

# Suffield Public Schools

## Return-to-School Presentation

2021-2022



August 18, 2021

# Presentation Outline

*COVID-19 prevention strategies remain critical to protect people, including students, teachers, and staff, who are not fully vaccinated, especially in areas of moderate-to-high community transmission levels.*

*- CDC K-12 Guidance (July 2021)*

- 2021 Summer Highlights
- Current Case Rate – 14 Day and 7 Day Model
- Vaccination Data (Community & School)
- Remote Learning
- Quarantine Protocols
- Mask Usage
- Layered Prevention Strategies
- Considerations for Continuity of Learning and Protocols Decision-making



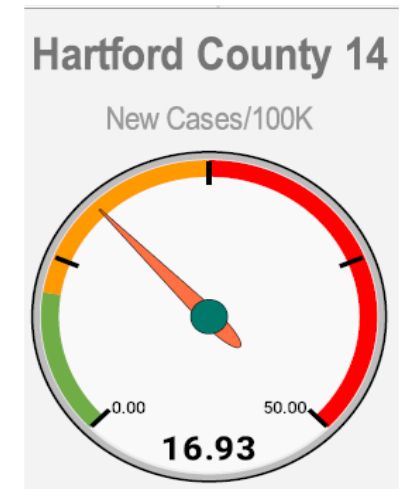
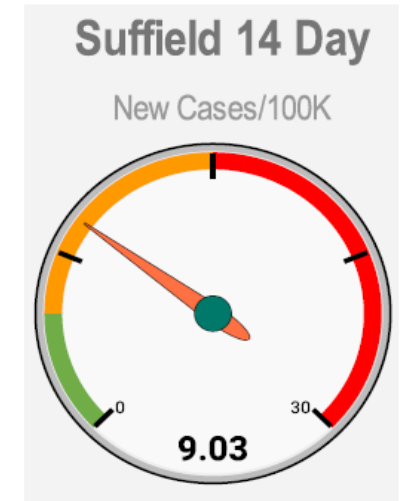
# 2021 Summer Highlights

SUMMER PROGRAMMING		# of Students	# of Teachers
“Kindergarten Experience” for Incoming Students		117	6
Rising STARS Grades 1-5		49	5
Extended School Year (pre-K – 12)		75	11
Spaulding Summer STEM		32	3
McAlister Summer STEM (4 offerings)		28	1
Summer Lunch Groups (Grades 6-12)		10	3
Suffield Middle School Summer Recovery		18	2
Suffield High School Summer Recovery (96 courses completed)		38	8
Summer Meals		15,505 (7,688 Breakfasts & 7,817 Lunches)	
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (9 Workshops)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TC Teaching Reading to Struggling Readers</li> <li>•TC Summer Reading Institute</li> <li>•TC Summer Writing Institute</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TC Reimagining Education</li> <li>•Green Schools</li> <li>•AP Summer Institutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Responsive Classroom</li> <li>•Case Natural Resource and Ecology</li> <li>•IM Math</li> </ul>	37

# Case Rate – Previous Model

Date	14-day average of new cases per 100,000 population per day	
	Hartford County	Suffield
Aug 12	16.93	9.03
Aug 11	16.96	8.58
Aug 10	16.09	8.58
Aug 9	14.74	7.68
Aug 8	15.00	7.23
Aug 7	14.36	6.32
Aug 6	13.72	4.97
Aug 5	13.08	4.07
Aug 4	12.08	4.52
Aug 3	11.49	4.52
Aug 2	10.81	4.52
Aug 1	10.41	4.97
Jul 31	9.70	4.97
Jul 30	8.99	5.42
Jul 29	8.28	5.87
Jul 28	7.75	6.32
Jul 27	7.15	7.23
Jul 26	6.73	6.32

25-Jul	6.44	5.87
24-Jul	6.04	5.87
23-Jul	5.64	5.87
22-Jul	5.24	5.87
21-Jul	4.97	5.42
20-Jul	4.17	5.42
19-Jul	3.83	4.07
18-Jul	3.45	3.16
17-Jul	3.20	2.71
16-Jul	2.96	2.26
15-Jul	2.72	1.36
14-Jul	2.46	1.36
13-Jul	2.19	-0.45
12-Jul	1.87	-0.45
11-Jul	1.51	-25.29
10-Jul	1.54	-18.97
9-Jul	1.56	-12.65
8-Jul	1.58	-6.32
7-Jul	1.65	-6.32
6-Jul	1.90	-6.32
5-Jul	1.78	0
4-Jul	1.78	0
3-Jul	1.78	0.45
2-Jul	1.74	0.45
1-Jul	1.69	1.36



# Case Rate – Current 7 Day CDC Model

Indicator	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days <sup>2</sup>	0-9	10-49	50-99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs that are positive during the past 7 days <sup>3</sup>	<5.0%	5.0%-7.9%	8.0%-9.9%	≥10.0%

Date	New Cases per 100,000 for 7 Days (COUNTY)
7/1/2021	2.58
7/2/2021	4.26
7/3/2021	5.94
7/4/2021	7.63
7/5/2021	7.63
7/6/2021	10.21
7/7/2021	11.55
7/8/2021	13.35
7/9/2021	12.41
7/10/2021	11.48
7/11/2021	10.54
7/12/2021	16.60
7/13/2021	20.41
7/14/2021	22.88
7/15/2021	24.67
7/16/2021	28.60
7/17/2021	32.52
7/18/2021	36.45
7/19/2021	37.01
7/20/2021	37.90
7/21/2021	46.65
7/22/2021	48.67

7/23/2021	50.35
7/24/2021	52.03
7/25/2021	53.72
7/26/2021	57.19
7/27/2021	62.24
7/28/2021	61.79
7/29/2021	67.29
7/30/2021	75.51
7/31/2021	83.74
8/1/2021	91.96
8/2/2021	94.20
8/3/2021	98.57
8/4/2021	107.32
8/5/2021	115.84
8/6/2021	116.56
8/7/2021	117.27
8/8/2021	117.98
8/9/2021	112.14
8/10/2021	126.72
8/11/2021	130.09
8/12/2021	121.23
8/13/2021	120.44

# Vaccination Data

	Population	Fully Vaccinated %
Suffield	15814	58.97%
County	891720	59.64%
State	3631470	60.53%

	Age Group	Fully Vaccinated %
Suffield	12-17	47.14%
Suffield	18-24	45.54%
Suffield	25-44	52.97%
Suffield	45-64	71.73%
Suffield	65+	98.81%

Source: data.ct.gov.

Retrieved: August 12, 2021



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*- CDC K-12 Guidance (July 2021)*

# School District Vaccination Data

## Student Vaccination Status by School

School	Enrollment	Student Response #	Student Response %	Student Fully Vaccinated %
AWS	475	131	27%	0%
MIS	407	121	30%	1.7%
SMS	440	175	40%	60.6%
SHS	743	335	45%	41.2%

## Personnel Vaccination Status (147 Responses)

Fully Vaccinated	99%	145
Unvaccinated	1%	2

Source: Suffield Public Schools Voluntary Vaccination Survey. Closed: August 13, 2021

# Remote Learning

- The full-time Remote Learning option offered during the 2020-2021 school year will not be available for 2021-2022. The CSDE is currently developing a distance learning model for grades 9-12 for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - Students that are absent from school for illnesses will be noted as absent in our daily attendance, and they will be required to make up all classroom assignments (same as before COVID-19).
  - Students who are isolated at home as a result of a positive COVID-19 test or on a district assigned COVID-19 quarantine will be able to access the classroom live feed and complete classroom assignments. Students who are in isolation or in a quarantine related to COVID-19 will not be marked absent if they are in attendance “online” during class.
    - Classroom Teachers will be focusing instruction on in-person learners
    - Instructional support for isolated or quarantined students will be provided by Recovery Teachers (unassigned), Interventionists, and Academic Support



*“Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.”*

*- CDC K-12 Guidance (July 2021)*



# Student Quarantine Protocols



- Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 cannot attend in-person learning for a period of 10 days.
- Vaccinated “Close Contacts” will not be required to quarantine if they are asymptomatic. Notification of exposure will be sent to “Close Contacts.” Vaccinated “Close Contacts” will need to mask indoors for 14 days following exposure when masking is not mandated. A negative test after Day 5 will eliminate the need for masking of “Close Contacts” when masking is no longer required.
- Unvaccinated students who are “Close Contacts” in the schools will be required to quarantine for 10 days (return on day 11):
  - 7 day quarantine period with a negative COVID-19 test on day 5 or after (return on day 8), or 10 day quarantine (return on day 11) without a negative COVID-19 test;  
Note: This is current DPH guidance; however, we are awaiting further guidance on this matter, as well as, guidance from our local health district.
- Student-Athletes will need to follow CIAC Quarantine Guidelines for Athletics Participation.

*“Close Contact” Definition: “In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.” (CDC, 2021)*

Definition Retrieved from: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact> (August, 5, 2021)

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# Mask Usage

## Elementary Schools (AWS & MIS)

- Universal Masking through September 30, 2021 (as per Executive Order 13A)

## Secondary Schools (SMS & SHS)

- Universal Masking through September 30, 2021 (as per Executive Order 13A)

## Possible Protocol Following the Expiration of Executive Order 13A

- “**LOW**” or “**MODERATE**” risk for community transmission:
    - Vaccinated Students and Staff = Facemasks are Optional
    - Unvaccinated Students and Staff = Facemasks are Required (honor system)
  - “**SUBSTANTIAL**” or “**HIGH**” risk for community transmission:
    - Universal Face Masking
- \* If the decision becomes “Local,” further updates to our proposed mask-wearing protocol may occur with further guidance from health officials, data tracking recommendations, or current school district COVID-19 experiences.**



*“Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.”*

*- CDC K-12 Guidance (July 2021)*

# Layered Prevention Strategies



- **Social Distancing**
  - Elementary and Secondary Schools to the greatest extent possible
- **Contact Tracing**
- **Cohorts**
  - Elementary Schools (AWS & MIS):
    - No change for the 2021-2022 school year
  - Secondary Schools (SMS & SHS)
    - Vaccine eligible; therefore, typical routines and schedules will occur
    - SMS team model provides cohort-based learning
- **Vaccinations (where possible)**
- **Quarantine Protocols**
- **Mask-wearing**
- **Reinforcing Good Hygiene**
- **Ventilation and Cleaning**
- **Expanded COVID-19 Testing Availability for School-age Populations**  
(more information to come from DPH and CSDE)

*“Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing **layered prevention strategies** (e.g., using multiple prevention strategies together consistently) to protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including students, teachers, staff, and other members of their households.”*

*- CDC K-12 Guidance (July 2021)*

# District Operations Update



## Department of Special Services

- Vaccination and Testing Clinics
- In-person Special Education and Section 504 Meetings
- Homebound Instruction Requests

## Department of Fiscal Services

- Transportation
- Breakfast and Lunch Programs

## Department of Technology

- 1:1 Devices & Insurance
- Authorized Signatures
- Information Technology Platforms

## Department of Facilities

- Sanitization
- Ventilation

## Department of Athletics and Student Activities

- Athletics Orientations (Coaches and Players)
- Student Activities Communications

*We encourage our families to consult with their child's pediatrician or medical consultant regarding the COVID-19 vaccination. The vaccination has proven to minimize serious illness and can further support the district's commitment to providing in-person learning opportunities for students.*

# Considerations for Continuity of Learning and Protocols Decision-making

Localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies.

(e.g., physical distancing, screening testing)

- CDC K-12 Guidance (July 2021)

- Considerations (in no specific order)
  - Guidance from DPH, CSDE, CDC
  - Unique School COVID-19 Transmission Trends
  - Suffield Public Schools District COVID-19 Transmission Trends
  - Town of Suffield COVID-19 Transmission Trends
  - County COVID-19 Transmission Trends
  - Vaccination Data (Rates, Boosters, etc.)



# Questions

