

## SHAC Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2021

3:00PM – via Zoom

Member Attendees: Lauren DePaola, Johnnelly Green, Jennifer Wise, Melissa Gentry, Paul Myers, Dr. Antwannique Edwards, Jessica Shaw, Prescott Cowles, Deloris Paul, Dr. Kathleen Ryan, Dr. Adrienne Mott-Young, Maria Eunice

Additional Attendees: Donna Jones, Melissa Gentry, Juanita Richardson, Ruth Paletti

3:05pm – Meeting called to order

3:05 – Paul Myers gave an update on current Covid-19 trends in the community, including hospitalizations, vaccinations, and deaths. Per Paul, it appears we may be “plateauing”. 64% of vaccine-eligible residents have been vaccinated. Regarding staffing at the Dept of Health, 50% of ACHD school nurses have resigned. ACHD Covid-19 testing sites are open seven days a week, an appointment is required. For vaccinations at ACHD, no appointment is required. 90% of hospitalizations in our county are people who are not vaccinated.

3:13pm – Dr. Adrienne Mott-Young stated that there had been a concern regarding the efficacy of neck gaiters as face coverings in the schools, but after doing research, has concluded that as long as it is a double-layered gaiter, it is acceptable. Per her research, the effectiveness of protection from aerosol particles for each different face covering is as follows:

N95 mask – 99%

Medical grade surgical mask – 59%

Neck gaiter – single-layer 47%, and double-layer 60%

3:15pm – Johnnelly Green opened up the topic of Covid-19 testing in the schools for discussion. Johnnelly presented the parent letters that are being sent home for each individual Covid-19 scenario (symptomatic, close contact, household contact, tested at school), and also the flow chart that is currently being used in the school district. Paul Myers stated that the Binax Now Rapid test kits must be backed up with a PCR for a negative symptomatic case. Dr. Kathleen Ryan and Dr. Adrienne Mott-Young agreed. Paul Myers recommended that in order to validate the effectiveness of using the Binax Now Rapid Test without a backup PCR, testing approximately 300 students with both will compile enough data to confirm accuracy. Dr. Ryan and Dr. Mott-Young both agreed.

3:50pm – Johnnelly Green asked since the FDA has approved the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine, what are the medical experts’ thoughts on mandating vaccines for the staff? Dr. Mott-Young stated that is a state

issue and we cannot dictate that as of yet, could be a discussion for later. Johnnelly stated incentives are being offered by SBAC to those who are vaccinated in the form of \$100 bonuses, and Covid Leave Pay.

3:56pm – Lauren DePaola asked if information is being sent to the schools regarding the monoclonal antibody treatment being offered at a site in High Springs. Paul Myers stated the information has been put out into the community, and as of today, over 80 treatments have been administered. Dr. Ryan stated there are age and weight restrictions for children: they must be 12 years of age and over 40 kilograms to qualify. Children must also have a doctor referral, whereas adults do not need a referral. Paul Myers stated there is not out of pocket cost