

MEETING AGENDA & NOTES

Topic:	Task Force Meeting
Date:	12/7/21
Attendees:	Bill Furbush, Tracy Bell, Thomas Rug, Dave Mylott, Jamie Marston, Susan Gualtieri, Joe Parzych, Nicole Bizzaro, Robert Hodgman, Christine Vayda, Heather Charkowski, Heather Clark, Heather Cantagallo, Joy Page, Meghan Sargent, Nicole Clayton, Sarah Wagner, Nicole Kukesh, Sean Meagher, Rachel Pattee, Shayna McTague, Jordenne Sargent

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. We made the news...

- a. NH has/had highest numbers in the country, all ages
 - i. Majority of spread happening outside of schools, 80%ish, 36 new cases since last meeting, mostly family clusters (most likely), most of our cases are preK-6
 - ii. No adult to adult in school
 - iii. Case rate seems to be holding steady, although average cluster size is increasing
 - iv. We have 200 test kits available, these are for students/staff to aid with increased testing. We can receive 200 tests per month, supply pending.
 1. Nurses are compiling a protocol for test use, stay tuned for letter
 2. Written consent will be required before testing, Nicole saying she would take verbal consent with a follow up email (Google form), Bill changed it after the fact
 - v. It's important to understand that despite a negative test, your child **may** still need to stay home while symptomatic with another illness
- b. QUESTIONS/CONCERNS
 - i. DAVE M - track the use of tests and adjust accordingly to the supply we need
 - ii. NICOLE C - expecting to use 4-5 a day, MEGHAN S agrees
 - iii. JAMIE M - hoping the nurses are going to be conservative with the tests, BILL F - relying on the nurses to make the appropriate call regarding when to test and will call parents/guardians first.
 - iv. NICOLE B - can we send the form out 'en masse' to get it out of the way? Could get it out of the way for families who have limited access to the internet. BILL F - has been considered, concerned that it would overwhelm the system. JAMIE M - prefers the consent form and not a 'verbal' ok
 - v. TRACY B - ECollect form??
 - vi. NICOLE C - said she would call the parent right away with results after testing
MEGHAN S - always talks to parent
 - vii. SHAYNA M - Binax, comes with two tests - if negative, should we require 24 later testing
BILL F - same messaging, negative now doesn't mean negative forever
JORDENNE S - if done by nurses, one test is sufficient (it's a medical field person doing it correctly thing)
 - viii. How are anxious students being handled in the nurse's office?
 - ix. NICOLE B - thanked all for agreeing to the testing, very happy we can do this for the community

2. OPENED UP Meeting to other agenda items

- a. EMHS had administrative meetings to discuss the supports being clear with staff and students, discussed expectations, reminders at beginning of class, positive reminders, each grade level being met with to discuss these expectations (Susan G)
- b. EES going well, some review meetings with students on importance of masks (Heather Ca)
- c. BILL F - reminder, ask students to come in with cloth masks - we are going through LOTS of disposable masks
- d. JOE P - supplies are good, he keeps an eye on them. Outside athletic teams, in some cases, are arriving without their own masks
- e. NICOLE B - did the consequence letter go home to the parents SUSAN G - wanted to roll out to students first, will go to parents this Thursday NICOLE B - wished it had happened in reverse so parents could support the school when consequences are assigned AND she feels this is a long standing problem of doing things in reverse
- f. SARAH W - could we reconsider the policy of allowing people to come in who have a positive household member, while not symptomatic? Concerned about breakthrough infections.
- g. TRACY B - what's in the works for the possibility of remote learning? Still a grey area regarding COVID based remote. There's concern/interpretation about who has the authority.
- h. JAMIE M - concerned about discrepancies about quarantine between CDC and DHHS BILL F - will put on next agenda for discussion
- i. TOM R - suggesting the next meeting happen after the holiday and push to four weeks

3. Set Next Meeting Date

- a. Date: January 25th
- b. Time: 3:30
- c. Location: EMHS Media Center