

Henrico County Public Schools

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

6/21/2021

1. **Welcome** – committee members who were present were welcomed.
2. **Review of Data**- Data was reviewed and presented by James Upshaw. 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 7.9 which is in the low category. The percent positivity of new cases is currently 1.0%. The percent change is -38.1 %.
3. **COVID Vaccine update**. Virginia is at a 70% vaccination rate for the COVID vaccine. The number of children in Henrico aged 12-19 that have received at least one COVID vaccine is 16,681 which is 40.3%; two vaccines is 11,896 (28.9%). HCPS will partner with VDH/RHHD to give Tdap, Meningitis, HPV and COVID vaccines. These plans are being finalized. Vaccines will be offered in three middle schools on 6/30/2021, 7/1/2021 and 7/21/2021 and 7/28/2021.
4. **Updates to COVID CDC guidance and Governors orders**- The Governor of Virginia is expected to release all COVID-19 requirements at the end of June. Social distancing requirements and other prevention methods will be upheld in all school board owned buildings and buildings with students. The RHHD will look for updates on guidance for schools and report to committee as they come out. More information can be found at Forward Virginia FAQ. The rate of COVID illness is decreasing but other communicable diseases such as Norovirus are starting to increase.
5. **Review of Preparedness**- there is still some information that needs to be gathered for the committee to make recommendations for next school year. COVID transmission rates along with guidance that may be given from the Governor and VDOE will be considered.

- **Staffing**- There were some summer programs that started today with additional programs being added each week. There are 2 elementary programs without licensed nurses, 1 middle school program without full coverage by a licensed nurse. Most aide positions have been filled for the summer. Summer teaching staff are still being hired. There are 7 RN and 1 LPN position open for school year 2021-2022. There will be aides staffed in each clinic again next year. There are many clinic aide positions open for next school year.

- **Contact Tracing**- Contact tracing responsibility has transitioned to the health department. Training for the summer nurses and coordinators took place last week. One more training will occur later this week for administrators in other buildings.

PPE- For the summer programs, the health isolation room staff will use two surgical masks if they have not already been fit tested to a N95. There is still a small supply of N95 for those that have been fit tested. Extra cloth face coverings will be given out to students attending Summer Academy programs as needed.

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. James Upshaw presented that there may be additional COVID screening testing funds available.

Summer programs- Summer enrollment for elementary stands at 3237 students face to face and 1043 students for virtual. Middle and High School enrollments are not yet complete. One school will need a suction room set up for a student attending Summer Academy. Health isolation rooms will be utilized as needed.

Volunteer guidelines- Volunteer activities are at Tier 3 currently. This allows volunteers inside and interactions with students allowed.

Additional items for discussion-

Student and teacher absences- At the end of the year, teacher/staff absences remained stable and no areas of concern surrounding COVID were identified.

Use of buildings- There has been a request by Henrico Recreation and Parks to use some middle and high school buildings for a summer basketball league to be held on Wednesday nights. The committee recommended that this be allowed. If a case of COVID is suspected or positive they should contact the RHHD for contact tracing and guidance. Dr. Teigen will take this recommendation to the DLT on 6/22/2021. Susan Moore will notify the representative from Recreation and Parks.

Virtual Academy- There were questions about how students who are ill or have had a COVID illness or exposure will be reported. Also question about how hearing, vision and other screenings will be completed. It was recommended that the student go to their home school for these. It is unclear how these students will be identified in Power School. Robin to set up a meeting to discuss this.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7/6/2021. Committee will move meetings to every 2 weeks.