

# Henrico County Public Schools

## HEALTH COMMITTEE

### Meeting Notes

8/30/2021

1. **Welcome** – committee members were welcomed.
2. **Review of Data**- Data was reviewed and presented by Chtaura Jackson. Using the updated VDH metric dash board <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/key-measures/pandemic-metrics/school-metrics/> the data for the week 263.6 cases per 100,000 which is in the high category. The percentage data is 9.0%.
3. **Vaccine update**- Total number of those vaccinated in Henrico is 330,818. one dose 205,864 two doses 184,674. 12 -17-year-old with one dose 16,362 (63%) with two doses 13,454 (51.8%). Those 18 year and older with one dose 189,502 (73.8%) with two doses (66.7%).

The FDA granted full approval to Pfizer for the COVID-19 vaccine for those age 16 years old and up.

It is expected that booster doses for those who received the MRNA vaccines will be approved on September 20, 2021. Boosters will be available to those who received their second COVID vaccine at least 8 months prior. This is expected to be on a rolling basis as the first doses were given on a staggered tiered approach. The CDC and FDA have not yet made this recommendation, but it is expected soon. Third doses for those who are immunocompromised have already received approval and those doses are being given currently.

Contact James and/or LaWanda for help with vaccination event coordination.

4. **Updates to COVID CDC guidance and Governors orders**- No new executive orders have been announced.

5. **Review of Preparedness**-

- **Staffing- School Health:** There are still 5 open RN/LPN positions open for school year 2021-2022 There are 28 clinic aide positions open for next school year. If these are not filled

**-Facilities-** Air flushing will start on Wednesday and continue for the next week. Air scrubbers have been ordered for school cafeterias. Elementary schools will receive them first. Cleaning procedures will continue the same as last year.

**- Contact Tracing-** HCPS School Health Services is currently doing all contact tracing. There have been two hires for contact tracing workers. They are awaiting HR orientation before they can start. A few other employees are assisting with contact tracing, but the volume of work continues to be high. Exact numbers are not available this week. A flowsheet to help staff understand contact tracing was discussed and revisions made. All positive cases and exposures must be reported whether vaccinated or not. There is a concern that employees and students will come in before contact tracing can clear them.

**COVID screening-** the COVID screening forms have been updated and will be sent out again this year for all students and staff. The student one has been sent to the Rycor online form system for parents/guardian to fill out. The employee form should be distributed and signed again this year. The employee form will be uploaded to Talent Ed for those who have access to this system. All other employees will need to sign a paper copy. It only needs to be completed once per school year. Copies are in the COVID liaison safety folder.

## **6. Other**

**Temperature screening-** HCPS will no longer do temperature screenings for visitors and no random temperature checks for students/staff. Dr. Viray agreed with this recommendation. She states that “visitors and parents should check for symptoms before coming into the buildings. Checking temperatures is not specific or sensitive to COVID and gives a false sense of security”.

**Cafeteria Management-** Principals have been developing plans for how to socially distance during student lunches. These may include, using plexiglass dividers on the tables, having lunch outside, staggering lunch times/places, brown bag lunch with options chosen earlier in the day. There is also a need to make handwashing and hand hygiene a priority before and after eating.

**Mask/face covering compliance-** There is guidance in the HCPS Code of Conduct for how to manage students who are not compliant. There should be consideration for age and ability with appropriate reminders.

**Outside use of buildings-** HCPS will follow Henrico County’s status on the use of buildings by non-HCPS groups. This will take place during times of non-instruction. Henrico County buildings including libraries are currently open so HCPS will follow the same.

A FAQ will come out from HR once approved by the Division Leadership Team (DLT).

**Next meeting** will take place on Tuesday 9/7/2021. Meetings will be held weekly.