

COVID Task Force

October 5, 2021



Agenda

1. Current Numbers Local and State
2. Current CDC and DHHS Recommendations (September 15, 2021)
3. Survey Comments and Discussion
4. Lessons Learned from Recent Events

Current Numbers

- 12 Student Cases/0 Staff Cases since start of school - 4 New Cases since last meeting
- 1 possible case of school transmission since start of school
- 15 Active Cases in Epping (On October, 2021)
- 26 New Cases in Epping last 14 days - Substantial Transmission

Note from Dr. Chan

- Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. Our IT/Informatics team has confirmed that the "Current Level of Community Transmission" maps on the "COVID-19 Interactive Map" section of our data dashboard is NOT accurate (i.e., the attached screenshot maps are NOT accurate).

No New State Numbers

- Next Meeting October 6, 2021
- 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)

Comments for Discussion

- Masks not worn correctly
- Staff not wearing masks
- Happy about new freedoms
- Hate wearing masks
- Happy to wear masks to be in school
- Happy to see friends at school
- Thankful for surveys and communication
- Tired of it all!
- Lots of praise for Epping response and Task Force

Lessons Learned This Week

- Students can be infected and spread COVID - 31 Confirmed Student Cases in Raymond
- Schools do have the right to transition to remote learning if necessary
- Communication is key - No changes will happen without proper notification
- Rumors are just that rumors - No Conversations ever about mandatory vaccinations

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](#)

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?