

Henrico County Public Schools

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

6/7/2021

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 21.6 which is in the moderate category. This is again, down from last week. The percent positivity of new cases is currently 1.9%. The percent change is -44.4 %.
3. **COVID Vaccine update:** A survey went out to middle school parents/guardians asking if vaccines were available at the school would they participate. HCPS would partner with VDH/RHHD to give Tdap, Meningitis, HPV and COVID vaccines. 53% of those responded stated yes. The plans are still being finalized along with the survey results. Dr. Viray stated that as of last week the number of children in Henrico aged 12-17 years old that have had one dose of COVID vaccine is 35% (9272) and the number that have received two doses are 11.6% (3014). Moderna has submitted a EUA to vaccinate persons aged 12-18 to the FDA and is awaiting approval. It may be September before all children may be eligible for a COVID vaccine.
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 be upheld until the end of the school year. As guidance is changed then the determination will be made about how this will affect summer programs and the start of next school year. HCPS will continue with DOLI and contact tracing until the end of the year.
5. **Review of Preparedness**
 - **Staffing-** There are 8 RN positions open for school year 2021-2022. There will be aides staffed in each clinic again next year. Currently taking an inventory of clinic aides who will be returning and what the needs will be moving forward.
 - **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 after that time. There has been discussion about how this will work. There is a process in development and point of contact for each summer program identified. Training will occur later this week. Letters are still being sent out in schools where there is a positive case reported. This is per DOLI. These letters may not need to be sent out after 6/30/2021. VDH will still require

outbreaks in schools to be reported to them. The HCPS page that reports positive cases will not be updated once the health department takes over contact tracing, so the recommendation is that it be taken down.

PPE- There are supplies in the EOC warehouse. Hand sanitizer is being distributed in the community. Schools have been advised to distribute all stock to classrooms as needed. 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.

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. The filters in the health isolation rooms will be changed by facilities.

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

School year 2021-2022- There were many questions on the last COVID liaison meeting about what will be required next school year. More information to come as guidance comes out from CDC and VDOE. For now, schools are asked to remove signs and social distancing floor dots if they are not a Summer Academy site. Signage with mask and COVID screening questions will remain in all schools for now. The schools will undergo a complete building water flush this summer.

Use of buildings- Transition plans will continue through the summer. There has been a request for concession stands to be operational in a few high schools for athletic events. The committee recommended that this be allowed but with the following guidance: anyone working in the concession stand must be fully vaccinated and the number of persons allowed in the buildings would be limited to maintain as much social distancing as possible. Dr. Teigen will take this recommendation to the DLT for consideration. The athletic directors would then be notified.

Virtual Academy- There are under 2000 students currently enrolled in the HCPS Virtual Academy for grades K-12.

Link below as a guide for reopening of schools.

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Next meeting will take place on 6/21/2021 and committee will move meetings to every 2 weeks.