



# BCSD Reopening Town Hall

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January 13, 2021



# Agenda

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Latest on vaccinations

Dutchess County guidance on close contacts/contact tracing

Decisions on when schools go remote temporarily

Outline of our surveillance testing program

# Latest on Vaccinations

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I do not have any insider information about vaccines

Patience

If you have a chance to get it, get it

# Dutchess County Guidance on Close Contacts

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“Dutchess County DBCH will work with schools to determine the specific exposures within the classroom and school settings by identifying only those individuals who must be considered “close contacts” as subject to the mandatory precautionary quarantine. The definition of close contact includes spending 10 minutes or more with a confirmed COVID-19 case while standing within 6 feet of the individual. Wearing cloth masks does not impact exposure”

# Dutchess County Guidance Continued

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“DBCH may consider other factors including virus strain, as part of the case investigation to determine the risk of exposure on the particular circumstances of the exposure. DBCH and/or NYSDOH reserve the right to issue and enforce mandatory quarantine orders for classroom-based exposure incidents when necessary.”

# Factors That Impact the Decision To Go Remote

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Time needed to conduct contact tracing

Number of people quarantining

Most of the confirmed cases we get now, the individual has been out of school for a number of days

Department of Health

State Guidance or Regulations

# Surveillance Testing for COVID-19

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Why? Another layer of safety for all of us and to identify asymptomatic positive cases

When? The week of January 25, targeting Monday and Wednesday

Who? Random group of voluntary staff and students (from in-person group). Families will be able to be with students for testing. Results will be shared in-person.

Where? We are looking to create the testing center at Beacon High School

# Next Steps for Testing

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Virtual Consent form for testing will go out on Tuesday

FAQs and explanation video posting next week as well

Testing appointments given out on Friday, January 22 for Monday January 25 and Tuesday, January 26 for Wednesday, January 27

Results will be processed and reviewed with Dutchess County Department of Health and after that shared with community



# Next Steps for Reopening

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We will keep communication channels open

Be prepared for all contingencies

Begin the planning process for next year