COVID-19 Context

ROADMAP FOR REOPENING NASHVILLE
STATUS OF KEY METRICS
WE ARE CURRENTLY IN PHASE TWO

Transmission Rate | 14-Day New Case Trend
Public Health Capacity | Testing Capacity
Hospital Capacity: Floor Beds | Hospital Capacity: ICU Beds
New Cases Per 100K Residents | 7 Day Positive Test Rate

Trends as of 8/25/2020
Metro Government Goals

Transmission Rate
Goal: Less Than 1.0 Transmission Rate
Current: 0.9 Transmission Rate

14-Day New Case Trend
Goal: Flat or Decreasing Trend in New Cases
Current: Decreasing Trend in New Cases

New Cases Per 100K Residents
Goal: Less Than 10
Current: 21.4

7 Day Positive Test Rate
Goal: 10% or Below
Current: 9.7%
MNPS Staff COVID-19 Cases

July 30 – August 24
School Staff Exposures
11 Staff Positive Cases Reported
   • 5 possibly related to close contact with employee
22 Close Contacts Quarantined

June 26 – August 24
Total Reported to the District
• 247 employees isolated or quarantined
  • 94 positive tests
• 39 students quarantined or isolated
  • 22 tested positive
• Cases reflect all reported to the district, not necessarily those who encountered schools, staff, or students

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Engagement

• Engaging Staff
  • Director’s Teacher Cabinet
  • Principal Advisory Group
  • Union Leadership

• Support Students and Families
  • Parent Advisory Councils
  • Student Advisory Group
  • First check-in for Possip survey on Friday
  • Navigators starting to contact families to identify needs and opportunities for support

• Future Engagements
  • Survey of students and staff
Recommendation

• Phased-in Approach to Returning to Schools
  • Remain virtual through 1st Quarter
  • Davidson County is still in a modified Phase 2 of the Reopening Plan
  • Counties that have reopened are having to quarantine staff and close schools on a regular basis
  • Opening schools while there’s still a high rate of spread puts students, families, and staff at higher risk
  • Opening schools could disrupt students, families, and the educational environment if classrooms and schools must close quickly after

• Greater Supports for Families

• Exceptions for Exceptional Education
Exceptional Education

• Recommendation to offer in-person learning to a small population representing our most vulnerable K-12 students after Labor Day:
  • September 9: Students in contracted special day schools
  • September 16: Students in district-run special day schools
  • September 23: Students with disabilities in traditional schools who participate in modified curriculum or who have significant challenges accessing virtual learning effectively

• Details on https://www.mnps.org/students-with-disabilities
YMCA Partnership

• Partnering with YMCA to offer no-cost childcare at MNPS school sites
  • Will provide supervision and support for virtual learning
  • Available to children in grades K-5 (ages 5-12)
  • Maximum of 60 students per site
  • Safety requirements
Phased-in Approach

• When it's safe to return in large numbers, we'll prioritize our youngest learners first:
  • Elementary school
  • Middle school
  • High school

• Announcement of next steps to come before fall break
• Virtual option provided to families through the end of the school year
“Nashville has made some important progress in slowing the spread of COVID-19, but we still have a long way to go before we are back to normal as a community. I appreciate Dr. Battle and the Board of Education prioritizing the safety of students and staff with a phased-in approach to a safe return to schools.”
Extracurricular Activities

• Postponing competitions and performances until further notice
• Practices must be non-contact, allow for social distancing, and masks when possible
• Virtual activities whenever possible
• Meeting with respective MNPS leaders at the district and school levels to discuss next steps and best practices
• Contracting with NFHS Network to record and broadcast games
Partnerships for Success
School Nurses

• Currently 69 out of 77 positions filled
• Except for Harris-Hillman, most nurses work 2-3 schools
• Procedure-driven nursing program

Nurses for Every School
• Proposed hiring of an additional 72 nurses and 3 supervisors
• Requesting unobligated CARES Act funding from Metro Nashville to create a nurse position for every school
• MNPS would have to cover January – June and beyond through Metro Schools-specific CARES Act funding or general fund appropriations
Student Technology Update

**COMPUTERS**
44,800 devices deployed
• 65% of students requested and received a device
• 13,000 more than initial needs identified
• 660 imaged and ready to deploy when requested

**HOTSPOTS**
17,000 Received
12,741 Deployed
Employee Laptops

• MNPS has filled all needs identified by schools for student laptops
• Some teachers' machines are struggling to keep up with the demands of online learning
• Our technology plans are typically for 1/3 replacements per year
• Accelerating deployment of new laptops for each teacher this year
  • Purchase orders placed for 7,000 teacher devices
  • Using $6.9 million in capital funding already approved for technology
  • Seeking to use excess Mayor’s CARES Act funding to supplement
  • Computers should start arriving by next week, prioritizing oldest or malfunctioning laptops for replacement first.
  • Redeploying newer teacher devices for instructional support employees (e.g. paraprofessionals, 1:1 supports)
Thank You!

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