Health and Safety Update: Virtual Town Hall

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February 17, 2022
Welcome

Q&A Instructions

After the presentations we will share a Question & Answer Session

QUESTIONS IN YOUTUBE CHAT

Please use the link to our YouTube stream at hartfordschools.org/TownHall to ask questions in our YouTube Chat window.
Agenda

- Review of Health and Safety Protocols
- COVID Trends in HPS & The Hartford Community
- Medical Expert Update
- Answering Your Questions
Our Mission
To provide all our students with the learning and supports they need to succeed in school and in life.

Our Vision
All students will graduate prepared to transform our world.

Our Major Priorities
1. High Quality Teaching and Learning
2. Welcoming Culture & Nurturing Climate
3. Engaging Family & Community Partnerships
4. Skillful Staff and Effective Operations
In March 2020, the District deployed a COVID-19 Health & Safety Team to drive protocols and ensure student and staff safety. Each school has a dedicated COVID-19 Response Team & PPE Captains that meet on a monthly basis.

In partnership with HPS’s Health Services Team and the Office of Operations, they have worked to provide the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and additional COVID-19 mitigation supports, like test kits and vaccine clinics.

**Mask Distribution**
- 124,000 masks for PK-6 students
- 73,920 N95 masks for students in Grades 7-12

**Test Kit Distribution**
- 9,259 test kits distributed since Jan. 1

**Vaccine Clinics**
- 28 on site and 6 off site vaccination clinics for our students
- 8 staff vaccination clinics
All Hartford Public Schools students in grades Pre-K through 12th, staff, parents, and visitors will continue to be required to wear a face mask while inside any Hartford Public Schools school building through at least Friday, April 1st.

Governor Lamont has announced that the statewide school mask mandate will end on February 28 and decisions on school masking will then be made by individual districts. After February 28, HPS will continue to require masks in schools based upon guidance from the CDC, State of Connecticut public health and education officials, local health authorities and metrics, and stakeholders including administrators, teachers and parents.

At this time, we are awaiting further guidance from the Connecticut Department of Health and Connecticut State Department of Education as well as our local health partners before we make any changes to our Mask Policy. We will spend the next six weeks reviewing health and safety standard operating procedures and mask protocols.

See our Mask Policy FAQs at https://www.hartfordschools.org/rtlamanual/
Mitigation Strategies

- **Masks required** for all students and staff inside school buildings, regardless of vaccination status
- **Distancing** to the extent possible (at least 3 feet in classrooms)
- **5-day quarantine period** for positive and out-of-school close contact students and staff
- **Cohorting** in Grades PreK - 8
- **Frequent hand-washing**
- **Regular cleaning/disinfecting protocols**
- **Air filtration upgrades** in all school buildings

Updated Protocols

- Visitors no longer need appointments to enter buildings, after completion of health screen and they must follow health protocols
- Unvaccinated staff will **no longer be required to submit weekly testing**, however, they must **continue to complete the Kokomo wellness screener on a daily basis** before reporting to work

See all Health & Safety Standard Operating Procedures at [https://www.hartfordschools.org/rtlamanual/](https://www.hartfordschools.org/rtlamanual/)
Health and Safety Overview
Vaccinations for Students

Student Vaccination Status (Ages 12+)
- Unconfirmed: 55.0%
- 2 Doses: 40.9%
- 1 Dose Only: 4.1%

Students Vaccination Status (Ages 5 - 11)
- Unconfirmed: 81.3%
- 2 Doses: 15.9%
- 1 Dose Only: 2.8%
HPS COVID-19 Data
Confirmed Positives by Week: Students & Staff

Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Cases by Week

Cumulative Totals

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2021-22 YTD Chronic Absenteeism by Quarantine

- **Students With an Identified Quarantine Event**
- **Students Without an Identified Quarantine Event**
Health and Safety Overview

Vaccinations for Teachers

HPS Teachers Vaccination Status

- Fully Vaccinated: 95.0%
- Unvaccinated (Refusal): 2.4%
- Unvaccinated (Exemption): 2.6%

Total: 1488
Update on the COVID-19 Pandemic and Vaccination

Introducing Our Special Guest

Dr. Juan C. Salazar, MD, MPH, FAAP
Physician In Chief
Connecticut Children's Medical Center
COVID-19 – World

COVID-19 Dashboard by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

Last Updated at (M/D/YYYY) 2/17/2022, 3:20 AM

- **Total Cases**: 417,809,571
- **Total Deaths**: 5,851,050
- **Total Vaccine Doses Administered**: 10,257,109,696

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- **Weekly Cases**:
- **Weekly Deaths**:
- **Weekly Vaccine Doses Administered**
COVID-19 Predictive Analytics - MIT

Feb 24, 2022 Predicted US Active Cases

6,401 x million
Connecticut

3,276 x million
Florida
COVID-19 – CT Estimated New Cases/Day

Estimated infections are the number of people we estimate are infected with COVID-19 each day, including those not tested.

**February 16/22**
5,736 x day

**May 31st**
1,027 x day
## Connecticut COVID-19 Daily Summary

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

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<td>Daily Positivity Rate</td>
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*The "total" column includes a batch of catch-up tests that date back to January 17, 2022. This includes 2,983 tests administered that resulted in 364 positive cases. This batch of catch-up data has no impact on the data shown in the "change since yesterday" column, including the daily positivity rate.*

Of the 340 patients currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, 157 (46.2%) are not fully vaccinated.

For the week beginning January 30, 2022, unvaccinated persons had a **3.1x greater risk of testing positive** for COVID-19 and a **15.2x greater risk of dying** from COVID-19 compared to fully vaccinated persons.

Data on deaths is updated once per week every Thursday. The most recently reported total number of deaths is **10,219**.
CHILD COVID-19 Cases

Fig 6. United States: Number of Child COVID-19 Cases Added in Past Week*

298,931
% Vaccinated by Age Group - CT

Cumulative Number and Percent of People who have had at Least One Dose of COVID-19 Vaccination, who are Fully Vaccinated and who have had an Additional Dose by Age Group

As reported to the CT Immunization Registry (CT WiZ)

Initiated Vaccination Percent

44.7%

Number who have at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccination, number fully vaccinated, and number who have had an additional dose. Data are preliminary and are subject to change.

Chart: Ver 5.13.2021 • Source: CT Department of Public Health • Embed • Download image • Created with Datexpresso
Masks work and are recommended
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Questions?
We Want to Hear From You!

HPS February 2022: Culture and Climate Survey is open until tomorrow, February 18.

You will need your child’s school ID (lunch number) to submit your survey.

Or visit hartsfordschools.org/february2022survey

Survey Dates: 2/7 - 2/18/2022
All submissions are anonymous.
Students and staff will complete their surveys in school.
• General Inquiries and Support: **Welcome Center** staff are available, M-F, 8:00-4:00, by phone and in-person (by appointment), 860-695-8400

• Health Questions: **Health Services Hotline**, 860-695-8760

• [www.hartfordschools.org/returntolearn](http://www.hartfordschools.org/returntolearn)