

# COVID Task Force

January 25, 2021



# 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

# Current Numbers 1/25/22

## **NUMBER OF STUDENT CASES Since Start of School**

**EMHS - 149**

**EES - 166**

**Staff - 42**

# Isolation/Quarantine Update

Students and staff may return to school on day 6 of isolation/quarantine if the following criteria are met:

- Symptoms improving or symptom-free
- Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
- Negative COVID test (FDA at-home tests accepted) on day five or after (if you cannot secure a test kit, don't hesitate to contact your school nurse to assist you). Please provide a copy of the test results with name, date, and time of the test to the school health office.
- Exception/ If a Household Contact (Quarantine) but have never had symptoms testing is encouraged but not required. If developed symptoms as HHC testing is required.

# Isolation Guidance

Persons who should isolate	Recommended Action
<p>Any person who tests positive for COVID-19 or who has <a href="#">symptoms of COVID-19</a> while awaiting testing – regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of symptoms.</p> <p>(Note: CDC recommends longer periods of isolation for people who are severely ill with COVID-19 and require hospitalization or intensive care unit support, or for people with severely compromised immune systems.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay home and away from others (including people in your household) for at least 5 days.</li><li>• Isolation can end after day 5 if you are fever-free (off fever-reducing medications) for at least 24 hours and other symptoms are improving.</li><li>• If fever has been present in the prior 24 hours, or if other symptoms are not improving, then you should continue to isolate until fever free and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours, or until after 10 days of isolation.</li><li>• For 10 days:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Wear a <a href="#">well-fitting</a> medical face mask when around other people.</li><li>○ Avoid people who are immunocompromised or at high-risk for severe disease.</li><li>○ Avoid travel, if possible.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Note: per CDC guidance, you can take an antigen test on day 5 before ending isolation and, if positive, you should continue to isolate for a total of 10 days. Individuals and businesses/organizations can consider but do not have to adopt this testing strategy.</p>

# Quarantine Guidance

Persons who should quarantine after being exposed to someone with COVID-19	Recommended Action
<p>Household contacts who are either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unvaccinated; OR</li><li>• Not “up to date” on receiving all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay home and away from others for 5 days after the last exposure.</li><li>• Watch for symptoms for COVID-19 for 10 days after the last exposure, and get tested if symptoms develop.</li><li>• Get tested at least 5 days after the exposure, even if no symptoms develop. If positive, move to isolation.</li><li>• For 10 days:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Wear a <a href="#">well-fitting</a> medical face mask when around other people.</li><li>○ Avoid people who are immunocompromised or at high-risk for severe disease.</li><li>○ Avoid travel, if possible.</li></ul></li></ul>

# Current Numbers

- Not one case of adult to adult transmission
- 43 Active Cases in Epping (On December 7, 2021)
- 78 New Cases last 14 days
- **EMHS - 45 EES - 18 Active - 6 - December 7, 2021**
- **EES - 62 Active 15 - EES 35 Active 9 - December 7, 2021**

# BinaxNow Home Test Kits

- We have test kits.
- These are for students and staff to aid with increased testing needs
- Our health office is always ready to assist
- Limited monthly supply

[BinaxNow Testing Expectations Letter](#)

[BinaxNow Consent Form](#)

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