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Update: District Planning Team Meeting #5
July 14, 2020

The District Planning Team held its fifth meeting on July 14, 2020 via Zoom. I reported out regarding a question on whether our district insurance would cover COVID-19 claims. We heard from our insurance company that our insurance does not cover air-borne diseases. I also reported that we are expecting to hear some direction from the Department of Education regarding school opening in the near future.

The majority of the meeting consisted of a review of a draft *Employee Return to Work Rules and Expectations Document* that was prepared by several Superintendents, reviewed by DrummondWoodsum, and shared with all Cumberland and York county superintendents as a template. The document was analyzed and revised by our nurses in order to meet the needs of the Cape Elizabeth School Department. Comments from this meeting will be incorporated, and best practices and procedures from the Facilities and Transportation Department, as well as the Nutrition Services Department will be added. The first part of the discussion focused on student and staff screenings, and more research will be done on plans to address this important consideration in reopening, “Are you able to screen students and employees upon arrival for symptoms and history of exposure?” (CDC Guidelines).

Expectations for students and staff for wearing masks was also discussed and the recommendation for all students and staff members to wear face covering or shields, unless in a room by themselves, was agreed upon. All students and bus drivers will be required to wear face coverings or shields on school buses and in school vans.

Please view the video to see the other safety procedures discussed during this meeting.

Stay well,

Donna