

## **Reopening Committee Minutes**

### **8/17/2021**

Present: T. Ward (Superintendent), E. Kupiec (District Admin), D. Mahoney (Elem Principal), A. Molloy (Jr. Sr. High Principal), J. Phillips (Facilities), T. Cady (Transportation), R. Wren (Athletics), B. Clark (SEIU President), K. Vincent (CSEA President), W. Stavenhagen (Nurse), A. Lindsley (Elem Nurse, Parent), D. Ryan (Cayuga County Health Department), Dr. Adoata (East Medical), Dr. Veronica Szablowski (East Medical Pediatrics), Erin Plis (East Hill Pediatrics), Jessica Soule (East Hill Pediatrics), K. Bratt (BOE), J. Kyle (Parent, BOE), K. Jerose (CMTA Co President), K. Stuck (CMTA Co President),

#### **Purpose: Provide Recommendations to the Superintendent**

- 2020-2021 - all decisions were through executive order
- 2021-2022 - local decision

#### **Recent Updates:**

Cayuga County Health Department: As of 8/16 - 254 cases in August. 25 % were children under 18 (generally 4 years and above). Children Cases: 15 students were unvaccinated but eligible, 45 not eligible for vaccinations.

- Current Challenges: use of at home test kits and lack of compliance with contact tracing.
- Quarantine Rules: No quarantine if asymptomatic and vaccinated
- Updated Quarantine Rules expected

East Hill Pediatrics: Increases in COVID cases in children over the past month. Most positive students have had exposure to many contacts. Delta Variant is unique in that it is resulting in higher rates of transmission to children.

Vaccination Clinic @ Cato-Meridian Elementary Thursday, August 26, 4-5PM : Pfizer and Moderna will be available. Open to all people over 12.

Guidance Materials: Upstate Medical, NYSED recommended Universal Masking Policies

Public Transportation(School Bus) - Masks Required

#### **Parent Survey Results:**

Elementary: 46%of respondents responded with no masking. 55% responded with variations of masking.

Jr. Sr. High School: 44% no masks: 56% responded variations of masking

Staff Masking: 65% not vaccinated.

#### **Discussion:**

Virtual Options: 99% of students did better with in person instruction. CM will not be offering a virtual option. Home-Schooling is always an option.

**NYSED Document:**

Universal Expectation: Masks

Vaccination Proof: Must be provided to the Health Department when contact tracing

Quarantine Rules: Discussion CDC guidance which indicates no quarantine if masked.

Testing: Discussion regarding challenges of implementation, supply and use of tests.

**Quarantine Services**

Elementary: Quarantine Instruction: TBD

Jr. Sr. High School: TBD

**Committee Recommendations**

Flexibility needed given community conditions

Masking indoors with mask breaks appropriate to developmental level.

3 Feet Social Distancing

Temperature Checks

Consider Testing On Site

More Access to Vaccinations