

# Henrico County Public Schools

## HEALTH COMMITTEE

### Meeting Notes

3/29/2021

1. **Welcome** – committee members who were present were welcomed. Some committee members were not in attendance due to supporting school needs.
2. **Review of Data**- Data was reviewed and presented by Beth Teigen. Using the new CDC guidance for school metrics the data for this week is as follows; total number of new cases per 100,000 is at 116.3 which is in the high category. The percent positivity of new cases remains at 4.6%. HCPS will continue to use the mitigating measures (now called preventative interventions) currently in place.

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/key-measures/pandemic-metrics/school-metrics/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/indicators.html#thresholds>

#### **School Dashboards**

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/outbreaks-in-education-settings/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/operation-strategy.html>

3. **COVID Vaccine Update**- Vaccination efforts continue for the community at the Richmond Raceway. School nurses are still helping these efforts when not working in their school clinics. To date 80,000 COVID vaccines have been administered with 4800 given last Saturday 3/27/2021.

4. **Sports and Return to Play**- Contact tracing continues to work cases related to sports teams. There were several cases last week with one game being postponed due to a case. Robin and John Carroll met with the middle school athletic directors as middle school sports are starting after Spring Break.

5. **Review of Preparedness for Re-opening**

- **Staffing**- There are currently 18-20 clinic aide positions still open. Interviews for clinic aide candidates will take place at a job fair this week. Two school nurse positions are open now with two more to come due to retirement at the end of the year.

- **Contact Tracing**- Currently tracking 4 outbreaks. In partnership with the Richmond/Henrico Health Departments, two have been approved as actual outbreaks with two

more pending approval from the health department. Three of these were transportation related and one involved a classroom in one of the schools where 6-foot social distancing could not be maintained. The committee discussed the recommendation from the CDC that states if someone is considered fully vaccinated, meaning 2 weeks past second Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and two weeks post Janssen/Johnson & Johnson then they would not have to quarantine unless they became symptomatic. The committee recommended this move forward. The employee would have to show proof of vaccination via a vaccination card or VIIS documentation.

**-Ill staff and students-** no further discussion

**6. Mental Health-** tabled this until next meeting as Christina Vitek not in attendance.

**7. LAMPS teachers-** discussion about whether teachers should/could change and offer classes in their classrooms. This was discussed with the LAMPS team and directors and the decision was made to stay virtual for now.

**8. Other activities- Recess-** Discussion and recommendation about allowing students to access playground equipment if hand hygiene was performed before and after getting on the equipment, cohorts stayed together, and social distancing was maintained. The individual schools could decide how to implement this depending on what works best for their school. Parents could also opt out of this if concerned.

**9. Spring Break-** there are currently no travel restrictions for those who travel during spring break. The HCPS Communications team is planning to put out some public service announcements about expectations and safety matters concerning spring break activities.

**10. Next Steps –**

**Summer programs-** need salary information for clinic staff.

**Next meeting** will take place on 4/12/2021, next week's scheduled meeting will be canceled. This will still allow two meetings before the next School Board meeting.

**VDH COVID – School K-12**

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/schools-workplaces-community-locations/k-12-education/>  
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/182/2020/09/Noncritical-Infrastructure-Worker-Algorithm.pdf>