

District Mitigations and Operations

September 14, 2021



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COVID 19 Dashboard Data

- 78 students have tested positive (Week of August 28-September 3rd)
- Year to date total students 232
- 15 Staff have tested positive (Week of August 28-September 3rd)
- Year to date staff members 49



Staff Vaccination Survey Data

- Staff Members Vaccinated:

2,128 Employees surveys were taken

1,902 Employees reported they are Fully Vaccinated

22 Employees reported they are Partially Vaccinated

42 Employees who chose not to respond

77.8% of respondents are female

64.3% of respondents are certified employees

69.3% of respondents are white



Mitigations

- N-95 Masks – \$2.00 per mask
 - 2 Masks per student would cost \$84,000
 - 2 mask per staff member would cost \$16,400
- KN-95 Masks - \$1.30 per mask
 - 2 masks per student \$54,600
 - 2 masks per staff member \$ 10,660

Please note the cost used is the mid range of cost of masks

Masks can not be used for long periods of time.

To this point the district has used over 300,000 masks



Close Contact Definition

A Close Contact is defined as someone who is within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 10 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, *three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes*), live with the person or stayed overnight for at least one night in a house with an infective person. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for people without symptoms, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date), until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation



Quarantine Protocol

- **Quarantine** is for people who don't currently have symptoms but were exposed to COVID-19
- CDC has released modified guidance allowing for shorter quarantine periods. USD500 will follow a 10-day Quarantine period
- **Isolation** is for people who DO have symptoms and have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness)
- **Testing for COVID-19** should be performed by a healthcare provider. "At-home tests" will not be accepted for return to work or school clearance if symptoms of illness are present



Athletic Impact

- Team Members, due to close contact, fell under the definition of close contacts
- Due to low vaccination numbers, players had to quarantine which caused the postponement of athletic contests
- We are working on the rescheduling or finding replacement contests for postponed games



Federal Employee Testing Mandate

- The plan does require that teachers and staff at Head Start and Early Head Start programs, teachers and child and youth program personnel at the Department of Defense (DOD), and teachers and staff at Bureau of Indian Education-operated schools get vaccinated
- The President is “asking” more states to require that school employees be vaccinated against COVID-19



Implementation Timeline

- It will take up to 45 calendar days to begin systemic processes
- We will hire up to 3 Health Data Specialist to keep track of students and staff who will be testing at our district sites
- We would begin with weekly surveillance testing for student-athletes due to masks not being worn during active participation
- Non-vaccinated adults will test weekly
- Results will be available within 24-48 hours

Benefits of Expanded Testing

- Higher numbers of vaccinated staff and students leads to a reduction of variants
- Higher numbers of vaccinated staff and students will lead to fewer quarantines and less transmission
- Non-Vaccinated Employees and students will know if they are COVID-19 Positive
- Allows employees who are unable to be vaccinated to continue employment
- Those without symptoms or pre-symptomatic individuals will be identified



Challenges of Expanded Testing

- Initial number of staff and students quarantined will increase
- If we do on-site testing we will have to hire a Health Testing Coordinator to lead this work
- Working with operations to coordinate pick up times of test kits from participating sites.



Sample Staff Vaccination Policy #1

- Kansas City Kansas Public Schools will require all eligible staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19 on or before November 19, 2021
- If proof of full vaccination is not on file with KCKPS on or before November 19, 2021, staff will be required to participate in weekly COVID-19 testing protocol
- All USD 500 staff that provide proof of vaccination will receive 5 additional sick leave days to their annual contract for the 2021-2022 school year

Sample Staff Vaccination Policy #2

- Kansas City Kansas Public Schools will highly encourage all eligible staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19 on or before November 19, 2021
- If proof of full vaccination is not on file with KCKPS on or before November 19, 2021, will be required to participation in weekly COVID-19 testing protocol
- All USD 500 staff that provide proof of vaccination will receive 5 additional sick leave days to their annual contract for the 2021-2022 school year



Sample Staff Vaccination Policy #3

- Kansas City Kansas Public Schools will highly encourage all eligible staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19 on or before November 19, 2021
- If proof of full vaccination is not on file with KCKPS on or before November 19, 2021, will be required to participation in weekly COVID-19 testing protocol
- If a USD 500 staff test positive for COVID-19 and have provided proof of vaccination prior to testing positive, USD 500 staff will not have to use personal sick leave time