

# Henrico County Public Schools

## HEALTH COMMITTEE

### Meeting Notes

5/24/2021

1. **Welcome** – committee members who were present were welcomed.
2. **Review of Data**- Data was reviewed and presented by Chtaura Jackson. Using the CDC guidance for school metrics the data for the week is as follows; total number of new cases per 100,000 is at 42.52 which is in the moderate category. Henrico has not been in the moderate category since last October. This is again, down from last week. The percent positivity of new cases is currently 2.2%. The percent change is -25.1 %.

The letter that will go out to any student and/or employee if ill will be the 24-hour letter. This means that if symptoms resolve meaning no fever for 24 hours and no COVID exposure, COVID test or positive COVID the individual can return to school/work after 24 hours. This is a change from the 10-day letter because the total number of new cases per 100,000 is under 50.

<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:** The last events are scheduled at the Richmond Raceway this week. There will be a follow up clinic for those who received Moderna on Tuesday 5/25/2021. Two additional clinics offering the Pfizer vaccine will occur on Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 am- 6:00 pm. Anyone aged 12 and above can attend. Second doses will be scheduled at other clinic sites. Last week about 850 children between the ages of 12-16 were vaccinated there.

4. **Updates to COVID CDC guidance and Governors orders-** The Governor of Virginia is expected to release all COVID-19 requirements starting 5/28/2021. Social distancing requirements and other prevention methods be upheld until the end of the school year. Face coverings are still being worn inside all buildings with instruction occurring. In all other buildings, face coverings are optional for those fully vaccinated. Also, those fully vaccinated are not required to wear face coverings if outside. This will be by an honor system as no one will be required to show proof of vaccination. HCPS will continue with DOLI and contact tracing until the end of the year.

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

- **Staffing**- There are at least 5-7 openings for licensed summer clinic staff. There are also openings for clinic aides for summer positions. There are currently two open nursing positions with 5 more anticipated next school year.

- **Contact Tracing**- Contact tracing has decreased in the total number of cases being worked. The HCPS School Health Services contact tracing nurses will continue working cases until June 17, 2021. Contact tracing responsibility will transition to the health department. There will be a roundtable discussion about how this will work that is being set up. There will need to be a process and point of contact for each summer program identified.

**PPE**- There are supplies in the EOC warehouse that must be removed before July 1, 2021. HCPS may acquire some items to use for summer as well as next school year. Also need to prepare what PPE will be necessary for school year 2021-2022.

## **6. Next Steps –**

**COVID testing of students/staff**- COVID testing may be set up for the Glen Lea telehealth site as well as student athletes. More information to come as this is set up.

**Summer programs**- Summer programs will use 3 feet to the greatest extent possible for social distancing. Desk shields will be optional. Students will do the grab and go and eat in classrooms for the summer programs. This may change for next school year.

**Volunteer guidelines**-. Volunteer activities may move to Tier 3 currently.

### **Additional items for discussion-**

**Student and teacher absences**- Teacher/staff absences remain stable. HCPS can supply teaching substitutes as needs arise.

**Social Emotional Learning**-. SEL standards are expected to be released on 7/1/2021 and this will help empower teachers to build activities into their lessons. Christina stated that SEL will take place in the elementary summer programs. SEL information will also be offered on individual school websites. Additional counselors are being hired for next school year.

**Field Day**- All transition plans have been approved for field day activities.

**Graduation**- There may be some changes to graduation due to updates from the Governor of Virginia.

**School year 2021-2022**- Parents have expressed concerns about whether face coverings will be required for next school year. Currently there is 3% of the HCPS student population that have opted to attend the HCPS Virtual Academy. The number of students vary by magisterial district though. More information to come about next school year and guidelines. For now, schools are asked to maintain all prevention strategies unless otherwise noted with specifics.

**Use of buildings-** Susan Moore has had requests for outside agencies to use HCPS school buildings during the summer. The committee agreed that this not occur until at least next school year to allow for schools to transition to next school year. In addition, there may be issues with obtaining custodial staff for cleaning after use.

**Link below as a guide for reopening of schools.**

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f85f5a156091e113f96e4d3/t/60885fa500e63d4a1980ec2f/1619550124862/FINAL+ROADMAP\\_4.27.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f85f5a156091e113f96e4d3/t/60885fa500e63d4a1980ec2f/1619550124862/FINAL+ROADMAP_4.27.pdf)

**Next meeting** will take place on 6/7/2021.