

COVID Task Force

September 21, 2021



Agenda

1. Current Numbers Local and State
2. Current CDC and DHHS Recommendations (September 15, 2021)
3. Data Summary from Survey
4. Testing Options/SASS Program and In home tests Discussion

Current Numbers

- 8 Student Cases/0 Staff Cases since start of school
- 0 reported cases of school transmission since start of school
- 12 Active Cases in Epping (On September 21, 2021)
- 18 New Cases in Epping last 14 days - Substantial Transmission
- Test Positivity Rate last seven days
 - Epping - 6.9% - Moderate Transmission
 - Seacoast - 4.3% - Minimal Transmission
 - Rockingham County - 5.4% - Moderate Transmission

State Numbers Last Two Weeks

- 25 new clusters (all but 2 are active)
- Total # of infections associated with clusters: 146
 - Children: 135 (92%)
 - Staff: 11 (8%)
- Average # of cases per cluster: 6 (range 3 – 16)

Current Recommendations

- NH DPHS recommends everybody (staff and students) wear face masks indoors because of “substantial” community transmission currently statewide (*preventing COVID-19 transmission*)
- [Full Presentation September 15, 2021](#)

Survey Summary

Has your child expressed specific concerns or observations about the implementation of COVID mitigation measures?

Student - 58.1% No

Staff - 85.5% No

Parent - 70.8% No

Survey Summary

Do you feel you/or your child's health is at risk if masks were optional at Epping Schools?

Student - 64.5% No

Staff - 75.4% Yes

Parent - 57.1% Yes

Survey Summary

What is the best indicator to use to determine the transmission rates of COVID?
Please rate, in order of importance, the body of data that you believe best represents the Epping School District:

Student top choice: Epping

Staff top choice: Epping

Parent top choice: Epping

Website/Newsletter Communication

Is the website clear and the administration newsletters helpful?

Website/Newsletter

Student - 67.7%(w)/71(n)% Yes - 29%/13% Somewhat

Staff - 75.4%(w)/73.9%(n) Yes - 23.2%/23.2% Somewhat

Parent - 77.8%(w)/75.5%(n) Yes - 18.9%/21.7% Somewhat

Asymptomatic Screening/At Home Testing

- Should we consider conducting routine asymptomatic screening testing (SASS Program)
- Should we accept at home screening?

Indicator	Minimal Transmission (Green)	Moderate Transmission (Yellow)	Substantial Transmission (Red)
New cases over the last 14 days per 100,000 population/7500	Less than 50 Epping Less than 4	between 50 and 99 Epping 5-7	100 or more 8 or more
Test positivity rate over the last 7 days	Less than 5%	between 5% and 99.9%	10% or more

Clarification on Quarantine Guidance

- [Vaccinated](#) Quarantine Guidance
- [Unvaccinated](#) Quarantine Guidance
- Questions?