

Health & Safety Steering Committee Meeting Notes - April 27, 2022

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PUSD COVID Update:

- District has seen a rise of cases since returning from Spring Break.
- PUSD is not required to test students/staff post-exposure. It is offered as a convenience.
- Students perform their own swabbing - health staff does not do it for the student.
- The status of in-school transmission and its use on the dashboard is confusing to some. Is it being tracked?
 - The assumption is it's happening. Language will be changed on the dashboard to make it more clear.
- Masking indoors remains the recommendation, but is not a requirement. Not something the District is set up to enforce. Staff can suggest wearing a mask, but there are no mandates.

Discussion Topics:

End-of-Year Activities - Discussion points and opinions shared included:

- District will continue to use the health screener prior to events. No plans to conduct testing before events - Senior Ball, Graduation, etc.
- There will be no ticket limit to graduation ceremonies. The events are outdoors with sufficient space available.

Summer Break/Prep for 2022-23 - Discussion points and opinions shared included:

- Difficult to plan without knowing what to anticipate. There will still be cases, but don't know what conditions will be or what the political environment will be like.
- Vaccine for children <5 will hopefully be approved over the summer which may help.
- District should have a clear plan in place and communicated to families by the first of August.
- Vaccine eligibility and summer variants will dictate the plan for the fall.
- District spent over \$600,000 on COVID response this school year. That money won't be there next year. Question to ask/ponder is what will be necessary/required vs. what is convenient? Can't afford to be a school district and a medical center.
- As long as tests are available, the mechanisms are in place. It's just a matter of families willing to participate and be accountable.

Next meeting - May 18, 8:30am