

<b>COMMITTEE NAME: Task Force</b>
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<b>DATE: September 21, 2021</b>
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<b>START TIME: 3:30 PM</b>	<b>END TIME: 5:08 PM</b>
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**ATTENDANCE:**

Nicole Clayton  
Sean Meagher  
Melanie Firese  
Joy Page  
Tracy Bell  
Venessa Grinnell  
Sarah Beaudreau  
Nicole Bizzaro  
Joe Parcyk  
Bill Furbush  
Brian Ernest  
Cathy Zylinski  
Nicole Clayton  
Megan Young  
Sarah Wagner  
Tom Rup  
Karen Mongeon  
Rachael Pattee  
Jordan Sargent  
Heather Clark  
Jaimie Marston  
Shaina McTague  
Christine Vayda

Public Attendance:

Joan Smith  
Robert Hodgeman  
Tara Bolduc

**AGENDA:**

1. Current Numbers Local and State
2. Current CDC and DHHS Recommendations (September 15, 2021)
3. Data Summary from Survey
4. Testing Options/SASS Program and In home tests Discussion

## **TOPICS/DISCUSSIONS:**

Current recommendations have changed to reflect NH DPHS decision to have staff and students wearing a mask. This has changed from local decisions due to substantial transmission rates

Data was reviewed from the most recent survey sent home to community members.

70 staff

212 parents

27 students

All groups indicated that Epping numbers would be the most accurate reflection of our current status.

Website and newsletter communication - going well

Survey: Some parents were not able to access this information.

Overwhelmingly positive comments from the community.

How can we increase our responses? Short turnaround time. People are not feeling heard as expressed on social media.

Survey Results: Overall results indicate that communication is good. People are not expressing concerns about health risks related to mask wearing.

Teacher Concerns: Their role is that of a committee member not a decision maker. The School Board is the one who makes the final decision. Feeling uncomfortable with pressure from outside sources including our names being posted with our names and where we live.

Required to take minutes and present results per RSA.

Concern that the same members are still on this Task Force. Think about switching things up.

We were able to find a place for people who wanted to join. We have added members and others have stepped down. It is not typical to set time limits for members of committees.

Teachers continue to remind students and model mask wearing.

Social distancing is easier in the upper grades.

Need more student responses. This could happen if we geared this toward the student population and made it more accessible.

Best Indicator: Survey Results

Student - 18 Epping/27

Staff - 28 Epping/64

Parent - 122 Epping/212

Public Health Region information is more accurate per Dr. Chann. and the Epping Fire Chief. Currently the transmission rates are Epping 6.9% moderate, Rockingham 5.4% moderate, and Seacoast 4.3% minimal.

PCR positivity rate is different from community transmission rates.

Superintendent: Let's look at ALL the data when making recommendations. We need to look at trends and multiple data points.

Some concerns about too much data and MOA with the association.

We are currently in negotiations with the EEA.

Provide the public with links to accurate up to date information.

SASS discussion - not recommended at this time, revisit later on.

Home Screening Tool: currently we do not accept this at this time.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**October 5, 2021 @ 3:30 PM**