

COMMITTEE NAME: COVID Task Force Meeting

DATE: 1/25/2022

START TIME: 3:31 pm	END TIME: 4:31 pm
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ATTENDANCE:

William Furbush
Christine Vayda
Heather Charkowski
Joanne McCann
Sarah Wagner
Sean Meagher
Tracy Bell
Cathy Zylinski
Heather Clark
Mandy Murphy
Thomas Rup
Joy Page
Rachel Pattee
Jordenne Sargent
Nicole Clayton
Austin Clark
Vannessa Grinnell
Susan Gualtieri
Nicole Bizzaro
Amy Newman
Jamie Marsten
Karen Mougén
Joe Parzych

Guests:

John Scully
Robert Hodgman

AGENDA:

- 1) Current Numbers Local and State -Trends
- 2) Change in CDC/DHHS Isolation/Quarantine Guidance
- 3) Implementation of this Change
- 4) State Supplies of PPE

TOPICS/DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Furbush reviewed the current numbers from Dr. Chan - daily numbers - positivity rates - well over 20% percent test positive.

CDC recommends an antigen test at the end of five days to see if the individual still has COVID.

Review of charts that show when a person should or should not quarantine after being exposed to someone with COVID - Isolation - Quarantine Update

CDC stated that a third of people who tested positive will continue to test positive after the five day mark.

Slide review - Balance of COVID 19 Control & Mitigation vs Mental Health, Emotional Health, Physical Health, Economy, and Education.

We are adopting the recommendations from CDC to allow students and staff return on the 6th day when the criteria is met:

- 1) Symptoms improving or symptom free**
- 2) Fever Free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.**
- 3) Negative Covid test (home test accepted)**
- 4) Exception/if a household member (quarantine) but never has had symptoms testing is encouraged but not required. If symptoms develop as HHC is required.**

Question and discussion about cohorting in school. Discussion about continuing to wear masks in school.

Question regarding schools who have their students wear masks vs schools who don't wear masks. Concern about the mental health of students. CDC and NHDOE still continue to recommend we wear masks based on the current rate of transmission. Discussion about extras that we are doing in school that go beyond masks - washing hands, cleaning, etc..

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Slide review of the current number of staff and students who have had COVID to date. Question about who we are following -CDC or DHHS. Epping is going by DHHS recommendations. Discussion regarding vaccination status. Question about boosters. Nicole Clayton shared the DHHS guidelines to be considered fully vaccinated.

Question about the school becoming a location for vaccination?

Mr. Furbush shared - We have been a vaccination site for staff. We have not organized this for students as there are locations in town for parents to take their children. The district has taken the stance that this is a parental responsibility.

Question and discussion regarding the booster shot. Jordenne Sargent shared that there isn't a time limit when you can get the booster.

Discussion of the impact of mental health on teachers/staff due to COVID as they support students and families with learning during this time.

Question about new masks. We have plenty more coming and Joe Parzych has some left right now. We have test kits for students and staff to aid with increased testing needs. Our health office is always ready to assist. We do receive a limited monthly supply.

Accolades for our school nurses and nursing assistants - we so appreciate their hard work.

DECISIONS/VOTES:

Action Item:

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

February 15, 2022