Report to the Board of Education

February 24, 2022
February 18 Guidance from CSDE and DPH

Title: Transitioning to a Model of Routine Respiratory Disease Prevention and Enhanced Outbreak Management and Control for COVID-19 in PreK-12 School Settings

Rationale:
• Widespread availability of vaccines
• At-home testing
• Treatment medications
• Falling case counts
• Experience with layered mitigation strategies in schools
Therefore ...

• Beginning February 28 “communities can begin to transition from a pandemic response to a standard public health approach to management and control of respiratory viral diseases”

• Shift focus to “response to case clusters and outbreaks”

• Recommend vaccination and booster doses

• Follow isolation guidelines

• Following an illness or exposure, recommend self-testing and mask wearing

• Continue to report cases to school personnel and in turn to CT DPH

• Follow existing quarantine guidance for exposure outside of school

State no longer requires masks be worn in schools after February 28 – local decision
When to Transition

• Data on community and school district prevalence and transmission
• Risk tolerance for the possibility of increasing case numbers
• Current COVID-19 vaccination status
• Planning to support those at greatest risk
• Support for those who wish to continue mask wearing
• Processes for continuous risk assessment and prompt decision making for policies and mitigation strategies going forward
• Advanced contingency planning for potential surges
Mansfield Current Conditions – Case Counts

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<td>36</td>
<td>7.1</td>
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<td>February 12</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>5.3</td>
<td>16.8 (Red Zone)</td>
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<td>February 19</td>
<td>FULL REPORT DUE 2/25</td>
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CT Positivity Rate for February 11: 4.94%
CT Positivity Rate for February 23: 3.51%
Mansfield Current Conditions – Cases within School Community

No known transmission in schools

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Mansfield Current Conditions - Vaccination

DPH Data for week ending February 12:

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<td>Received 1st Dose</td>
<td>87%</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>Fully Vaccinated</td>
<td>82%</td>
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Percent MPS Staff Fully Vaccinated: 96%
Other Considerations

- Mask Mandate in the town of Mansfield still in place. Will be reviewed at February 28 Town Council meeting.

- Masks are required on all public transportation including school buses per TSA until March 18

- CDC Guidance for Mask Wearing and Contact Tracing under review

- EHHD ready to assist all superintendents