

BOARD MEMO

Date: September 23, 2021

For ACTION ☒

For INFORMATION ☐

Board Agenda: Yes ☒

No ☐

FROM: Julie Crawford, Ed.D., Chief of Student Services and Equity

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Update on COVID-19: Health and Safety Measures

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 1: Reopening of School

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management

Communications and Customer Service for Internal Stakeholders

SUMMARY:

This presentation provides an update on COVID-19 health and safety measures including vaccinations for students 12 and older, requiring vaccinations for student athletes for the winter and spring seasons and enhancing the dashboard and contact tracing process. Other updates relate to surveillance testing of students and review of the 14-day quarantine for students who are deemed close contacts.

BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 case data for the City of Alexandria has been increasing, and the city is experiencing a high level of community transmission, largely due to the Delta variant. As ACPS returns to five-days a week of in-person learning, additional public health safety measures must be taken to ensure the health and safety of all staff and students.

RECOMMENDATION:

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The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the COVID-19 health and safety updates and approve the recommendation that ACPS require documentation of completed COVID-19 vaccination status for any student participating in Virginia High School League (VHSL) winter and spring sports, including conditioning, for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

IMPACT:

This requirement safeguards the public health of the school division by establishing a health monitoring requirement for students.

ATTACHMENTS:

Presentation: Update on COVID-19: Health & Safety Measures

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