

MEETING DATE November 16, 2021

# LINK TO PRESENTATION Covid Task Force November 16, 2021

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# **AGENDA**

# Booster Van for Staff Update

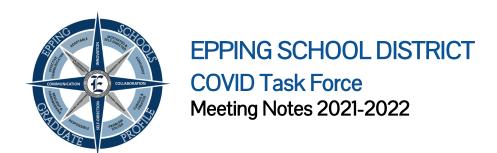
 Many staff from both schools took advantage of either getting a first, second or a booster shot during this event.

#### 2. Current Numbers Local and State - Trends

- o 71 Student Cases/4 Staff Cases since start of school 40 New Cases since last meeting
- Overwhelming majority of spread is still occurring outside of school
- Small but concerning number is spread in school 10 12 Cases
- Spread is identified as asymptomatic spreading
- Not one case of adult to adult transmission
- o 34 Active Cases in Epping (On November 16, 2021)
- EMHS 17 EES 18 Active 4 October 26
- EMHS 36 Active 15 EES 35 Active 13 November 16

### 3. School Response to Increased Numbers

- Mask Compliance EMHS DRAFT
  - i. This will be rolled out to staff and to students and families before it is introduced and put into practice.
- New eating guidance
- Spacing guidance
- Behavioral supports for habitual failure to comply
- EES Response One classroom being cohorted to stop/slow down spread this will be for lunch and UA's. Plexiglass will also come back into use for this classroom as well.



# 4. Question and Answer

- Consistency with mask wearing expectations throughout the district was asked about.
- The question was asked about if the Superintendent was able to make the decision to have students go remote. Mr. Furbush relayed that the Commissioner of Education may be changing these guidelines.
- Testing in school was asked about. Mr. Furbush stated that if we were to get tests, we would have a conversation with our nurses about testing students.
- In person or remote meetings? For meetings with parents and families, we should continue to offer the
  option to families. There is no evidence of adult to adult transmission. Given this, we should continue
  with our other meetings in-person otherwise.
- Should we have a common script for a student that is out?