

TO: Eric Waddell, Superintendent
FROM: Shay Stathoplos, Director of Nursing Services, RN, BSN, NCSN
DATE: December 2020
RE: Quarterly Report for School Committee

October: Five flu clinics were held at all schools to ensure that we were able to get as many students as possible vaccinated for influenza. All totaled 268 students and 95 staff were vaccinated. An 'Open House video' was made for the virtual tour of Mitchell School. A preliminary meeting was had with our new School Physician, Dr. Michael Vinograd to plan for a meeting of the York Pediatric and Kittery School nurse team. Vision screening was done at all three schools with the help of the Lion's Club and the use of their SPOT vision screener, which minimized the time per screening and provides an objective measure. Seminars attended this month included: ANA's The Covid-19 Vaccine Development, PPE webinar for safe reuse of PPE, and *Let's Go* symposium was attended. The nurses were fit tested for N95 masks by our local EMS and a DOE sponsored event. Nurses continue to monitor daily attendance and student illness and guide parents through procedures for quarantine, health visits and testing in addition to other routine duties such as vaccine tracking and visits for illness and injuries.

November: Procedures related to travel and close contacts are reviewed and updated to reflect increased community transmission and in preparation for a post holiday surge. Nurses worked with Nancy Embry to have IC reports at the ready for contact tracing and in the ever-changing formats requested by DOE and the CDC. We have reached out to the York Hospital testing coordinator to discuss strategies for student testing. Our school pediatricians begin to staff the York Walk-In, which help parent/guardians access care quickly and efficiently. Nurses prepare to be the primary contact tracers for the school system as the CDC begins to be overwhelmed. Nurses are increasingly working more on the evenings and weekends as community transmission increases. The daily work of monitoring attendance, guiding families and routine care continues.

December: The state reporting for vaccine compliance was completed and submitted for each school. Nurses help with coordination of Holiday Giving and winter attire needs. Follow up of vision referrals begins. Crisis bags are updated with supplies. New travel, quarantine and close contact procedures are put in place. The nursing team met with Sweetser clinician to check in regarding stress level. Updated guidance regarding the new vaccine law was sent out so that parents had plenty of time to make decisions about routine vaccines and the new school year. The nurses met with School Physician, Dr. Vinograd and other members of his office to discuss healthcare for students in our community during this pandemic. Topics included testing, vaccinations and communication.

Communicable Disease Report: Strep throat – 5, Covid – 10, Impetigo – 1

COVID-Related: Sent home: 30 Calls for Return Protocol: 206 Students tested: 161
Contact tracing following positive cases: 22 classrooms

By the Numbers

New students in district: 15

Health Record noncompliance: 2

New Diagnosis this quarter: concussion, torn meniscus, neurological evaluation for new seizure activity, asthma x 2, allergies

Surgical Procedures: Knee surgery, tonsillectomy, oral surgery, pilonidal cystectomy, dental and sinus surgery

Significant School Injuries: none

Average Daily Student Office Visits: 8 per building daily **Average Daily Parent Contact:** 6 per building daily

Physician Referrals: 51 this quarter **Sent Home:** 30 this quarter **Psychosocial Referrals:** 5 this quarter

Staff Assessments: 19 this quarter

Referred: 4 referred

Screenings in the district: Vision – 301

Referred: for vision - 24

Meetings:

Wellness = 2 (-district/ -building)

Nursing = 7

504/IEP = 9 total

Nurse DOE meetings: 9 total / CDC briefings: 26 total

Staff meetings = 10 total

Staff presentations: 2 Covid related presentations