

## **CRTF HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 1SEPTEMBER2020 10AM**

Present: Christine Burke, Ann Birner, Kathie Lynch, James Petersen, Stephanie Seacord, Toni McLellan, Kristin Shaw

### 1) Autumn/Winter planning

Christine Burke, MEd, MCHES, the school district's Wellness Coordinator, summarized plans for reopening including on site and remote learning, mask usage, distancing strategies, sanitation, screening, reporting, and ventilation plans as well as efforts to inform and educate students, families, and staff on pandemic behavior and responsibilities. She described how they work with the city Health Department and when the State becomes involved (CAN call on them at any time, MUST call if an outbreak is suspected). The State would take on testing and contact tracing in the event of an outbreak. The definition of appropriate masking is aligned with the Health Subcommittee's. A robust influenza immunization outreach program is imminent.

### 2) Public information

- Letters to Governor Sununu and surrounding towns are tabled until the City Council votes on the proposed mask ordinance.
- The weekly dashboard was reviewed. Viewers should focus on trends rather than daily totals and a reminder will be part of tomorrow's presentation to the Task Force. Maine numbers are up, likely due at least in part to a "superspreader" event in Millenocket on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Cases are up in ME/NH/MA per the JHU data but testing and percent positivity are trending in the right direction (up and down, respectively). Will follow.
- It was agreed that FAQs and other documents will include a caveat such as "Information as of (date); refer to references provided for most up-to-date information" along with hotline email for further questions.

### 3) Ventilation FAQ

- Early drafts of background (Ann) and definitions (James) have been circulated; application (James) will be next. Comments and questions to include are invited. Audience may vary e.g. business owners may have questions that differ from typical homeowners' questions. The subcommittee agreed upon a single document with basic information and then sectioned off as appropriate.
- Primary referencing is not necessary but James will include tertiary references including at least one that is publicly available, COVID-specific, and written so that lay public will be able to understand (e.g. the ASRAE White Paper).

4) Public Health – PopUp donor "Thank You" event: attendance and seating have been approved by Public Health. Expanded use of the pop-up space is under discussion (retail space, holiday market) but no action is required of the subcommittee at this time.

5) AOB – Next meeting is at 10:30 AM on September 8<sup>th</sup>.