throughout our school year to look at data in general at our school.

What results have been observed from the current SFX mitigation measures?

According to the MCDPH, contact tracers that are in contact with our nursing staff regularly convey that our low campus spread is a result of our mitigation measures. In any situation where Covid-19 is present, adding protective measures reduces the risk of transmission.

Do we have sinks in each classroom? What about HEPA filters?

We have sinks in each classroom and plenty of hand soap to ensure classrooms are fully stocked. We have two portable HEPA filters in each classroom.

If my vaccinated student is exposed to an individual who is Covid-19 positive will they still be required to quarantine?

No, if they are not showing symptoms and are fully vaccinated (two weeks post final dose), they do not need to quarantine per county quarantine guidelines. CDC recommends that fully vaccinated persons get tested 3-5 days post-exposure, monitor for symptoms, and wear a mask indoors for 14 days or at least until they get a negative result. (Please note this guidance applies to all fully vaccinated persons. Our school currently requires all persons to wear masks indoors on campus).