

October 1, 2020

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

It was reported Wednesday night, that for the last 14 days, Lowell is now 10.9 for “Average Daily Incident Rate per 100,000” and 2.71% for “Percent Positivity.” This information is from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard,

Last night, the Commonwealth has coded each municipality in Massachusetts as “green,” “yellow,” or “red” based on the average daily incident rate per 100,000 residents. Lowell was elevated to “red,” which means our city has an average daily case rate of more than 8.0 per 100,000 residents. According to today’s update, Lowell’s average daily incident rate per 100,000 is 10.9. This is a link that shows the update.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/weekly-covid-19-public-health-report-september-30-2020/download>

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released on September 14, 2020 their guidance on informing us to monitor the Commonwealth’s COVID dashboard with the Lowell Health Department, and review three (3) consecutive weeks of trends for the COVID risk level as part of determining the status of in-person instruction. Based on the September 14, 2020 directive on how to review the data from the Covid-19 Dashboard, there will be no change now to our in-person model. We will continue to attend school in-person.

Let it be known that Saint Michael School has NO positive cases of COVID.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Elias  
Principal

**P.S. The list of various COVID testing sites in case you need a test is on the website.**