

Henrico County Public Schools

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

7/6/2021

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 15.49 which is in the moderate category. The percent positivity of new cases is currently 1.2%. The percent change is -40.0 %. Some concerns about the data and how reassigning cases from other districts may cause current case rate to not be captured accurately in the week's data. This is important for exclusion guidelines due to illness. We are currently at 24 hours due to case numbers under 50 per 100,000. Dr. Viray stated she would give guidance on the data if it fluctuated a lot.
3. **Vaccine update**- last week RHH and HCPS held two immunization clinics that included administering COVID vaccine and Tdap, HPV and Meningococcal immunizations at Brookland and Tuckahoe Middle Schools. This partnership was created to give HCPS families a chance to get the school required vaccines for 7th and 12th graders. The numbers were: COVID- 42 Brookland, 25 Tuckahoe; Other (Tdap, HPV, and Meningococcal) 22 Brookland and 35 at Tuckahoe. There was a concern brought up with only allowing students entering 7th and 12th grades to access the event for vaccines other than COVID. There were 9 students total who were turned away because they were not entering those grades. All were given resources to find vaccines at another site. Dr. Viray will investigate whether the other clinics need to follow this guidance.

Glen Lea Elementary- There may be a partnership with CHOR to offer physicals in August for students attending Glen Lea. In addition, HCPS will partner with the Henrico Health Department, East to schedule needed immunizations.

September 10, 2021 will be the date that the HHD will offer a mass school immunization event.

4. **Updates to COVID CDC guidance and Governors orders**- The face covering requirement continues to be in effect for all K-12 education settings where students are attending until July 25, 2021. Social distancing requirements and other prevention methods will be upheld in all buildings with students. If there are no students in the buildings and staff are fully vaccinated, then they can remove their face coverings. If a person is not fully vaccinated but can maintain social distance, then they are not required to wear face covering unless they will be within the 6-foot space. RHH will look for updates on guidance for schools and report to committee as they come out.

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. There will continue to be school health aides in addition to nurses as well as health isolation rooms planned for next school year.

- **Staffing-** There are 10 RN and 1 LPN position open for school year 2021-2022. Two positions have been filled and four with pending offers. There will be aides staffed in each clinic again next year. There are 30 clinic aide positions open for next school year.

- **Contact Tracing-** Contact tracing responsibility has transitioned to the health department. James Upshaw stated that when a red cap is submitted that the site point of contact along with Robin, Karen and Dawn from HCPS School Health will be notified of outcome. Committee decided that red cap should be submitted on all employees, students who notify of a pending COVID test.

PPE- no needs that committee is aware of currently.

6. Next Steps –

COVID testing of students/staff- COVID testing may be set up for the Glen Lea telehealth site. Division Leadership Team decided not to move forward with surveillance COVID testing for student athletes.

Summer programs- The CPR/First Aid requirement for the health and crisis plan has been a challenge as many coordinators are submitting training checklists without this requirement. Training of clinic backups has not been identified or occurred for many middle and high school programs. There are currently 95 medical submissions for the ESY program. Nurses have reported that there are no ESY teachers at the school when the medical information is sent. There is also a concern with time sheets and pay being processed for the nurses.

Volunteer guidelines- Volunteer activities remain at Tier 3.

Additional items for discussion-

Use of buildings- Buildings are allowed to be used at this time if they follow appropriate protocols.

Water fountains- The health committee recommended that water fountains be open once again if they are monitored, and signs are posted.

Virtual Academy- Still need information on how to identify students in this program.

Field trips as also being allowed if a transition plan has been submitted and vetted.

Next meeting will take place on Monday 7/19/2021. Student athletes is a topic to discuss.