

Henrico County Public Schools

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

5/3/2021

1. **Welcome** – committee members who were present were welcomed. The meeting was recorded for committee members who were absent to review. The link for this recording is <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/584b97f0-a291-438f-91a8-b95667537a9f>

2. **Review of Data**- Data was reviewed and presented by Chtaura Jackson. Using the new CDC guidance for school metrics the data for the week is as follows; total number of new cases per 100,000 is at 117.8 which is in the high category. This is down from last week. The percent positivity of new cases is currently 4.1%. The percent change is -14.9%

<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 Richmond/Henrico Health districts now have two ways for residents to schedule COVID vaccine appointments. The first is to go to vax.rchd.com and sign up; the second is to call (804) 205-3501 Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 pm. School nurses can assist families with the resources to schedule vaccines as needed. The events at the raceway are continuing but will end in a few weeks as vaccines are readily available in the community via pharmacies and physician offices. A community walk up event was held at the Richmond Raceway on Friday, April 29, 2021 that was better attended. There will also be walk up events held at George Wythe High School for the community.

4. **Updates to COVID CDC guidance and Governors orders-** new guidance came out last week that states individuals who have been fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering when outside in small groups of other vaccinated individuals. This may be hard to enforce as there is not a requirement for vaccines. This does not affect the school setting or outdoor sporting events. The face covering requirements still stand. All individuals aged 5 and over are still required to wear face coverings when indoors. There was also a change to the number of spectators allowed at outdoor sporting events. The number allowed was increased to 1000. Starting May 1, 2021, overnight camps are allowed with guidelines. New guidance on the

number of individuals allowed indoors is supposed to increase starting May 15, 2021. Chtaura Jackson will update the group when this occurs.

5. Review of Preparedness for Re-opening

- **Staffing**- Clinic aides are continuing to be hired. There will be openings for summer clinic staff as well as for nursing staff next school year.

- **Contact Tracing**- There were approximately 12-15 new cases last week. Exposure cases are primarily transportation and sports related. Staff must continue to use prevention measures, specifically 6 feet social distancing. Only contact tracing/SHS/nurse within the school may quarantine students or staff. If there are any questions staff need to call 343-6504. For emergencies, the school health supervisors (Robin/Karen) can be contacted but calling for follow up on a case or case questions should go through contact tracing at 343-6504. Will ask Courtney to add to COVID liaison meeting.

6. Next Steps –

COVID testing of students/staff-more information to come next week from Robin.

Sports update: no new updates.

Summer programs- There is a need for licensed nurses to work the summer programs. There are clinic aides who are inquiring about working. The HCPS contact tracing nurses will be off starting June 18,2021. Summer programs start as early as 6/21/2021.

Volunteer guidelines- The committee will add this to the agenda for next week's meeting to discuss before making a recommendation to the Division Leadership Team.

Graduation- graduations will be held at the Richmond Raceway. The plan continues to remain the same.

Additional items for discussion-

Mental Health- plans to address mental health initiatives for the summer and school year 2021-2022 will be discussed when Christina Vitek is in attendance next week.

Dr. Teigen gave an update on LAMPS teachers being asked to assist with testing. It is currently up to the building principal to make the decision on assigning staff to assist. Seating charts will need to be kept for students testing in the classroom and on the bus. In addition, students who are not testing should also be accounted for in the building.

Next meeting will take place on 5/10/2021.