COVID-19 Advisory Committee

September 16, 2020

Introduction and Welcome

Dr. Rosa S. Atkins, Superintendent

The P’s of the Committee

Participants

Purpose

Participation

Path to the Present

Process

Path Forward

Who are the Participants?

- Students
- Teachers
- Parents
- Health Department
- Medical Community
- School Nurse
- Community Members
- Community Partners
- CCS School and Central Office Leaders
- School Board

Who are the Participants?

COVID-19 Advisory Committee Members

What is the Purpose of the Committee?

1. Receive data regarding the current status of COVID-19 in Charlottesville City, the neighboring communities and current instructional model of the school division.
2. Receive and consider ongoing data and recommendations from CDC, VDH/TJHD.
3. Discuss potential options for an instructional model moving forward
4. Provide recommendation to Superintendent regarding models.
5. Revisit the process until schools are open full-time.

What are the Participation Norms?

Since this is such an important topic for the safety and education of our students, we expect all voices to be heard and respected.

Participants should practice Zoom etiquette including showing camera when possible, muting your microphone when not speaking, trying not to speak over the person speaking, adding comments in the chat when possible.

If a participant proposes the sharing of any documents with the entire Committee, please share the day before so they can be previewed before distribution.

Expressing an opinion is welcome; being disrespectful will not help the process.

Path to the Present

Schools closed March 13
Deployment of devices to students
Virtual instruction began in April
Close monitoring of data and guidance from CDC, VDH/TJHD, DOE
Continued food for students
Surveys to parents
Health Mitigation and Instruction Plans
Transportation Study
Teacher Focus Group
Board Decision July 30 to begin virtually
Mask/Face Covering Policy
Procedures for Exposures
Professional learning for teachers
Start of school September 8

Layered Mitigation Measures

- SPACE - COVER - WASH
  - Physical Distancing
  - Face Coverings
  - Hand Sanitizer & Hand Washing
- Signage
- Self-Screening & Temperature Checks
  - Employee Attestation Form
- Cleaning Checklists & Protocols
  - Daily Form
  - Room Tagging System
  - New disinfecting equipment (foggers & electrostatic sprayers)
- Air Circulation/Filtration/Cleaning - Scrubbing
- Additional Measures:
  - PPE where appropriate
  - Plexiglass barriers



What is the Process of the Committee?

For the first meeting, receive data regarding the current status.

Share information from the school division about the opening of school.

Receive initial thoughts from participants.

Beyond the first meeting, continue to receive updated information and guidance.

Make the first recommendation and/or respond to a proposed plan to the Superintendent by the end of September.

What is the Path Forward?

Review data and other information.

Discuss options.

Create and/or respond to a recommendation for the Superintendent.

Repeat process, if needed, until all CCS schools can be open fully.

Data, Data, Data! What Metrics Do We Use?

Case Counts

Positivity Percentages

Burden

Transmission Rates

Rolling averages

Rolling sums

Hospital rooms

Isolation/Quarantine Info



Guidance Regarding COVID



CDC

Virginia Department of Health/TJHD

Virginia Department of Education

Physicians

Media?

Status of neighboring divisions

Current Charlottesville COVID-19 Metrics

Ryan McKay

Senior Policy Analyst

Thomas Jefferson Health District

Other Data/Information to Analyze

TJHD updated data dashboard September 14 to include seven-day rolling average of new cases for the health district by the date of onset. This is updated shortly after the VDH dashboard is updated daily by 10:00 AM. It is important to review health district trends versus just Charlottesville due to the migration in and out of Charlottesville daily.

UVA COVID Tracker-updated by 4:00 PM daily: This shows the number of cases, hospitalizations, quarantine and isolation percentages of students and other UVA employees.

Surveys from parents, teachers

Transportation Availability and Needs

Models used by other school divisions and lessons learned

Proposed Plan

Acknowledgments

- We believe in-person instruction is best for all students under normal circumstances, given that students miss much more than academics when not in school.
- We want students to return safely to school as soon as possible.
- Starting predominantly virtually has enabled all staff to focus on quality virtual instruction, which positions CCS well for anytime we need to step back in to the current model.

Our goal:

It is our goal to restore face-to-face, in-person learning, while keeping students and staff as safe as possible.

Staged Reopening

There will be a staged approach, utilizing cohorts, to return students to in-person learning.

Staged Reopening

<u>Cohort definitions</u>

Cohort 1: Pk-2 students

Cohort 2: 3rd - 5th grade students

Cohort 3: 6th - 12th grade students

Staged Reopening

<u>Cohort 1 and 2</u>

- Attend school four days a week, Monday-Thursday
- Friday is a cleaning day and planning / PL / work day for teachers (asynchronous learning)

Staged Reopening

<u>Cohort 3:</u>

- 6th grade - attend school four days a week, Monday-Thursday
- 7th - 12th grade - attend school using a hybrid model
  - Two days of in-person learning, two days of asynchronous learning
- Friday is a cleaning day and planning / PL / work day for teachers (asynchronous learning)

Timeline

*Earliest possible return dates:

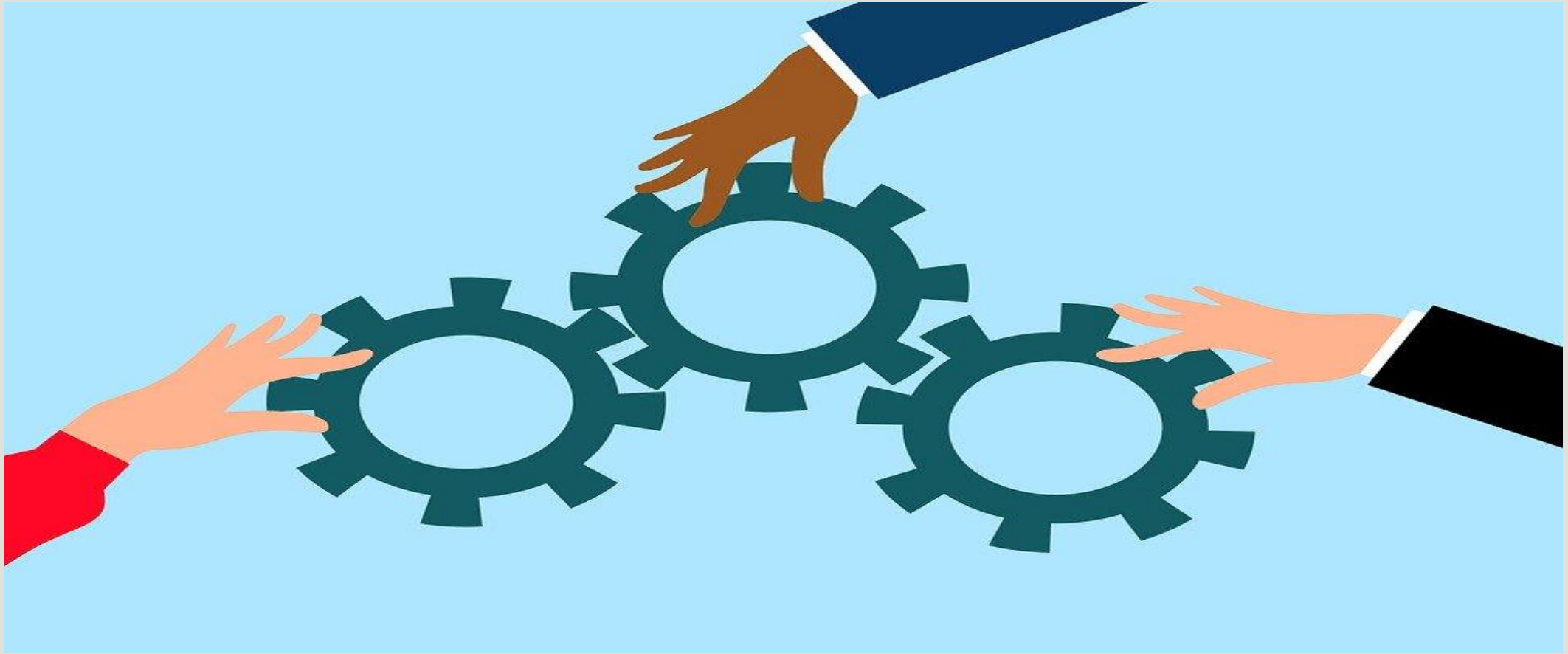
October 13, 2020: Cohort 1

October 20, 2020: Cohort 1 and 2

October 27, 2020: Cohort 1, 2, and 3

*Parents may opt to continue with virtual instruction for their child(ren). A survey to gather this information will go out next week.

Discussion and Initial Thoughts



Breakout Groups for Discussion

1. Interpretation of Conditions for Return-Data
2. Mitigation Plans for Return
3. Model and Schedule for Return

Survey for Families

A survey will be sent to families next week regarding their intent to remain on a virtual schedule or plan for their children to return to school with the proposed plan.

Schedule of Meetings

COVID-19 Advisory Committee	Wednesday, 9/23/20 at 4:00pm
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School Board Meeting	Thursday, 10/1/20 at 5:00 pm
COVID-19 Advisory Committee	Wednesday, 10/7/20 at 4:00pm
COVID-19 Advisory Committee-	Wednesday,10/14/20 at 4:00pm

Additional meetings will be scheduled beyond that date.

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Thank you for your time and continued commitment to the children of Charlottesville City Schools!