

## **Reopening Task Force Committee Notes**

**August 4, 2020 10 AM – 10:30 AM**

**Attendees (36):** Rick Harris, Adam Searcy, Denise Paxton, Leslie Allfree, Serena Robb, Adam Shoda, Ben Hayes, Chris Turner, David Hartshorn, Irene Payne, Jason Trevino, Jeffrey Basel, Jim Verdi, Josh Rosenbloom, Kiemmy Boc, Laura Hutchinson, Laurel Inuma, Laura Kerr, Leah Keuscher, Mathew Ochs, Maureen Wander., Megan Downs, Melissa Gillis, Trish Shaffer, Natha Anderson, Prim Walters, Rick Martin, Ruby Burnley, Samantha Fredrickson, Scott Lee, Sergeant Moore, Tami Goulden, Tiffany Young, Veronica, Virginia Doran

Notetaker: America Gillespie

### **Welcome and Agenda Review:**

Rick Harris opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and let them know Paul LaMarca was not going to be able to attend this meeting as there is an emergency meeting came up that they need to attend, therefore this meeting would only last until 10:30. He asked that anyone who had questions beyond the one agenda item to please email himself and Paul. Rick asked Jeff Brasel and Leslie Allfree to highlight the Outbreak Response Plan and key areas for the team.

Jeff Brasel presented the Outbreak Response Overview and explained the reason for the document was to have something in place for return to school. Similar to what they had in place for Norovirus Outbreak to help determine how to triage, report, to help staff report, get reports out and identifying factors for specific symptoms. Jeff went over the exclusions and possibility of school closures, out in various levels to make the document flexible by design which includes sanitation that they do for schools and transportation. Additionally, they followed what CDC had been putting out and therefore changes occurred weekly, so by the time the document goes out there may be some more changes. The appendices have a lot of the tools that will be important as we go back to school. This document is a living document and will be reviewed as needed.

Leslie Allfree went over the script and guidance for staff who will be taking incoming sick calls. They will have training in advance to help parents understand exclusion and distance learning options. Reviewed a decision tree for someone who has symptoms or has come into close contact with someone who has tested positive. The criteria will change, so the most recent version will always be on the reopening site. Went over flowchart if student gets sick at school procedures. Including if there were life threatening symptoms and how that would short circuit the process. There is a flowchart for staff who report sick at school as opposed to self-screening at home.

Reviewed teacher notification of student(s) who are to be excluded and student clearance form for return to class. Denise Paxton had a question because she had a couple clinical aides and nurses express concern that they haven't received training for the upcoming opening and asked if that will be covered next week as everyone is back. Leslie responded that training will happen this week or next week as most of the clinical aides and nurses did not start until yesterday.

Natha Anderson voiced concern as she has had numerous members that are nurses that state they don't know what to do. Leslie let her know they have not contacted her and if they have, they were provided the information. With the student clearance back to class, Natha asked that on top of their other duties, could a doctor or nurse practitioner sign the document. Leslie responded, no that it is when the aide or nurse has vetted that the student is ok to return.

Natha thanked Leslie and Jeff for their work on this and that WEA has some serious concerns, and she has questions about students going automatically into distance learning, is that the teacher's responsibility or the counselor's responsibility to recode. She stated there are still so many specifics that are still lost for staff's responsibilities with day to day work and directions to staff as "School A" will do this and "School B" will do this. Would like there to be a list of very specific items that could be referred to as the document creates a lot of questions to the reality of being in the classroom.

Rick stated that we are coming to a point with this document and some guiding principles that when questions like these are asked they will be able to provide a response and they are working on playground and recess currently and it is important because the direction will be there and it may not be what we want to hear, but it is coming forward.

Denise stated she has heard from clinical aides and nurses that they are having some difficulty from their administrator as far as where the isolation room will be and wasn't sure if that is something Rick will be handling and wants to make sure those concerns are being addressed for what is safe for everyone. Denise also stated she thinks it would be good to have some guidance for Administrators on how to support the clinical aides and nurses within the school as well. Leslie let everyone know that an 11-page document went out last Friday and many of the nurses did not start working until yesterday and they have been in correspondence with everyone who has reached out to them as Student Health Leadership and asked that let those who have concerns to contact them as she doesn't believe the communication is reaching student health.

Leslie let everyone know there is a new screening tool that was sent out by Kristen last night and it can be found on the District's website. They have changed the definition of recovery from 10 day-3 day of the first onset symptom to 10 day-24 hours after resolution of fever, nausea, or diarrhea without medication. Also added the close contact issue which is being within 6 ft of someone with a Covid positive case for more than 15 minutes. She let everyone know that if someone is in a household with a student or other member of household who has tested positive, once the person has recovered, they can leave the house but everyone else in the household who has not had Covid must stay in isolation for another 14 days.

Rick addressed Prim's question in the chat about the official word and said they have been working to get that done and should hopefully have today or tomorrow. Will also have the playground and recess information in the next couple of days.

Dave Hartshorn had a question about the cleaner used in the classroom to clean desks between periods, as he had staff concerned because the label stated causes eye damage and skin burns and need chemical gloves or latex gloves to handle. Dave asked if we would have enough clear faces coverings and gloves for staff, and not sure he would want his staff to use or be around the chemicals. Adam Searcy responded that they worked hard on what products to use and knows that it is concerning the labels that they need put on the bottles by law. Adam let everyone know it is the same product that has been used in schools for over a year and has a rating of zero on hazard label with material safety data sheet. Product is highly diluted and is 99.6% water, effective and safe chemical but are required to put warnings for a very extreme type of exposure.

Dave reiterated that as a building leader it is a very difficult position to be in when staff has a real sense of insecurity and anxiety with the staff. He can relay what Adam said but feels there needs to be a statement from District so that he is not just relaying something verbally to staff and he will be proactive in making sure they understand about the label. Adam stated one safe workaround is that it is not required by the state that the teacher's use this. Custodians have been trained in using it and have used it and will continue to use it and in many instances' multiple times a day. If someone is truly concerned, they will work through accommodations and has some one page documents on what the product really is, how it is to be used, why it can be used safely without gloves, why there is not cause for alarm, why we can not avoid complete disclosure of the true nature of this chemical for OSHA. Jeff reiterated they cross-referenced this chemical with RDac that used is commonly in childcare facilities. If someone has concerns, they can call Jeff as well. Leah Keuscher stated she bought Latex gloves that are used for doing dishes for her staff to use. Leslie reminded her to make sure that the staff has clean dry hands, so they aren't creating a dirty reservoir inside.

Natha Anderson had a question related to Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday regarding if a staff travels out of town if they have to self-quarantine for 14 days and if that was addressed on this paperwork. Leslie stated that it is not per correspondence with Health District as at this time anyone coming from out of state is not being asked to quarantine and there was an older directive stating Nevadans who go out of state were to quarantine but that is not happening and they are not asking people to quarantine at this time. Natha stated that was not what was presented at the Board of Trustees meeting and wished there was a document to outline the bare necessities to avoid confusion of what was presented at trustee's meeting and what we need to follow.

Rick stated for everyone to email him and Paul with questions and concerns. Apologized for cutting meeting short and thanked Leslie and Jeff for getting the Outbreak document out.

The next Reopening Meeting is on **Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 10 AM**, please send any agenda items to Paul LaMarca and Rick Harris. Thank you.