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Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2020

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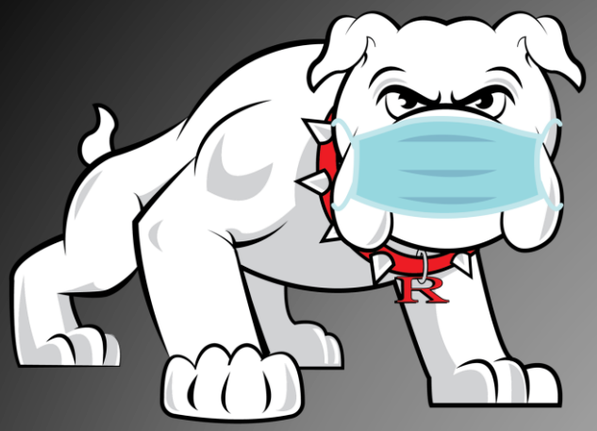
Informational Updates and New Business



Extended COVID-19 Plan

Health and Safety Update

Health and Safety Updates

COVID-19 Weekly Tracking: *As of Monday, December 14th*

		SCHOOL ASSOCIATED CASES										MACOMB COUNTY COVID-19 RATES			MDHHS GUIDANCE		
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RCS COVID-19 Data Analysis and Reporting-

- Tracking the essential data for 3 weeks prior in making recommendations.
- Transitioning to a greater intensity of in person instruction will rely on 1 week notification prior to implementation. ***Board approved as part of the monthly reconfirmation process.***
- Closing of individual classrooms, schools or the district for in person schooling can be done with only 12-24 hours notice based on circumstances. ***Board is informed but doesn't require their approval.***
- Three essential areas:
  - ***School Associated Cases and Close Contacts***
  - ***Macomb County COVID-19 Community Spread Rates***
  - ***MDHHS Guidelines for Intensifying In Person Instruction - School Buildings and Districts***

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RCS School Associated Cases and Contacts Report

- Likely have some inconsistencies in reported cases due to the suspension of in person learning.
- School Associated Contacts have been dramatically reduced.
- Still experiencing cases in staff and students (primarily because of household exposures)

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Macomb County Community Spread Report- ***Mi Safe Start Map***

- Cases per million rate (7 day average) is lagging behind due to limited case investigation/tracing ***(415 as of this afternoon)***
- 7 day average Positivity Rate has come down below 17% for for the first time in a month.
- MiPlan Dashboard has Macomb County at Level E as of 12-10-2020. ***(<150 cases per million is "D")***

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MDHHS Guidelines on intensifying In Person Instruction-

- County Risk Level Risk Determination *(Cases Per Million and Positivity Rate)* - **Level E - Highest**.
- School Building and District Spread Factors *(Buildings with Known Cases but no ongoing transmission)* **Level 2**
- Educational Recommendation- **Consider Remote Instruction**

Health and Safety Updates

COVID-19 Weekly Tracking :

- MDHHS Emergency Order (suspending 9-12) extended through 12-20.
- The CDC has updated guidance on the quarantine period. The MCHD has aligned to this and reduced the period to 10 days.
    - Dependent on no symptoms in self-monitoring and ongoing testing.
- Community spread continues to be at a very high rate.
- Hospital and healthcare impact - 77% of ICU headroom is in use. *(covidactnow.org)*
- Household “Close Contacts” quarantines are still being reported but not consistently.
- Still have concern about holiday gatherings and the impact of them upon our return to school after our scheduled break (Winter Break).
- Vaccine has been approved and is on it’s way to our county.
    - MCHD is anticipating its first shipment of vaccines this week.
    - Essential workers in 1B is to include “educators” per MDHHS *(more info to come)*

Health and Safety Updates

Clarifying the use of the word **“SCIENCE”** in our decision making.

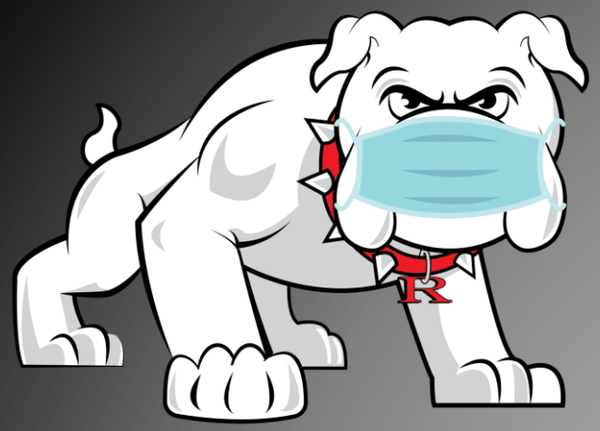
- **Community Spread** = Rising cases and quarantines
  - Cases per million and positivity rate
  - Household close contact quarantines
- **School Associated Cases** (confirmed and resulting quarantines)
  - Actual cases in our staff and students
  - Required or resulting quarantines
  - Safety = potential of in school transmission

***This is our “Science” but it is not analyzing virus impact or load based on age, mortality rate or the epidemiology of Covid vs. other illnesses or other residual impacts.*

How did we get to where we are currently at?

Community Spread *alarming rates “Tracing and Investigation is all consuming”*
Staffing Concerns *sustainability of “in person” learning (Adults in front of children)*
Creating Consistency *in our learning model and the delivery of instruction*

CDC, MDHHS and Governor might recommend “in person” learning or not restrict it at certain levels but they all reference local decision making and control of spread/transmission.



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Instruction Update

Instructional Updates

- Early Childhood programs are continuing in-person as well as SACC at 4 locations

- Specialized Special Education programs are in-person for 4 days a week
- The middle school and high school have learning labs available for special education students and English learners 4 days a week.

- Instructional Task Force teams met last week focused on:
  - supporting student success during remote learning
  - student engagement ideas
  - grading at the secondary level
  - shared bright spots and examples of strategies from teachers

- High School administration has contacted parents on their interest to change cohorts for the 2nd semester. The 2nd semester begins January 25, 2021.

- Communication being sent to families with the Wellness Survey and support from our SEL Task Force Team. Elementary was shared Thursday, Dec. 10th, the secondary buildings will share early in the week of Dec. 14th.

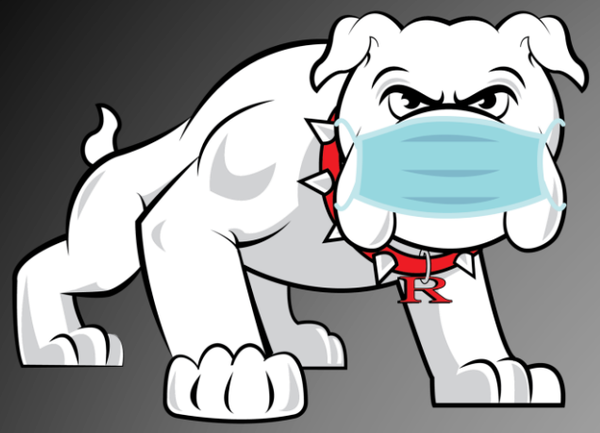
RECOMMENDATION

No change to the Board's reconfirmation from the 11-30 meeting.

Plan to return to our Hybrid plan, Step 4 beginning on January 11th.

- **Hybrid Schedule clarification-**
  - Step 4 Elementary: Cohort 1 and 2 together on the modified day, 4 days a week
  - Step 4 Secondary: Cohort 1 and 2 attend two days of in-person instruction
    - (Cohort 1: M/Th)
    - (Cohort 2: Tu/Fri)
  - Wednesdays remain fully remote for all levels

We will look at each level (Elem, MS and HS) individually should it be necessary.



DISCUSSION - QUESTIONS