

From: sob8@cdc.gov
Sent: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 18:10:51 +0000
To: Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS); O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS)
Cc: Rochelle Walensky (CDC/OD) (aux7@cdc.gov); Henry Walke (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) (hfw3@cdc.gov); Anne Schuchat MD (CDC/OD) (acs1@cdc.gov); Michael J. Beach (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) (mjb3@cdc.gov)
Subject: Awareness: Documents planning to post
Attachments: Schools Science Brief_2021-2-10 corrected.docx, 39307_OperatingChildCarePrograms_2.1.2021.docx

In addition to the strategy document, the attached documents will be posted. And, these 3 items were released by OMB (we need some graphics to support the K-12 docs so they will also be posted).

1. Supporting graphics for childcare guidance
2. Checklist for School Nutrition Professionals Serving Meals Eaten at School
3. Safely Distributing School Meals during COVID-19 + Graphics for this page

Please let us know if you have any Qs.

Thank you

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Tue, 26 Jan 2021 15:50:16 +0000
To: O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS); Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS); Alvarez, Kathryn (OS/IOS); Despres, Sarah (HHS/IOS)
Cc: Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED); Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI); Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: CDC & HHS, re: Coordination on school guidance and phased mitigation -- 3pm meeting prep
Importance: High

HHS Colleagues – here is a list of the various documents. Chat at 3PM. Thank you

1. Recommendations for Phased Mitigation Strategies to Reduce COVID-19

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2. Operational Strategy to Incorporate Testing into Phased Mitigation for Safe Reopening of K-12 Schools

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3. Scientific Brief: Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K-12 schools

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4. Overview of testing (maybe this week or next week)

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5. Duration of Isolation and Precautions for Adults with COVID-19 (this week)

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7. Non healthcare worker testing strategy (next week)

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8. Correctional facility testing strategy (next week)

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9. Still under OMB review-

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Tue, 2 Feb 2021 11:42:32 +0000
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD); Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: For today
Attachments: RW WH NGA All Governors Call Remarks 2.2.21.docx

Agnes, please upload on One Drive. Thanks

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJRO@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:58 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

Yes. Sorry if I wasn't clear. (b)(5)

(b)(5) Updated version attached.

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:33 PM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: RE: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

I'd like to add one sentence in my comments reiterating (b)(5)

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Thank you!

R

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJRO@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:32 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:13 PM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: RE: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

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From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:50 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

Curious to hear his take.

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:48:22 PM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

Fair – I just also asked Jeff if he'd be amenable to my including...
Helpful to have his read on this.
Thank you,
R

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:47 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>

Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:36 PM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

Super, thank you, Chris.

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From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

Hi Rochelle,

Remarks for the 11am WH NGA Govs meeting.

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Chris

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Tue, 9 Feb 2021 02:13:46 +0000
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD); Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: Fwd: CDC teachers/parents meetings
Attachments: CDC Teachers Listening Session 2.9.2021.docx

For the teacher listening session.

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:47 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD); Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Thanks, Sherri. The memo is attached, please let me know if you have any questions.

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 7:35 PM
To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Thanks, Bios would be great

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Let me check her schedule

(Note: (b)(5))

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 6:45 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Hi Sherri,

Thank you again for your flexibility with Dr. Walensky's schedule for tomorrow. We're waiting on the bios of the teachers that NEA has lined up and then we'll be sharing a memo with the agenda and bios for participants. Is there anything else that you'll need for tomorrow?

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Thanks!
Will

EVENT MEMO

February 8, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CDC DIRECTOR

FROM: Will McIntee, Office of Public Engagement

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SUBJECT: School Reopening Teachers Roundtable

EVENT DATE: February 9th, 2021

TIME: 5:30 PM EST

PARTICIPANTS: CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky

LOCATION: [ZOOM Meeting](#)

ATTIRE: Business

VERSION: Current as of February 8, 2020

I. PURPOSE

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II. PRESS PLAN

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III. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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| 5:25 pm | YOU arrive in the Zoom meeting. |
| 5:30 pm | Zoom meeting opens. YOU welcome participants and provide introductory remarks setting the scene for the conversation. |
| 5:35 pm | Each teacher will introduce themselves and discuss their needs for safe school reopening, and challenges of teaching during the pandemic. (5 minutes/each) |
| 6:05 pm | Q&A |
| 6:20 pm | YOU thank participants and offer closing thoughts. |
| 6:25 pm | Zoom ends. |

IV. TOPLINE TALKING POINTS

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Wed, 10 Feb 2021 11:32:46 +0000
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Cc: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: Fwd: CDC teachers/parents meetings
Attachments: CDC Parents Listening Session 2.10.2021.docx

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:27 PM
To: Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS); Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD); Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS); Sams, Ian (HHS/ASPA); Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS)
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Sharing a memo for the parents listening session tomorrow. We are still awaiting a couple of bios for parents that will be joining, but wanted to make sure you had the rest of the information tonight. Please let us know if you have any questions, and we'll send the updated memo in the morning.

Thanks!
Will

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:28 PM
To: 'Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS)' <nky3@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Sams, Ian (HHS/ASPA) <Ian.Sams@hhs.gov>; Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS) <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Hi Alicia,

Thank you for the update. Adrian and I just touched base, and unfortunately we don't think there's a WW option that we could use at this time. I'll be on the Zoom and will let folks know that Dr. Walensky is running a little behind, and we can get started when she's able to get on.

My cell is (b)(6) if you need anything.

Thanks!
Will

From: Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:20 PM

To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Sams, Ian (HHS/ASPA) <Ian.Sams@hhs.gov>; Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS) <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Hi Will,

Dr Walensky is still tied up in a meeting with (b)(5) so she will likely be delayed joining the 5:30. I can have it set up for here over here in EEOB, but if you have a location in the WW that may be quicker for her to join from, please let me know.

Thanks!
Ali

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Sams, Ian (HHS/ASPA) <Ian.Sams@hhs.gov>; Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS) <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Good morning Sherri,

It sounds like the preference would be to keep the timing at 5:30pm if that still works on your end. We'll snag that 4:30pm time tomorrow for the parents meeting if that's still available.

Thanks!
Will

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Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 7:13 AM
To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Sams, Ian (HHS/ASPA) <Ian.Sams@hhs.gov>; Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS) <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Good morning,

Thank you for the background info.

For the teachers today, (b)(5) shifted and it looks like we could move this to 5PM if that would work better?

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(b)(5) The challenge is finding time. She is booked Wednesday, with one 30 min window (430-5PM) . Thursday could work. (b)(5)
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Thank you!

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:46 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Thanks, Sherri. The memo is attached, please let me know if you have any questions.

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 7:35 PM
To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

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From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 6:45 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Hi Sherri,

Thank you again for your flexibility with Dr. Walensky's schedule for tomorrow. We're waiting on the bios of the teachers that NEA has lined up and then we'll be sharing a memo with the agenda and bios for participants. Is there anything else that you'll need for tomorrow?

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Thanks!
Will

EVENT MEMO

February 9, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CDC DIRECTOR

FROM: Will McIntee, Office of Public Engagement

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SUBJECT: School Reopening Parents Roundtable

EVENT DATE: February 10th, 2021

TIME: 4:30 PM EST

PARTICIPANTS: CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky

LOCATION: [ZOOM Meeting](#)

ATTIRE: Business

VERSION: Current as of February 9, 2020

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| 4:50 pm | Q&A (if time allows) |
| 4:57 pm | YOU thank participants and offer closing thoughts. |
| 5:00 pm | Zoom ends. |

IV. TOPLINE TALKING POINTS

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Sun, 31 Jan 2021 22:21:38 +0000
To: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: Fwd: School guidance rollout

FYI

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 5:09 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: RE: School guidance rollout

The MMWR is still being drafted by John Brooks and folks in the response, but my understanding is that

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 4:50 PM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: School guidance rollout

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Can you please tell me more about the masking MMWR? I just got off a call...*everyone* is asking for this!
R

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: School guidance rollout

Hi Rochelle,

I know on the call earlier we didn't land on a specific date for the school guidance rollout,

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Chris

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 16:31:13 +0000
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Subject: Fwd: Tuesday's schedule

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS); Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS); Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS); Figueroa, Marvin (HHS/IEA); Sams, Ian (HHS/ASPA)
Subject: Re: Tuesday's schedule

Yes, all set. Thanks

From: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS); Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

Hi Sherri

Just circling back regarding tomorrow's governors call. We are still tracking that Dr. Walensky is only with us until 11:15am. (b)(5)

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Thank you
Eduardo

From: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 8:38 AM
To: 'Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)' <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

That will work. Thank you

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 8:16 AM
To: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

Good morning – as of right now, she can join 11-11:15AM to do just the first 15 min. will that work? Thanks

From: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:17 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

Sherri

We are confirmed for the next Governors call for Tues 2/16 at 11am. Our team is thinking it would make sense for Dr. Walensky to join given school reopening. Would she be available to join?

Eduardo

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>
Subject: Tuesday's schedule

Hi Eduardo, Dr. Walensky's schedule has changed and now she will be at the WH. Can she join Jeff for the NGA? And for her piece, is it a situational awareness update only? Thank you

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Tue, 19 Jan 2021 21:41:39 +0000
To: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: FW: Notes: Today's call with Dr. Birx
Attachments: Guidance Forecast Week of 01.18.2021.docx, COVID-19 Response Priorities Jan 17- Jan 23.pptx

From: Romanik, Nikki Jo (CDC/OD/OCS) <kon6@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:30 PM
To: Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD) <olx1@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>; Butler, Jay C. (CDC/DDID/OD) <jcb3@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Cc: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS) <bli8@cdc.gov>; Hoo, Elizabeth (CDC/OD/OCS) <irp5@cdc.gov>; Eiring, Hilary (CDC/DDID/OD) <vte0@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Notes: Today's call with Dr. Birx

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Priorities of the Week, Jan 17th-23rd

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Guidance Doc in Interagency Clearance:

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MMWR Publication

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One *MMWR* Early Release related to the COVID-19 Response is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, with the planned embargo lifting at 1 pm. Please note that the title, content, and timing might change.

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From: Romanik, Nikki Jo (CDC/OD/OCS)

Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 6:15 PM

To: Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD) <olx1@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>; Butler, Jay C. (CDC/DDID/OD) <jcb3@cdc.gov>; 'Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)' <acs1@cdc.gov>

Cc: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS) <bli8@cdc.gov>; Hoo, Elizabeth (CDC/OD/OCS) <irp5@cdc.gov>; Eiring, Hilary (CDC/DDID/OD) <vte0@cdc.gov>

Subject: Notes: Today's call with Dr. Birx

DB:

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Thu, 21 Jan 2021 21:14:10 +0000
To: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: FW: Another call w/ the WH, re: (b)(5)
Attachments: (b)(5)

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:35 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Another call w/ the WH, re: (b)(5)

Apologies for the delay here, Sherri. Attached is a document that I believe CDC received from the transition a few weeks ago. (b)(5)

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 10:49 AM
To: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Another call w/ the WH, re: (b)(5)

Quick follow up: Can you share the draft w/ us, similar to the school guidance? Thanks

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Cc: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Subject: Another call w/ the WH, re: (b)(5)
Importance: High

Thanks

Add: Anne Schuchat MD (CDC/OD) (acs1@cdc.gov); Henry Walke (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) (hfw3@cdc.gov); Rochelle Walensky (CDC/OD) (aux7@cdc.gov); sob8@cdc.gov

And **Henry will provide 1-2 SMEs** (b)(5)

Thanks again

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you so much! Also wanted to ask if this same group might be able to provide an update on CDC's review of (b)(5). If not, I'd love to set up a separate meeting on that. Please also let me know if you haven't received it.

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Done!

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; aj.pearlman@hhs.gov; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

That works well! Thank you.

I can send along a ZoomGov conference line once I'm finished setting it up later this morning.

On Jan 21, 2021, at 7:33 AM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Thanks, how about 345-415PM for a call today?

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:32 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; aj.pearlman@hhs.gov; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

Yes, please feel free to as close hold. Thank you!

On Jan 21, 2021, at 6:59 AM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

I am happy to assist with scheduling and identifying the CDC SMEs who should join. I am assuming I can share the draft w/ them before the call (as close hold), correct?

Thanks

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:10 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: aj.pearlman@hhs.gov; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

My apologies – moving too fast tonight. The language we wanted to share is now actually attached.

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From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:57 PM
To: 'aux7@cdc.gov' <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: 'aj.pearlman@hhs.gov' <aj.pearlman@hhs.gov>; 'sob8@cdc.gov' <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: (b)(5)
Importance: High

Dr. Walensky,

Congratulations on formally assuming your role as CDC Director! As a Massachusetts native, I'm particularly proud and looking forward to working with you.

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Carole and I would love to connect with you and/or your team tomorrow to discuss this guidance, as well as the OSHA ETC guidance that I believe has already been transmitted to CDC for review.

Thanks for your consideration,
Osaremen

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Osaremen Fortune Okolo
Policy Advisor
White House Office on COVID-19 Response

C: (b)(6)

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Tue, 9 Feb 2021 12:13:04 +0000
To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS); Alicia Kimbrel (CDC/OD/OCS) (nky3@cdc.gov)
Subject: FW: CDC teachers/parents meetings
Attachments: CDC Teachers Listening Session 2.9.2021.docx

Attachment for calendar and Ali, thanks

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:46 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Thanks, Sherri. The memo is attached, please let me know if you have any questions.

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 7:35 PM
To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Thanks, Bios would be great

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Let me check her schedule

(Note: (b)(5))

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 6:45 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Hi Sherri,

Thank you again for your flexibility with Dr. Walensky's schedule for tomorrow. We're waiting on the bios of the teachers that NEA has lined up and then we'll be sharing a memo with the agenda and bios for participants. Is there anything else that you'll need for tomorrow?

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Thanks!
Will

EVENT MEMO

February 8, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CDC DIRECTOR

FROM: Will McIntee, Office of Public Engagement

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SUBJECT: School Reopening Teachers Roundtable

EVENT DATE: February 9th, 2021

TIME: 5:30 PM EST

PARTICIPANTS: CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky

LOCATION: [ZOOM Meeting](#)

ATTIRE: Business

VERSION: Current as of February 8, 2020

I. PURPOSE

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II. PRESS PLAN

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III. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Event Memo - XXX

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| 5:25 pm | YOU arrive in the Zoom meeting. |
| 5:30 pm | Zoom meeting opens. YOU welcome participants and provide introductory remarks setting the scene for the conversation. |
| 5:35 pm | Each teacher will introduce themselves and discuss their needs for safe school reopening, and challenges of teaching during the pandemic. (5 minutes/each) |
| 6:05 pm | Q&A |
| 6:20 pm | YOU thank participants and offer closing thoughts. |
| 6:25 pm | Zoom ends. |

IV. TOPLINE TALKING POINTS

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From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 22:15:20 +0000
To: Schwarcz, Cristi L. (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Subject: FW: Data (b)(5) COVID

Sorry for blind siding you. I've been meaning discuss with you after the calls yesterday and I was on a call with RW this afternoon where I came up again so wanted to send it out ASAP.

Happy to chat if any additional context is helpful.

From: Houry, Debra E. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <vjz7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Schwarcz, Cristi L. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <zcz1@cdc.gov>; Solhtalab, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <ikd9@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Data (b)(5) COVID

On it- hadn't seen a request yet but can get something to you early next week.

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From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 3:49:49 PM
To: Houry, Debra E. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <vjz7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Schwarcz, Cristi L. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <zcz1@cdc.gov>
Subject: Data (b)(5) COVID

Hi Deb,

We had a few Hill calls yesterday and it won't surprise you to hear that school reopening guidance came up. RW was pressed on what we know about the impact staying out of school has had on kids. From what I can gather, (b)(5)

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Let me know if I should loop others on this. I'll probably send a note to NCHHSTP as well. Open to thoughts.

Thanks!

Jeff Reczek
Director
CDC Washington Office
JReczek@cdc.gov

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Mon, 8 Feb 2021 20:54:43 +0000
To: Brown, Tiffany J. (CDC/OCOO/OSSAM/OD)
Subject: FW: HEAD'S UP -- OMB/Dept. of Ed. Request to Review CDC School Guidance
Attachments: (b)(5)

Discuss, not urgent

From: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Caudwell, Kerry M. (CDC/OD/OCS) <cli9@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Cc: Brown, Tiffany J. (CDC/OCOO/OSSAM/OD) <iji3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: HEAD'S UP -- OMB/Dept. of Ed. Request to Review CDC School Guidance

Contacts from ED who reviewed and provided input on document:

Ben Miller, Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff

Ben Miller is a temporary appointment as a Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff. Before joining the agency, he was the Vice President for Postsecondary Education at the Center for American Progress. He also previously served as a senior policy advisor in the Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Education.

Donna Harris-Aikens, Senior Advisor for Policy and Planning, Office of the Secretary

Donna Harris-Aikens served as a member of the Education Agency Review Team for the Biden-Harris Transition and was a member of the Democratic National Convention Committee Platform Committee. She served as Senior Director for Education Policy and Practice at the National Education Association (NEA), where she advocated for students, educators, and working families to support equity and excellence in education, and to ensure working families had the right to organize and the opportunity to thrive in our global economy. Prior to joining NEA, Harris-Aikens served in leadership roles for the Service Employees International Union and Advance CTE and was an attorney in an education boutique law firm.

Paul Kesner

Jessica McKinney

Rita Foy Moss

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Cc: Brown, Tiffany J. (CDC/OCOO/OSSAM/OD) <iji3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: HEAD'S UP -- OMB/Dept. of Ed. Request to Review CDC School Guidance

+Henry

We have been working on this all weekend and I thought Ed had our latest guidance, thanks

From: Caudwell, Kerry M. (CDC/OD/OCS) <cli9@cdc.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 2:47 PM

To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>

Cc: Brown, Tiffany J. (CDC/OCOO/OSSAM/OD) <iji3@cdc.gov>

Subject: HEAD'S UP -- OMB/Dept. of Ed. Request to Review CDC School Guidance

Hi Sherri and Dr. Schuchat

FOR AWARENESS: In interviews over the weekend, the White House announced that CDC would release new COVID school reopening guidance as early as Wednesday of this week. OMB and the Dept. of Ed. have both requested the opportunity to review CDC's guidance as they have other CDC COVID school guidance documents.

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Thanks

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
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To: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD); Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD); Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
Subject: FW: STAT: New CDC school opening guidelines fail to 'follow the science'

FYI...

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: STAT: New CDC school opening guidelines fail to 'follow the science'

Rochelle:

You probably have already seen this. But just in case, you should be aware of it.

Best,

Tony

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From: Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 1:19 PM
Subject: STAT: New CDC school opening guidelines fail to 'follow the science'

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New CDC school opening guidelines fail to 'follow the science'

By Vladimir Kogan and Vinay Prasad Feb. 20, 2021



A teacher instructs students with a camera projector from her desk at Freedom Preparatory Academy in Provo, Utah. *George Frey/Getty Images* President Biden vowed to [“follow the science”](#) in an effort to get kids back to school. But that’s not what the [latest school opening guidelines](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention do. The two core pillars of the guidelines — that schools should decide whether to open based on community transmission and that students should strive to be spaced 6 feet apart — aren’t supported by science.

While there are many prudent recommendations in the document, these two demands will keep schools closed much longer than necessary, harming kids.

Should learning mode depend on community transmission levels?

The new school opening guidelines advise schools to open or close (or operate in [“hybrid” mode](#)) based on a four-tier color-coded system. Each color is tied to the number of new Covid-19 cases during the previous week. The red, or most restrictive category, is more than 100 cases a week per 100,000 people. By this metric, [more than 90%](#) of the country is currently in the most restrictive tier, ruling out full-time, in-person learning for elementary-aged students and any sort of in-person school for older children without screening tests.

Yet many schools in such communities already have in-person school — and have done so for months — without issue.

To justify this tiered approach, the CDC guidelines cite a “likely association” between community transmission levels and the risk of exposure in the schools. But the evidence for this is flimsy.

Ventilation should be part of the conversation on school reopening. Why isn’t it?

The CDC relies almost exclusively on a [U.K. study](#) that examined Covid-19 cases and outbreaks — defined as two or more linked cases — in educational settings in England during June and July. The CDC summarizes the study by noting: “For every 5 additional cases per 100,000 population in regional incidence, the risk of a school outbreak increased by 72%.”

While technically true, that increases is the *relative* risk, which obscures the study's key finding about *absolute* risk: School outbreaks were vanishingly rare in this study — just 0.02% among schools that were open daily during this period — even in areas with high rates of community transmission. And if the CDC had looked at the next figure in the article, focusing on individual infections rather than outbreaks, no association was seen between the number of single infections in school and broader rates of community spread.

The CDC's school opening guidelines also ignore the experience of at least two U.S. states. Schools in [North Carolina](#) and [Wisconsin](#) were open during periods of high community transmission (red zone), and both saw far fewer cases in schools than outside of them. The Wisconsin study was published in *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC's own journal. If the state had taken the CDC's advice, it never would have done the study in the first place. Moreover, if there is less viral spread in schools than in the community, we want them open precisely during periods of high community spread, when the comparative risks outside of school are highest.

Do schools drive the spread of Covid-19 in the larger community? The CDC guidelines cites two studies. One, using national data, found [no overall increase](#) in hospitalization in counties where schools opened this fall, relative to trends during the same period in areas where schools remained closed. For counties with the highest rates of Covid-19 spread when schools reopened, some estimates showed an increase in Covid-19 hospitalizations, but these effects were quite modest, on the order of 2% to 3% above baseline levels of hospitalization. Even if this difference is real, it is quite small and unlikely to overwhelm the health care system unless it is already at the breaking point.

A [second study](#), focused on Michigan and Washington, suggested that schools can contribute to transmission when existing case counts are high. But this analysis was vulnerable to a classic research problem of reverse causality: school reopening may have led to more frequent testing and detection of infections that would have otherwise gone unrecorded.

Put together, the available evidence offers little reason to believe that in-person learning is particularly risky to students, educators, or people in the community. We believe the [benefits of school](#) far outweigh these concerns, and this is especially true as vulnerable people get vaccinated.

Is 6-foot distancing really required?

The CDC guidelines say that schools should try to keep kids 6 feet apart. This guidance, however, appears to be based on [decades-old research](#) on the travel distance of large respiratory droplets.

The insistence on 6 feet was controversial from the start. One of the early skeptics was physician Rochelle Walensky, who was recently appointed to lead the CDC. She [advised her local school district](#) last summer that "it is quite safe and much more practical to be at 3 feet" as long as everyone is masked. (Three feet of distancing is also [recommended](#) by the World Health Organization.)

When asked to explain this about-face during a [recent interview with CNN](#), Walensky argued that the larger distance in the CDC guidance was justified by new research published since last summer and the increase in case counts since then.

The newest evidence actually seems to argue *against* requiring strict adherence to a 6-foot rule, however. First, it is [increasingly clear](#) that transmission of Covid-19 is not explained by the droplet model — the idea that bigger drops of secretion fall in the first few feet around someone, as [was thought](#) when the [original social distancing guidelines](#) developed. Second, [a meta-analysis](#) on Covid-19 and other closely related coronaviruses showed that the benefits of increasing the distance from 3 to 6 feet is marginal in contexts where the risk of infection is low, as would be the case in a classroom with universal masking.

Most on point is a [recent study](#) that examined the dynamics of in-school transmission in Ohio. Working with seven school districts that offered in-person learning in late November and early December of last year, near the peak of daily recorded infections in the state, researchers identified all students and

teachers who had tested positive. They then repeatedly tested both their close contacts — other students who were exposed for more than 15 minutes at a distance of less than 6 feet — as well as a comparison set of students who kept their distance, including several hundred attending other classes within the same school. The rates of infection among close contacts and students who stayed more than 6 feet away were nearly identical in both elementary and high schools, suggesting minimal value from strict adherence to a 6-foot distancing rule as long as masks are worn consistently and correctly. Three feet versus 6 might sound trivial, but it really matters. Given the limitation of classroom size, maintaining 6 feet of distance will thwart many schools from operating at full capacity, meaning that students would be able to attend part-time at best, using a hybrid model. This requirement also complicates transportation. Although the main CDC guidance does not discuss transportation in detail, an [accompanying handout](#) advises districts to “skip a row if possible” on school buses. The busing constraint is particularly binding in large urban districts, where many students attend charter or magnet schools far away from their homes and rely on district-provided transportation.

Going backward on reopening

Rather than moving the ball forward on Biden’s goal of getting elementary and middle schools reopened as soon as possible, the new CDC guidelines will work to provide [political cover](#) for interest groups and districts that want to delay in-person school.

They also come when many states were acting to loosen their own guidelines to encourage schools to reopen. Just days before the CDC announcement, the state of Massachusetts [announced the elimination](#) of school bus capacity limits as long as bus windows remain open at least 2 inches. Nevada, which already allowed closer spacing on school buses, also [loosened its requirements](#) further. But, the new CDC guidelines would thwart these pragmatic efforts. The conflicting CDC guidance only creates confusion, putting districts in the difficult position of deciding whether to follow state or federal recommendations.

Most worrisome is that the stringent CDC criteria will likely increase pressure to reduce in-person learning in many places that have been operating at full capacity and with older students. As recent [test score data](#) from Ohio show, moving from in-person to hybrid formats will exacerbate learning losses, compounding the both the social and academic harms students have already experienced during the pandemic.

A truly science-based analysis must recognize the difficult tradeoffs involved — including the long-term of interests of children who are most directly affected — and carefully weigh modest increases in [Covid-19 infection risk to educators](#) and broader community members against the harms of school closures. By promoting slavish adherence to arbitrary benchmarks and distancing requirements, the new CDC school opening guidelines do a disservice to science and kids.

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Mon, 8 Feb 2021 22:44:34 +0000
To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: FW: Teacher roundtable

Can you add this to the calendar, although you prob already did

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

5:30pm ET works great. This is what had previously been communicated to us on the preferred format (with the new timing):

5:30pm Zoom opens. Director Walensky welcomes participants, offers brief remarks.
5:35pm Director Walensky calls on each teacher to share their experiences during the pandemic, and offer guidance on safely reopening schools (5 minutes each).
6:05pm Q&A
6:20pm Director Walensky offers closing remarks.
6:25pm Zoom ends.

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From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
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Good morning,

I'll check with NEA/AFT. That might be a tough time for teachers to meet in the middle of the school day, but we'll see what they can do.

They also had a few comms-related questions, could we please get these answers to these for them?:

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- (b)(5)

Thanks!

Will

On Feb 7, 2021, at 10:14 AM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) [<sob8@cdc.gov>](mailto:sob8@cdc.gov) wrote:

Good morning,

Can we schedule this on Tuesday 930-1030am? We will have Anne cover the WH meeting. (b)(5)

Thank you,
Sherri

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No worries! Just want to make sure the new time we give them sticks as best we can. Please let us know what time works best Tuesday and we'll let AFT/NEA know. Later in the day is always better for educators if possible.

Thanks!
Will

On Feb 6, 2021, at 4:07 PM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

My apologies, we learned about the WH meetings yesterday afternoon. We have to make a number of adjustments to get her to DC.

For Tuesday, the (b)(5) meeting at the WH is 930-1030AM (b)(5) (b)(5), the NGA meeting is 11-12PM (b)(5) and then she is booked 245PM on for (b)(5) prep and meeting.

Thank you,
Sherri

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Thanks, Sherri. That's likely going to have an impact on the availability of the educators we've lined up. Please let us know ASAP when you'd like to move this to and we'll let AFT/NEA know. (b)(5)

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On Feb 6, 2021, at 3:29 PM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Thanks Carole.

Adrian — The availability on our end has changed.

Dr. Walensky's schedule changed. She is now flying to DC Monday afternoon and will be at the WH on Tuesday.

Lynn can provide specific times that are open now.

Thanks

From: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 2:51:22 PM
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Lynn, for the Monday roundtable with teachers, attached below is the list of participants Will pulled together with the assistance of NEA and AFT. Also have a few logistical questions if you have 5 minutes to connect today.

AFT

- Shari Obrenski (OH), Cleveland Teachers Union, Local president and teacher, (b)(6)
- Jose Valenzuela (MA), Boston Teachers Union, high school history teacher. (b)(6)
- Carmen Ward (FL), Alachua County (FL), Local Pres and teacher. Merged affiliate. (b)(6)

NEA

- Michelle Pennington (AK), Kodiak Island Schools, Female special education paraeducator, teaching in-person. (b)(6)
- Pam Gaddy (MD), Baltimore Co. Schools social studies teacher, (b)(6)

(b)(6)

- Tim Royers (NE), Millard Schools, 2016 Teacher of the Year, teaching in-person, has successfully bargained for COVID bonus pay and set up weekly COVID testing at his school, (b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 5:16 PM

To: 'Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)' <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

We are still locking folks down, but will circle back tomorrow with some details.

What information will you need from our side to prep a briefing memo?

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Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:38 PM

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Thanks! We can make Dr. Walensky available as follows:

Monday, Feb 8: 3:30-5:00PM

Tuesday, Feb 9: 2:00-4:00PM

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

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I would plan for 45 minutes per roundtable. There will be 2 roundtables.

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(b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Hi Adrian,

I hope you are doing well!

Happy to help on this. Can you please advise on how long the roundtable will be?

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

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Sherri, on our end, we are thinking both a teacher roundtable and a separate parent roundtable would be good to land on Monday/Tuesday. Can we find time on those days?

Adrian

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:02 AM

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I am picking this back up after the two meetings last night, re: school guidance

Should we block time on Rochelle's calendar early next week for a roundtable? Do you anticipate other outreach events before the guidance is rolled out? Her calendar is already pretty packed, so we want to get hold(s) on as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance,
Sherri

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All - Adrian and I connected. No CDC follow up at the moment, more tomorrow. Thanks

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+Henry/Michael who would be the right person to speak with you about the
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Adrian - Connecting you with Sherri Berger, CDC CoS, who can work with you on Dr W and the
roundtable plans. Any status update on this? Thanks

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Tue, 9 Feb 2021 01:03:47 +0000
To: Sams, Ian (HHS/ASPA)
Cc: Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS)
Subject: FW: Teacher roundtable

Hi – just realized you were on this chain. Sorry! And, now she is not doing NGA tomorrow.
Thanks

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6:05pm Q&A
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Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Teacher roundtable

Good morning,

I'll check with NEA/AFT. That might be a tough time for teachers to meet in the middle of the school day, but we'll see what they can do.

They also had a few comms-related questions, could we please get these answers to these for them?:

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- (b)(5)

Thanks!
Will

On Feb 7, 2021, at 10:14 AM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Can we schedule this on Tuesday 930-1030am? We will have Anne cover the WH meeting.

(b)(5)

Thank you,
Sherri

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6); Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Teacher roundtable

No worries! Just want to make sure the new time we give them sticks as best we can. Please let us know what time works best Tuesday and we'll let AFT/NEA know. Later in the day is always better for educators if possible.

Thanks!
Will

On Feb 6, 2021, at 4:07 PM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

My apologies, we learned about the WH meetings yesterday afternoon. We have to make a number of adjustments to get her to DC.

For Tuesday, the (b)(5) meeting at the WH is 930-1030AM ((b)(5)
(b)(5)), the NGA meeting is 11-12PM ((b)(5)), and
then she is booked 245PM on for (b)(5) prep and meeting.

Thank you,
Sherri

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6); Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Teacher roundtable

Thanks, Sherri. That's likely going to have an impact on the availability of the educators we've lined up. Please let us know ASAP when you'd like to move this to and we'll let AFT/NEA know. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

On Feb 6, 2021, at 3:29 PM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Thanks Carole.

Adrian — The availability on our end has changed.

Dr. Walensky's schedule changed. She is now flying to DC Monday afternoon and will be at the WH on Tuesday.

Lynn can provide specific times that are open now.

Thanks

From: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 2:51:22 PM
To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6); Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

+ Sherri for viz

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Lynn, for the Monday roundtable with teachers, attached below is the list of participants Will pulled together with the assistance of NEA and AFT. Also have a few logistical questions if you have 5 minutes to connect today.

AFT

- Shari Obrenski (OH), Cleveland Teachers Union, Local president and teacher, (b)(6)
- Jose Valenzuela (MA), Boston Teachers Union, high school history teacher. (b)(6)
- Carmen Ward (FL), Alachua County (FL), Local Pres and teacher. Merged affiliate. (b)(6)

NEA

- Michelle Pennington (AK), Kodiak Island Schools, Female special education paraeducator, teaching in-person. (b)(6)

- Pam Gaddy (MD), Baltimore Co. Schools social studies teacher, (b)(6)
(b)(6)
- Tim Royers (NE), Millard Schools, 2016 Teacher of the Year, teaching in-person, has successfully bargained for COVID bonus pay and set up weekly COVID testing at his school, (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 5:16 PM

To: 'Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)' <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

We are still locking folks down, but will circle back tomorrow with some details.

What information will you need from our side to prep a briefing memo?

-----Original Message-----

From: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:38 PM

To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Thanks! We can make Dr. Walensky available as follows:

Monday, Feb 8: 3:30-5:00PM

Tuesday, Feb 9: 2:00-4:00PM

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

Wisdom is knowing the right path to take; Integrity is taking it.

-----Original Message-----

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:06 PM

To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

I would plan for 45 minutes per roundtable. There will be 2 roundtables.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:56 PM

To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Hi Adrian,

I hope you are doing well!

Happy to help on this. Can you please advise on how long the roundtable will be?

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

Lynn Gershman

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From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:19 PM

To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Sherri, on our end, we are thinking both a teacher roundtable and a separate parent roundtable would be good to land on Monday/Tuesday. Can we find time on those days?

Adrian

-----Original Message-----

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:02 AM

To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Good morning -

I am picking this back up after the two meetings last night, re: school guidance

Should we block time on Rochelle's calendar early next week for a roundtable? Do you anticipate other outreach events before the guidance is rolled out? Her calendar is already pretty packed, so we want to get hold(s) on as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance,
Sherri

-----Original Message-----

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 5:58 PM
To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

All - Adrian and I connected. No CDC follow up at the moment, more tomorrow. Thanks

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From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Henry and Michael, can we hop on a quick call? Need to close the loop on teacher side (b)(5)
(b)(5)

-----Original Message-----

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

+Henry/Michael who would be the right person to speak with you about the roundtable. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 4:18 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Sherri, can we hop on a quick call?

-----Original Message-----

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 1:04 PM
To: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

+CDC scheduling team

-----Original Message-----

From: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Adrian - Connecting you with Sherri Berger, CDC CoS, who can work with you on Dr W and the roundtable plans. Any status update on this? Thanks

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 17:09:48 +0000
To: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: FW: Tuesday's schedule

Chat, not urgent

From: Romanik, Nikki Jo (CDC/OD/OCS) <kon6@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 12:09 PM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

Thank you.

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Romanik, Nikki Jo (CDC/OD/OCS) <kon6@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

Yep. I can alert folks on my end. Thx!

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Romanik, Nikki Jo (CDC/OD/OCS) <kon6@cdc.gov>
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

I think Chris let's his staff know but he can confirm
Usually, she speaks about the Epi (which she has) and this time schools (and she will have plenty of TPs, I think)

From: Romanik, Nikki Jo (CDC/OD/OCS) <kon6@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

RE: NGA Call on Tuesday:

Is it ok for me to loop in Amy Heldman, Rachel Brand, Michelle Bond, David Noel for remarks (assume she will just use the same school guidance TPs she is using the next two days and edit based on how media goes over the weekend)?

I don't want to double task if Dr. Jones is handling.

Thanks,
Nikki

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 8:16 AM
To: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

Good morning – as of right now, she can join 11-11:15AM to do just the first 15 min. will that work? Thanks

From: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:17 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's schedule

Sherri

We are confirmed for the next Governors call for Tues 2/16 at 11am. Our team is thinking it would make sense for Dr. Walensky to join given school reopening. Would she be available to join?

Eduardo

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>
Subject: Tuesday's schedule

Hi Eduardo, Dr. Walensky's schedule has changed and now she will be at the WH. Can she join Jeff for the NGA? And for her piece, is it a situational awareness update only? Thank you

From: msq5@cdc.gov
Sent: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 03:27:36 +0000
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD); Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
Subject: FW: WHITE HOUSE GOES SMALL ON SCHOOL REOPENINGS

FYSA - (b)(5)

From: Jurinka, Elizabeth M. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:23 PM
To: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Reczek, Jeffrey
(CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: WHITE HOUSE GOES SMALL ON SCHOOL REOPENINGS

+ Jeff

From: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:21 PM
To: Jurinka, Elizabeth M. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: WHITE HOUSE GOES SMALL ON SCHOOL REOPENINGS

WHITE HOUSE GOES SMALL ON SCHOOL REOPENINGS — Biden has repeatedly talked about “big” and “bold” Covid relief proposals. That seemed to extend to one of the most important issues parents and schoolchildren are facing during the pandemic: reopening schools. In December, when Democrats were wooing voters in Georgia looking for relief from kids stuck at home taking classes via Zoom, Biden made an ambitious promise.

He said “a majority of our schools” would be open in his first 100 days as president.

On Tuesday, in what’s becoming something of a habit, the White House added an asterisk to that bold Biden promise. The 100-day goal has been downgraded to 50% of schools having “some teaching” in person “at least one day a week.”

It is a goal so modest and lacking in ambition as to be almost meaningless. Republicans on the Hill quickly seized on the issue, with the offices of both Senate Minority Leader **MITCH MCCONNELL** and House Minority Leader **KEVIN MCCARTHY** flagging the White House’s dramatic reversal of Biden’s promise.

Press secretary JEN PSAKI was asked today how the new goal squares with the Biden campaign pledge and she offered up this non-answer: “Certainly, we are not planning to celebrate at 100 days if we reach that goal. That is our own effort to set our own markings, set a bold and ambitious agenda for how we’re going to measure ourselves and progress. But we certainly hope to build from that, even at 100 days. And from there, our objective, the president’s objective, is for all schools to reopen, to stay open, to be open five days a week, for kids to be learning. That’s what our focus is on. This is simply a goal for 100 days.”

One other note from the briefing: Psaki said the Biden budget will be delayed.

Alicia Molt-West
Special Assistant to the President
EOP Office of Legislative Affairs

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Wed, 3 Feb 2021 18:12:13 +0000
To: Massetti, Greta M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP); Sauber-Schatz, Erin K. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DIP); Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: FYI NEA Follow up items
Attachments: collaboration examples - Admin Share 2-2-2021.pdf

FYI

From: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:09 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS) <Dawn.Oconnell@hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: NEA Follow up items

Rochelle – Below is the follow-up email from our NEA call. TxS, Carole

From: Bilal-Threats, Daaiyah [NEA] <DBilal@nea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7:57 PM
To: Sharma, Vidur K. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Pugh, Carrie [NEA-CAO-CE] <CPugh@nea.org>; Bilal-Threats, Daaiyah [NEA] <DBilal@nea.org>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Tracey-Mooney, Maureen EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: NEA Follow up items

Thank you all again for the invitation to meet and exchange ideas yesterday.

As promised we are following up with a brief summary of the priority items and questions Becky laid out on the call along with a list of a few places where labor management collaboration has helped lay an important foundation for the union and district leaders to solve problems together.

- A timeline for, and a set of clear, prescriptive guidance that includes criteria for in-person learning and other school engagements and factors in both community transmission rates and school-based transmission;
- Transparency about COVID-19 vaccine production, distribution, and timelines for availability, and a strong call to prioritize educations for vaccines as part of any plan for in-person instruction;
- Continuing to protect high-risk educators, students, and family members by encouraging the provision of reasonable accommodations and paid leave;
- Collection and public availability of information on COVID-19 cases in schools and on school-based compliance with mitigation guidelines;
- Recognition that widespread, rapid, free, and equitably distributed COVID-19 testing is a crucial component of plans for in-person instruction and that, in order to be effective and to build trust among educators, students, and parents, it must be accompanied by policies

that emphasize transparency, confidentiality, and clear procedures for responding to positive cases, clusters, and increased positivity rates in schools;

- Attention to racial and socioeconomic equity and rural/urban differences at every stage of COVID-19 policy development and action;
- In addition to detail on all necessary mitigation strategies for all routes of transmission (airborne, aerosol, droplet, and contact), more detail on ventilation-related mitigation strategies, including but not limited to specific situations like special education and high-risk areas like COVID-19 isolation rooms, nurses' offices, and bathrooms;
- As part of information on necessary mitigation strategies, clear directives for universal mask-wearing for all staff and, for those who are developmentally able to wear them, all students; clear guidance that any period of time in which students or staff are not masked poses risks of COVID-19 transmission; and clear directives that distancing of students and staff throughout the day are necessary to protect the safety of both;
- Inclusion of all educators—teachers, education support professionals, and specialized instructional support personnel, and their unions—in the planning, execution, and follow-up to COVID-19 plans, including collective bargaining when available.

We look forward to future conversations and opportunities to work together. We would welcome a staff level discussion on hot spots and we would also like to follow up on Becky's offer for Dr Walensky to do a future teletownhall with our members.

Please feel free to contact me (Daaiyah) or Carrie Pugh if you have questions, or to follow up on any of the items we covered.

-Daaiyah

Daaiyah Bilal-Threats
Safe and Just School Reopening Lead



The National Labor Management Partnership (NLMP), which consists of our nation's educator unions, administrators, and school boards has been engaged around the issue of school reopening. As NEA moved towards individually articulating the WHAT of pandemic safety and student learning, we, via the NLMP, came together on the 'how'...the importance of meaningfully involving union leaders and members, community, school leaders authentically in the process.

Unique capability of our union is our rich two-way communication system. It serves as an important listening vehicle in this time of crisis because it is extensive, authentic, and democratic. We can listen and amplify needs across a wide range of employees in a short period of time. And, can then work to facilitate the pulling together of people in processes for problem solving with administrators so that those needs and issues are addressed by those closest to the challenges.

1. NJ examples: New Jersey recognized the need to come together to address student-centered issues and have been building a foundation for labor-management partnerships that result in district and school level structures that address teaching and learning issues for quite some time. NJ calls them district leadership teams and school leadership teams, all working committees to address student learning issues. Based on research and practice from Rutgers & Cornell, researchers that proved what we know intuitively, when grownups work together, there are positive outcomes. More students succeed in ELA & math, and more teachers stick around, thereby increasing teacher retention rates. And the findings showed that happened particularly in high poverty schools, where teachers were typically 3.5 times more likely to leave. When there is a culture of collaboration and sustained structures for educators to meaningfully participate in problem solving, there is no difference in retention rates in high poverty and low poverty communities, and student outcomes improve.

Two particular districts in NJ to highlight:

Montgomery: Established union management collaborative as the way they do business. Want to solve an issue? Do we have a committee for that? Coronavirus accelerated their processes... they needed to figure out distance learning. The union president is meaningfully involved in every meeting and worked closely with union cabinet. The union cabinet was responsible for ensuring voices were heard from rank and file members throughout process. Decisions had to be made on protocols for learning with students, training on tech and virtual teaching practices, roles and responsibilities of custodial staff and support staff with focus always on addressing whole child issues, beyond instruction, and remaining in regular, daily communication.

Delran: Coronavirus task force developed for joint presentations and planning. They addressed issues from academic and wellness lens, and were able to be proactive before state level action because they already had their collaborative teams. Teacher voice represented at the table at all times. There is a constant commitment to not let each other fail. Supervisors have much more exposure to 'teacher and support professional lens' because of their engagement.

2. The Thompson Education Association (TEA) in Loveland/Berthoud, CO, through its negotiations process, developed a Transitional Reopening Advisory Committee (TRAC) that discussed items of mutual concern related to re-opening schools over the summer of 2020. That committee met several times over the course of July and August and served as a forum where TEA could bring the questions and concerns of its members to the district for consideration, and for the district to hear the opinions of members as gathered by our Association Representatives (AR) or via surveys. Our ARs were tremendous (our structure is key to problem-solving); even over the summer, they were able to get us real-time member reaction to plans from the district as they were rolled out. Initially, the district viewed this committee as an input committee. However, as the disconnect between what the district was planning and member opinion grew, the Association was able to use survey data to force a more open conversation. For example, the district was planning to completely re-open school for in-person learning in August. We were able to show that of 490 respondents, only 45 members favored that plan, and that 81 percent of our staff believed that the district did not have a plan in place to keep us safe. In response, the district shifted, first to a hybrid model for secondary schools, then to a remote open for the first six weeks of school. As plans have shifted, we have gotten member feedback through surveys and through ARs surveying their members—in one week, our elementary ARs solicited staff feedback three times as the re-opening plan shifted! We are proud of how our member leaders have risen to the occasion in this difficult time.

3. MCEA's (Monroe County Education Association) in Bloomington, Indiana and MCCSC's (Monroe County Community School Corporation) story is one of true teamwork in action. On March 11, 2020, MCEA met with the superintendent and assistant superintendent to discuss the level of viral concerns and its potential impact. It is the starting point in an example of the union and schools working collaboratively in the best interest of teachers, children and the community. The next day, schools closed for the remainder of the school year. In June, over 50 MCEA members met weekly on multiple committees in conjunction with the school corporation administration, staff, and members of the community covering safety, curriculum, school day, busses, lunches, support staff, children of essential workers, and other issues that arose from collaborative discussions. These committees met through July to help plan for the reopening of our schools. In August, a new committee of 25, four of whom were union members, discussed the results of the smaller committees and to work through what this plan would look like for all of us. In addition to the four union members, this committee of 25 also included administrators, doctors, disease specialists, virologists, researchers from Indiana University, parents and two students. This group helped put together a workable plan and devise a locally developed metric to determine the learning status that we knew would be a moving target. The metric is color coded. Green means all students attend in person; yellow means elementary students attend in person, but secondary schools function on a hybrid schedule according to last name; and red means all schools are closed and all students and staff are online. All parents, in every learning status phase, always have the choice of moving their children online. Finally, the metrics committee has remained active monitoring percent-positive rates, state percentages, close contact tracing, and other information that affects educators, children and the community. They meet bi-monthly to provide input as the superintendent determines the phase; the union has played a very active and vital role during this pandemic. We believe this is how a community comes together under difficult circumstances and how the union is an active participant in that process.



4. Sunnyside Unified School District (SUSD) in Sunnyside, AZ, is one of the most underfunded districts in the state. SUSD's per pupil funding is \$1,800 lower than the state average. The district's working-class homeowners have repeatedly voted down local property tax override measures.

Under the leadership of president Tori Schroeder, the affiliate has a demonstrated track record of collaboration and influence.

SEA leaders met multiple times with district administrators in informal negotiations around the conditions for a return to school. 100 percent of SUSD educators' placement preferences have now been accommodated. For educators working on-site, the plan provides for safer conditions by limiting individual students to two days per week of on-site learning (with the rest of the week spent in asynchronous virtual instruction) and a cap of no more than 10 students in any classroom at a time. The 10-student cap can only be exceeded when there is enough physical space in a classroom to ensure true six-foot social distancing between all students in attendance.

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Building a Labor Management Partnership from a Position of Strength:

These wins came about because of the strong relationship SEA has forged with the SUSD superintendent and governing board. That relationship was strengthened over the spring and summer when SEA's outreach work to its members and potential members became the best source of information for the district on educator attitudes about the pandemic. SEA member organizers, funded by an NEA Center for Organizing MSMV grant, conducted 114 1:1 conversations over spring break 2020 and had an additional 734 engagements (848 total) with members and potential members during the rest of the spring and summer. Seeing that the local association was more deeply tied into their teaching workforce helped move the union/district partnership beyond personal relationships to a point where district leaders began to see the union as a partner that added value to their management efforts.

5. Des Moines & Iowa City: NEA local association leaders and members partnered to prioritize both student learning and educator safety. Our structures enable keeping members voices solidly in the mix.

Late last spring as Iowa's return-to-learn plan was released to school districts, ICCSD administrators asked Iowa City Education Association (ICEA) to provide teacher representatives for all seven of the return to learn committees, including a health and safety committee which is still meeting to guide the district's mitigation protocols. ICEA committee members have successfully worked through the health and safety committee to ensure that the most stringent, and safest, CDC guidance on school safety during COVID is followed even when the Iowa Department of Public Health does not require it or the CDC offers a range of options (e.g. requiring a 14-day quarantine for close contact incidents). ICEA and



ICCSD have partnered to ensure that even with the December 31, 2020 expiration of FFCRA, educators who are exposed to COVID while on the job are granted paid discretionary leave by the district. From last summer onward, ICEA President Brady Shutt has been a Zoom panelist with speaking privileges during ICCSD Board of Directors Zoom meetings and was also provided with partial release time from his teaching duties for the 2020-2021 school to serve as a return-to-learn facilitator for the district. Of course, a noteworthy aspect of this partnership was the willingness of ICCSD and its Board of Directors to vote unanimously to join the Iowa State Education Association in suing Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Education for their implementation of SF2310--the legislation providing some emergency powers to the Governor during the COVID pandemic.

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Tue, 9 Feb 2021 12:13:44 +0000
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Cc: Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: FYI: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Per chat, we will try to schedule a parent meeting too and asked to shift the teachers, only if possible. Thanks

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 7:13 AM
To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>; Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Sams, Ian (HHS/ASPA) <Ian.Sams@hhs.gov>; Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS) <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Good morning,

Thank you for the background info.

For the teachers today, the (b)(5) meeting shifted and it looks like we could move this to 5PM if that would work better?

For parents, we would like to do it (b)(5)
(b)(5)
(b)(5) The challenge is finding time. She is booked Wednesday, with one 30 min window (430-5PM). (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Thank you!

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:46 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Thanks, Sherri. The memo is attached, please let me know if you have any questions.

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 7:35 PM

To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Thanks, Bios would be great

Can you also share 2-3 TPs for what you would like her to say at the start of the listening session?

Let me check her schedule

(Note: (b)(5))

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 6:45 PM

To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>

Cc: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Hi Sherri,

Thank you again for your flexibility with Dr. Walensky's schedule for tomorrow. We're waiting on the bios of the teachers that NEA has lined up and then we'll be sharing a memo with the agenda and bios for participants. Is there anything else that you'll need for tomorrow?

(b)(5)

Thanks!

Will

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Mon, 8 Feb 2021 17:43:16 +0000
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Subject: FYI: Teacher roundtable at 530PM

FYI and Carole is also checking on what to cover/not to

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:40 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO
(b)(6) McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)
<veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Rowe, Courtney M. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Wakana, Benjamin L. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

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(b)(6) Wakana, Benjamin L. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS) <nky3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

OK, we should look at 530pm, in case the (b)(5) meeting runs over. Can you provide a room at the WH for Dr. Walensky to join from? Thank you

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)
<veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
<acs1@cdc.gov>; Rowe, Courtney M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Wakana, Benjamin
L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Is there a time block after 5:00? That is the preferred choice for the teachers groups we are working with.

Adrian

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:21 PM
To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>; Rowe, Courtney M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Wakana, Benjamin L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Hi Will –

Dr. Walensky is currently booked tomorrow afternoon from 245PM through 5PM, this includes prep and a meeting with (b)(5)

Should we look at 730-8AM, before the school day begins?

Thank you,
Sherri

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>; Rowe, Courtney M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Wakana, Benjamin L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

NEA has strongly pushed back on the new time for this meeting since it's during the school day and any teacher they line up is having to line up a substitute for their class (b)(5)

(b)(5)
(b)(5) Would it be at all possible to identify a time later in the day after school?

Thanks!
Will

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 12:41 PM

To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>; Rowe, Courtney M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Wakana, Benjamin L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

(b)(5)

.Adding Courtney and Ben to weigh in from WH comms perspective.

Chris

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 12:32 PM
To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJRO@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

On the questions below, regarding AFT/NEA staff participation, (b)(5) On the others, I think answers are pretty straightforward but can we connect with CDC comms team today to discuss?

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJRO@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Teacher roundtable

Good morning,

I'll check with NEA/AFT. That might be a tough time for teachers to meet in the middle of the school day, but we'll see what they can do.

They also had a few comms-related questions, could we please get these answers to these for them?:

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(b)(5)

Thanks!
Will

On Feb 7, 2021, at 10:14 AM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Can we schedule this on Tuesday 930-1030am? We will have Anne cover the WH (b)(5) meeting.

Thank you,
Sherri

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Teacher roundtable

No worries! Just want to make sure the new time we give them sticks as best we can. Please let us know what time works best Tuesday and we'll let AFT/NEA know. Later in the day is always better for educators if possible.

Thanks!
Will

On Feb 6, 2021, at 4:07 PM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

My apologies, we learned about the WH meetings yesterday afternoon. We have to make a number of adjustments to get her to DC.

For Tuesday, the (b)(5) meeting at the WH is 930-1030AM ((b)(5))
(b)(5) the NGA meeting is 11-12PM ((b)(5)) and
then she is booked 245PM on for (b)(5) prep and meeting.

Thank you,
Sherri

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO ((b)(6))
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO ((b)(6)) Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO
((b)(6)) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa
(CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJRO@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Teacher roundtable

Thanks, Sherri. That's likely going to have an impact on the availability of the educators we've lined up.
Please let us know ASAP when you'd like to move this to and we'll let AFT/NEA know. ((b)(5))

((b)(5))

On Feb 6, 2021, at 3:29 PM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Thanks Carole.

Adrian — The availability on our end has changed.

Dr. Walensky's schedule changed. She is now flying to DC Monday afternoon and will be at the WH on Tuesday.

Lynn can provide specific times that are open now.

Thanks

From: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO ((b)(6))
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 2:51:22 PM
To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO ((b)(6)) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)
<veu4@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO
((b)(6))
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

+ Sherri for viz

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO

Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 2:46 PM

To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Lynn, for the Monday roundtable with teachers, attached below is the list of participants Will pulled together with the assistance of NEA and AFT. Also have a few logistical questions if you have 5 minutes to connect today.

AFT

- Shari Obrenski (OH), Cleveland Teachers Union, Local president and teacher, (b)(6)
- Jose Valenzuela (MA), Boston Teachers Union, high school history teacher. (b)(6)
- Carmen Ward (FL), Alachua County (FL), Local Pres and teacher. Merged affiliate. (b)(6)

NEA

- Michelle Pennington (AK), Kodiak Island Schools, Female special education paraeducator, teaching in-person. (b)(6)
- Pam Gaddy (MD), Baltimore Co. Schools social studies teacher, (b)(6)
- (b)(6)
- Tim Royers (NE), Millard Schools, 2016 Teacher of the Year, teaching in-person, has successfully bargained for COVID bonus pay and set up weekly COVID testing at his school (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 5:16 PM

To: 'Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)' <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

We are still locking folks down, but will circle back tomorrow with some details.

What information will you need from our side to prep a briefing memo?

-----Original Message-----

From: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:38 PM

To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Thanks! We can make Dr. Walensky available as follows:

Monday, Feb 8: 3:30-5:00PM

Tuesday, Feb 9: 2:00-4:00PM

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

Wisdom is knowing the right path to take; Integrity is taking it.

-----Original Message-----

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:06 PM

To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

I would plan for 45 minutes per roundtable. There will be 2 roundtables.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:56 PM

To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Hi Adrian,

I hope you are doing well!

Happy to help on this. Can you please advise on how long the roundtable will be?

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

Lynn Gershman

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From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Sherri, on our end, we are thinking both a teacher roundtable and a separate parent roundtable would be good to land on Monday/Tuesday. Can we find time on those days?

Adrian

-----Original Message-----

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:02 AM
To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Good morning -

I am picking this back up after the two meetings last night, re: school guidance

Should we block time on Rochelle's calendar early next week for a roundtable? Do you anticipate other outreach events before the guidance is rolled out? Her calendar is already pretty packed, so we want to get hold(s) on as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance,
Sherri

-----Original Message-----

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 5:58 PM
To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

All - Adrian and I connected. No CDC follow up at the moment, more tomorrow. Thanks

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From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Henry and Michael, can we hop on a quick call? Need to close the loop on teacher side and now getting some pushback re: the Director's comments today.

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Adrian - Connecting you with Sherri Berger, CDC CoS, who can work with you on Dr W and the roundtable plans. Any status update on this? Thanks

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Mon, 8 Feb 2021 20:57:48 +0000
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Cc: Kimbrel, Alicia (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: FYI: Teacher roundtable

Tomorrow 530PM

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Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Thanks. Really helpful. Listening mode makes the most sense for us.

Chris

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

5:30pm ET works great. This is what had previously been communicated to us on the preferred format (with the new timing):

5:30pm Zoom opens. Director Walensky welcomes participants, offers brief remarks.
5:35pm Director Walensky calls on each teacher to share their experiences during the pandemic, and offer guidance on safely reopening schools (5 minutes each).
6:05pm Q&A
6:20pm Director Walensky offers closing remarks.
6:25pm Zoom ends.

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From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:40 PM

To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO

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Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

OK, we should look at 530pm, in case the (b)(5) meeting runs over. Can you provide a room at the WH for Dr. Walensky to join from? Thank you

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Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:23 PM

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Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Is there a time block after 5:00? That is the preferred choice for the teachers groups we are working with.

Adrian

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:21 PM
To: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO <Adrian.Saenz@who.eop.gov>
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Hi Will –

Dr. Walensky is currently booked tomorrow afternoon from 245PM through 5PM, this includes prep and a meeting with (b)(5)

Should we look at 730-8AM, before the school day begins?

Thank you,
Sherri

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
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NEA has strongly pushed back on the new time for this meeting since it's during the school day and any teacher they line up is having to line up a substitute for their class (b)(5)

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(b)(5) Would it be at all possible to identify a time later in the day after school?

Thanks!
Will

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
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L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

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.Adding Courtney and Ben to weigh in from WH comms perspective.

Chris

From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 12:32 PM

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Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

On the questions below, regarding AFT/NEA staff participation, (b)(5) On the others, I think answers are pretty straightforward but can we connect with CDC comms team today to discuss?

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Subject: Re: Teacher roundtable

Good morning,

I'll check with NEA/AFT. That might be a tough time for teachers to meet in the middle of the school day, but we'll see what they can do.

They also had a few comms-related questions, could we please get these answers to these for them?:

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Thanks!
Will

On Feb 7, 2021, at 10:14 AM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Can we schedule this on Tuesday 930-1030am? We will have Anne cover the WH meeting. (b)(5)

Thank you,
Sherri

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No worries! Just want to make sure the new time we give them sticks as best we can. Please let us know what time works best Tuesday and we'll let AFT/NEA know. Later in the day is always better for educators if possible.

Thanks!
Will

On Feb 6, 2021, at 4:07 PM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

My apologies, we learned about the WH meetings yesterday afternoon. We have to make a number of adjustments to get her to DC.

For Tuesday, the (b)(5) meeting at the WH is 930-1030AM (b)(5)
(b)(5), the NGA meeting is 11-12PM (b)(5), and
then she is booked 245PM on for (b)(5) prep and meeting.

Thank you,
Sherri

From: McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
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Thanks, Sherri. That's likely going to have an impact on the availability of the educators we've lined up.
Please let us know ASAP when you'd like to move this to and we'll let AFT/NEA know. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

On Feb 6, 2021, at 3:29 PM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Thanks Carole.

Adrian — The availability on our end has changed.

Dr. Walensky's schedule changed. She is now flying to DC Monday afternoon and will be at the WH on Tuesday.

Lynn can provide specific times that are open now.

Thanks

From: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 2:51:22 PM
To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)
<veu4@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO
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+ Sherri for viz

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To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO
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Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO

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Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Lynn, for the Monday roundtable with teachers, attached below is the list of participants Will pulled together with the assistance of NEA and AFT. Also have a few logistical questions if you have 5 minutes to connect today.

AFT

- Shari Obrenski (OH), Cleveland Teachers Union, Local president and teacher, (b)(6)
- Jose Valenzuela (MA), Boston Teachers Union, high school history teacher. (b)(6)
- Carmen Ward (FL), Alachua County (FL), Local Pres and teacher. Merged affiliate. (b)(6)

NEA

- Michelle Pennington (AK), Kodiak Island Schools, Female special education paraeducator, teaching in-person. (b)(6)
- Pam Gaddy (MD), Baltimore Co. Schools social studies teacher, (b)(6)
(b)(6)
- Tim Royers (NE), Millard Schools, 2016 Teacher of the Year, teaching in-person, has successfully bargained for COVID bonus pay and set up weekly COVID testing at his school. (b)(6)

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From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 5:16 PM

To: 'Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)' <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

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Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

We are still locking folks down, but will circle back tomorrow with some details.

What information will you need from our side to prep a briefing memo?

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From: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:38 PM

To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Thanks! We can make Dr. Walensky available as follows:

Monday, Feb 8: 3:30-5:00PM

Tuesday, Feb 9: 2:00-4:00PM

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

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From: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
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To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

I would plan for 45 minutes per roundtable. There will be 2 roundtables.

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To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Hi Adrian,

I hope you are doing well!

Happy to help on this. Can you please advise on how long the roundtable will be?

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

Lynn Gershman
Executive Assistant to the Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky Office of the Director Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
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Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Sherri, on our end, we are thinking both a teacher roundtable and a separate parent roundtable would be good to land on Monday/Tuesday. Can we find time on those days?

Adrian

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:02 AM
To: Saenz, Adrian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Teacher roundtable

Good morning -

I am picking this back up after the two meetings last night, re: school guidance

Should we block time on Rochelle's calendar early next week for a roundtable? Do you anticipate other outreach events before the guidance is rolled out? Her calendar is already pretty packed, so we want to get hold(s) on as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance,
Sherri

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All - Adrian and I connected. No CDC follow up at the moment, more tomorrow. Thanks

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Henry and Michael, can we hop on a quick call? Need to close the loop on teacher side and now getting some pushback re: the Director's comments today.

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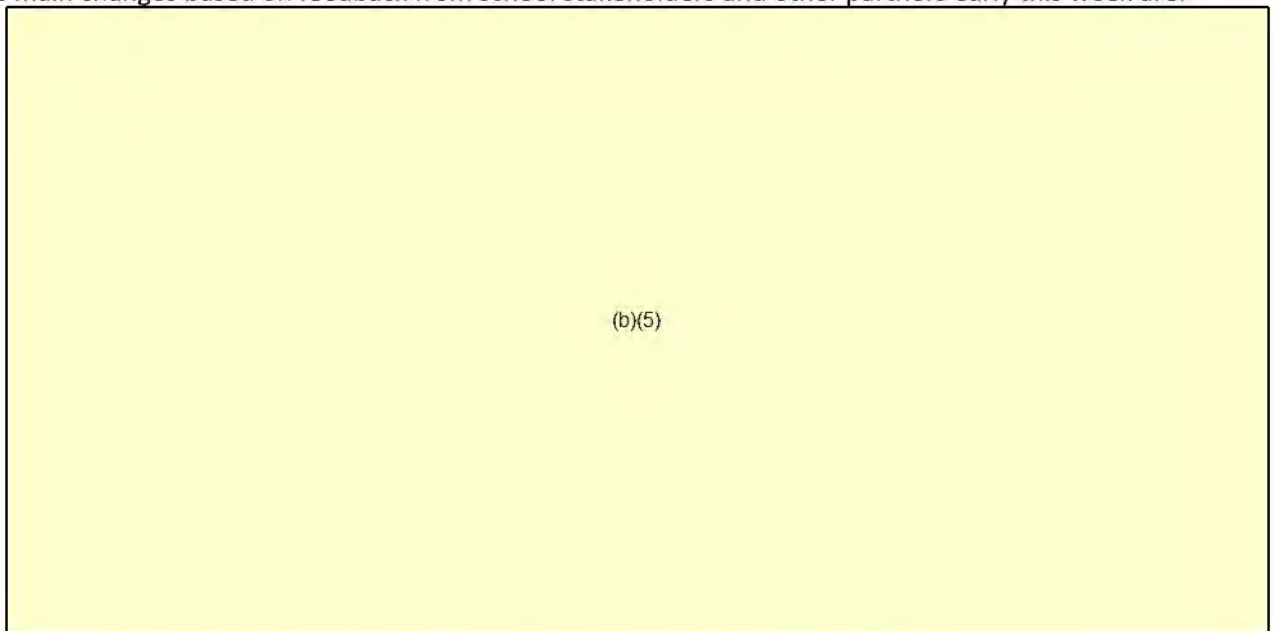
Adrian - Connecting you with Sherri Berger, CDC CoS, who can work with you on Dr W and the roundtable plans. Any status update on this? Thanks

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Fri, 29 Jan 2021 00:56:15 +0000
To: O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS); Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS); Despres, Sarah (HHS/IOS)
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD); Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD); Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Subject: Revised: Draft School Guidance
Attachments: (b)(5)

Hi all –

Here is the latest version.

The main changes based on feedback from school stakeholders and other partners early this week are:



We look forward to your feedback and aiming for a Wednesday 11AM launch.

Thanks,
Sherri

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:02 AM
To: O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS) <Dawn.Oconnell@hhs.gov>; Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS) <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>; Despres, Sarah (HHS/IOS) <Sarah.Despres@hhs.gov>
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Subject: FW: School Guidance - Next Steps

Hi - we discussed and would like to release at the Wednesday WH 11AM press briefing. Thanks for your assistance

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 9:11 AM

To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>

Cc: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>

Subject: School Guidance - Next Steps

Importance: High

Next steps:

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From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 01:39:28 +0000
To: Massetti, Greta M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP); Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Heldman, Amy B. (CDC/OD/OADC); Frey, Meghan T. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DIP); Sauber-Schatz, Erin K. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DIP); Williams, Kymber (CDC/DDID/NCHHSTP/DASH); Dempsey, Jay H. (CDC/OD/OADC); OConnor, John (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD); Olivares, Dagny (CDC/DDPHSIS/CPR/DEO); Omisore, Shannon L. (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: 2/9 Due-Outs: Safe School Operating Rollout

Hi All,

Just wanted to send a quick update with where we're settling with HHS and Ed ASL. Timing is dependent on larger announcement timing locking down. Any feedback is welcome!

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Hi Chris and Amy, you may be aware but it appears a reporter at the NY Times has a copy of the document. It looks like the date on the top is Feb 2. There have been substantive changes to the document since then.

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Can discuss further if it would be useful.

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I have some answers.

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Thanks

all for the great and fast work!

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Subject: RE: 2/9 Due-Outs: Safe School Operating Rollout

Chris and team,

Here's where I think we are. Let me know if there are updates. Thanks

Questions I have:

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

Comms

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

CDCW/Stakeholder

- [Redacted]
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Yep sounds good.

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That works for me.

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Could we just do an update via email on the various parts – Comms update; stakeholder/public engagement; leg? I have a couple of other meetings tonight and it would be helpful to have any salient updates in writing.

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Great. Would it be helpful to have a pre-call CDC huddle tonight as well, or are we ok?

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I'll pull this together now.

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(CDC only here)

Meghan or Kymber, could someone on the Policy or Comms teams pull together a list of characters from CDC we could route? Thank you!

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Thanks!

Michael

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Meet team ED here.

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OLCA

Molly Peterson (leg affairs)

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Donna Harris-Aikens (Senior Advisor, Policy and Planning)

OPEPD and the drafters of the ED handbook!

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Jessica McKinney

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Thanks for the productive call tonight, all. As promised, connecting us on one chain. Below are the leads who have the pen for each due-out. **We would appreciate if each group could email me a document with your plan by 6pm tomorrow (Wednesday, February 10) so we can turn around feedback before our 9pm meeting.** Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Comms Tick-Tock

- Ben Halle, ED
- Chris Jones, CDC

Congressional Notifies

- Jeff Reczek, CDC Washington
- Molly Petersen, ED
- Elizabeth Jurinka, WH OLA
- Alicia Molt-West, WH OLA

State and Local Notifies

- Michael Baker, HHS
- ED tbd

- Eduardo Cisneros, WH COVID-19 Team

Key Stakeholder Notifies/Outreach

- Chris Jones, CDC
- Michael Baker, HHS
- Donna Harris-Aikens, ED
- Carissa Smith, WH OPE
- Adrian Saenz, WH OPE

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Ben Halle, Chris Jones, and Michael Baker—re: Kate’s request, please feel free to reply all intro-ing the folks from your agencies who are on this chain so we all get to know each other. I’ve done so for the WH side below.

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From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Wed, 10 Feb 2021 03:42:37 +0000
To: Thompson, Florence (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
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Lovely 😊

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Subject: 9:00 pm calls tomorrow and Thursday
Importance: High

See below.

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Subject: Comms/Leg Sync on School Reopening Rollout
When: Occurs every day effective 2/9/2021 until 2/11/2021 from 9:00 PM to 9:45 PM Eastern Standard Time.
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Sent: Tue, 2 Feb 2021 15:38:54 +0000
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Cc: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI); Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: AFT Follow-up

Thank you so much, Carole, I actually had not yet seen.

(b)(5)

Many thanks,
Rochelle

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Fri, 12 Feb 2021 17:13:48 +0000
To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Subject: RE: AFT Follow-up

Super, thank you for doing that. (b)(5)
I'm so grateful for your help.
Hill calls have been going well (and there have been a lot of them!)
R

From: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: AFT Follow-up

Yes see below, new is second paragrph

(b)(5)

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: AFT Follow-up

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

if helpful to talk...

R

From: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 7:36 AM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: AFT Follow-up

Yes, will work with team

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
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To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
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R

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 6:50 AM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS) <Dawn.Oconnell@hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: AFT Follow-up

Flagging, for possible follow up. Thanks

From: Kelly Trautner, Health Issues <ktrautne@aft.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; dawn.oconnell@hhs.gov; Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Tracey-Mooney, Maureen EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> McIntee, William T. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> 'Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO' <(b)(6)> Gonzalez, Noe EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>
Cc: Randi Weingarten, Office of the President <rweingar@aft.org>; Jane Meroney, Legislation <JMeroney@aft.org>; Marla Ucelli-Kashyap <(b)(6)> Beth Antunez, Legislation <bantunez@aft.org>
Subject: RE: AFT Follow-up

Dr. Walensky:

Thank you for your continued openness to our suggestions and input. We would like to share some thoughts regarding the paragraph below which was apparently leaked from the imminent guidance on reopening schools:

"At any level of community transmission, all schools can provide in-person instruction (either full or hybrid), through strict adherence to mitigation strategies. Recommended learning modes vary to minimize risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in school by emphasizing layered mitigation, including school policies requiring universal and correct mask use. The recommended learning modes (in-person, hybrid) depend on the level of community transmission and strict adherence to mitigation."

It would be great to see the insertion some variation of the following: **“In the event high-community transmission results from a new variant of SARS-CoV-2, a new update of these guidelines may be necessary.”**

We are deeply concerned about likely implications this language will have in schools where strict adherence to mitigation strategies is lacking or is impossible to implement, particularly those schools in high-density, crumbling infrastructure areas, and particularly when community transmission is high. We don't believe that any current research has demonstrated that all schools in those areas can safely reopen.

In light of the new variants of the virus, we are concerned the absence of a closure threshold might put safety of adults and kids in school settings. There is not yet conclusive research to support that keeping schools open in those countries would have been a safe decision, though the Imperial London model seems to show infections among secondary school students in the UK spiked when the new variant began to spread. And we also know that, while infection rates are beginning to drop, the B117 variant is expected to cause a sharp uptick in infections- even becoming the predominant variant by March. The UK was forced to close schools in the wake of the variant spread; Germany had to make a similar decision to close schools. When teachers and school staff see that [travel restrictions](#) are being considered in the U.S., we expect even more hesitation about in-person learning. Even a “variant closing metric” would go a long way in allaying hesitation and fears related to reopening.

We really want to lend our efforts to helping restore faith in the CDC, and we believe you are off to a great start. We must, however, urge the inclusion of clear closure triggers in the imminent guidance. Provisions providing for when schools should close, like what is in place in New York City, instill some degree of confidence for those who are hesitant about returning to school. Embedding such a threshold bolsters transparency and is a must for ensuring parents and administrators can plan for a surge like we have seen in Great Britain and in Germany.

We look forward to continued collaboration with you and your team.

Kelly

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To: aux7@cdc.gov; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) sob8@cdc.gov; dawn.oconnell@hhs.gov; Martin, Carmel EOP/WHO (b)(6) Tracey-Mooney,

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Subject: RE: AFT Follow-up

Dr. Walensky,

Thank you so much for your responsiveness to the suggestions made by Randi and our team. We are immensely grateful for your genuine desire to earn our confidence and your commitment to partnership. We will pass this message along to Randi. She will certainly be most grateful.

We look forward to continued dialogue and partnership as we continue our respective focus on safe reopening of schools and society.

Kind regards,

Kelly

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Date: February 3, 2021 at 12:04:56 PM EST

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Dear All,

I just wanted to circle back and extend my gratitude for the language you have provided us below. Regrets for my delay in reply but I wanted to be certain you knew it is being worked into (with just a few small tweaks) the school opening guidance. We have also included the executive summary you suggested.

Please know we are listening and working hard to ensure your confidence and partnership in this endeavor.

My very best,
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To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)
Cc: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS); Romanik, Nikki Jo (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: RE: AFT Follow-up

Ok I will forward

From: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 3:38 PM
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Cc: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS) <bli8@cdc.gov>; Romanik, Nikki Jo (CDC/OD/OCS) <kon6@cdc.gov>
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Received the email below from AFT.....

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

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Sent: Thu, 21 Jan 2021 21:43:39 +0000
To: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO
Cc: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Subject: RE: Another call w/ the WH, re: (b)(5)

AJ and Carole too? Thanks

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Another call w/ the WH, re: (b)(5)

Yes please.

On Jan 21, 2021, at 4:14 PM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Henry will review
Do you want to set up a call tomorrow?

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:35 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Another call w/ the WH, re: (b)(5)

Apologies for the delay here, Sherri. Attached is a document that I believe CDC received from the transition a few weeks ago (b)(5)

(b)(5)

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 10:49 AM
To: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Another call w/ the WH, re: (b)(5)

Quick follow up: Can you share the draft w/ us, similar to the school guidance? Thanks

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Cc: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Subject: Another call w/ the WH, re: (b)(5)
Importance: High

Thanks

Add: Anne Schuchat MD (CDC/OD) (acs1@cdc.gov); Henry Walke (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) (hfw3@cdc.gov); Rochelle Walensky (CDC/OD) (aux7@cdc.gov); sob8@cdc.gov
And **Henry will provide 1-2 SMEs** (b)(5)
Thanks again

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you so much! Also wanted to ask if this same group might be able to provide an update on CDC's review of (b)(5). If not, I'd love to set up a separate meeting on that. Please also let me know if you haven't received it.

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Done!

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; aj.pearlman@hhs.gov; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: R (b)(5)

That works well! Thank you.

I can send along a ZoomGov conference line once I'm finished setting it up later this morning.

On Jan 21, 2021, at 7:33 AM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Thanks, how about 345-415PM for a call today?

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Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:32 AM
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Cc: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; aj.pearlman@hhs.gov; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

Yes, please feel free to as close hold. Thank you!

On Jan 21, 2021, at 6:59 AM, Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

I am happy to assist with scheduling and identifying the CDC SMEs who should join. I am assuming I can share the draft w/ them before the call (as close hold), correct?

Thanks

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:10 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: aj.pearlman@hhs.gov; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE (b)(5)

My apologies – moving too fast tonight. The language we wanted to share is now actually attached.

(b)(5)

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Subject: (b)(5)
Importance: High

Dr. Walensky,

Congratulations on formally assuming your role as CDC Director! As a Massachusetts native, I'm particularly proud and looking forward to working with you.

(b)(5)

Carole and I would love to connect with you and/or your team tomorrow to discuss this guidance, as well as the OSHA ETC guidance that I believe has already been transmitted to CDC for review.

Thanks for your consideration,
Osaremen

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Osaremen Fortune Okolo

Policy Advisor

White House Office on COVID-19 Response

C: (b)(6)

From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 19:15:05 +0000
To: Rice, Peggie L. (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA)
Subject: RE: blunt

(b)(5)

From: Rice, Peggie L. (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <ksp4@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: blunt

What can I say is the topic?

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From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 12:40 PM
To: Rice, Peggie L. (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <ksp4@cdc.gov>
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We will do joint brief with Cole and other tomorrow 9 or 9:30. But let's prioritize Senate for now.

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I was going to ask if I should email them at the same time. haha thanks for reading my mind!

Which block of time can I offer them?

And wait on cole until tomorrow morning right?

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Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 12:35 PM
To: Rice, Peggie L. (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <ksp4@cdc.gov>
Subject: blunt

Please roll your eyes at me, but make sure you call Laura first 😊

Jeff Reczek

Director
CDC Washington Office
JReczek@cdc.gov

(b)(6)

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Mon, 1 Feb 2021 12:11:40 +0000
To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS); Scales, Scott L. (CDC/OD/OCS); Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS); Bartee, Brad Allen (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: RE: Call with Pres. Pringle tomorrow

I can cover the IPM so she can do this, will you send me the invite? Thanks

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:07 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>; Scales, Scott L. (CDC/OD/OCS) <ixj3@cdc.gov>; Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS) <bli8@cdc.gov>; Bartee, Brad Allen (CDC/OD/OCS) <yxa0@cdc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Call with Pres. Pringle tomorrow

Hi Sherri,

They are requesting 12:30 or 1:00PM today....

Would need to give up lunch break at 12:30. 1:00 is HHS staff op divs.

Thoughts?

Kindest Regards,
Lynn

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Subject: Re: Call with Pres. Pringle tomorrow

Sigh

From: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 5:04:05 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with Pres. Pringle tomorrow

In the subject line of the email it looks like they are thinking about tomorrow...

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

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Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Call with Pres. Pringle tomorrow

Thanks. We don't have any days/times yet. Right?

From: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 4:43:16 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Williams, Teresa (CDC/OD/OCS) <coo4@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: Call with Pres. Pringle tomorrow

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Email trail below is circulating now...

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To: Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS)
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Subject: RE: Call with Pres. Pringle tomorrow

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS) <bli8@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: Call with Pres. Pringle tomorrow

Call w/ NEA President is confirmed for 1PM today. Do you want an SA to join this call?

Kindest Regards,

Lynn

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From: Gonzalez, Noe EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gershman, Lynn E. (CDC/OD/OCS) <veu4@cdc.gov>; Pugh, Carrie [NEA-CAO-CE] <CPugh@nea.org>
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A calendar invite has been sent. You can find the zoom details below as well.

Hi there,

Noe Gonzalez is inviting you to a scheduled ZoomGov meeting.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Phone one-tap: US (b)(6) or

(b)(6)

Meeting URL: <https://pitc.zoomgov.com/j/1617842471?pwd=> (b)(6)

Meeting ID: 9
Passcode: (b)(6)

Join by Telephone

For higher quality, dial a number based on your current location.

Dial:

Meeting ID: (b)(6)
Passcode:

[International numbers](#)

Join from an H.323/SIP room system

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SIP:
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From: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO

Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:59 AM

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+ Noe who will send around a link. Thanks

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We can make today at 1:00 work for Dr. Walensky.

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Sat, 23 Jan 2021 14:18:28 +0000
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED)
Subject: RE: CDC documents planned for posting next week

Assume you don't need me. thanks

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC documents planned for posting next week

Yep. Just saw your other email. Can you talk around 130 today?

From: Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 9:16 AM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC documents planned for posting next week

Agreed. Was just thinking that I had promised to send before end of day. Email passed in ether but wanted to clarify issues like this so we can align quickly before another week starts!
Michael

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From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
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Subject: Re: CDC documents planned for posting next week

Michael, [REDACTED] (b)(5)

[REDACTED] (b)(5)

Christopher M. Jones, PharmD, DrPH, MPH

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Subject: RE: CDC documents planned for posting next week

Morning,
I hope my email was OK, I want to ensure VTF is on your tracker too
Q: school guidance isn't below and it's a big thing. Wasn't sure why?
Thanks

From: Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 8:25 PM
To: Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov
Cc: Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
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Michael

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Wed, 27 Jan 2021 00:55:01 +0000
To: Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED); Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Cc: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: CDC documents planned for posting this week and next week

Thanks for today, I think we are in a good place

Next steps:

1. Send phased mitigation draft to HHS tomorrow morning – I can once you have it ready
2. Package all school documents together – hold to release w/ #1, early next week
3. Briefing with HHS on #1 and #2 – I will schedule

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Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Subject: CDC documents planned for posting this week and next week

Per last exchange---will send phased mitigation measures in afternoon
Michael

Sherri,

Have added a few more to list for next week. Have attached the draft school documents and testing overview and phased mitigation. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Michael

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(b)(5)

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4. Overview of testing (maybe this week or next week)

(b)(5)

5. Duration of Isolation and Precautions for Adults with COVID-19 (this week)

(b)(5)

7. Non healthcare worker testing strategy (next week)

(b)(5)

8. Correctional facility testing strategy (next week)

a.

(b)(5)

9. Still under OMB review-if completed soon, they might be finalized/posted in the next several weeks:

- 38039_School Nutrition Professionals Checklist
- 39794_Safely Distributing School Meals
- 40179_Graphics for Safely Distributing School Meals During COVID-19

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(b)(5)

5. Persons having 2 doses of vaccine

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Sent: Wed, 10 Feb 2021 21:09:52 +0000
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Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Thanks, we will provide to her now

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Hi Sherri,

Just received the final 2 bios for the meeting at 4:30pm ET. Final memo is attached. Just wanted to note that one of the new participants (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Thanks,
Will

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Received. Thank you

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Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Sharing a memo for the parents listening session tomorrow. We are still awaiting a couple of bios for parents that will be joining, but wanted to make sure you had the rest of the information tonight. Please let us know if you have any questions, and we'll send the updated memo in the morning.

Thanks!
Will

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Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:28 PM

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Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

Hi Alicia,

Thank you for the update. Adrian and I just touched base, and unfortunately we don't think there's a WW option that we could use at this time. I'll be on the Zoom and will let folks know that Dr. Walensky is running a little behind, and we can get started when she's able to get on.

My cell is (b)(6) if you need anything.

Thanks!
Will

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Hi Will,

Dr Walensky is still tied up in a meeting with (b)(5) so she will likely be delayed joining the 5:30. I can have it set up for here over here in EEOB, but if you have a location in the WW that may be quicker for her to join from, please let me know.

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To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
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Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:10 PM
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Yep. Michael, a bit ago, I connected you in with the CDC folks. 😊

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Hey all –

We had a lot of discussion on the roughly hour call, and there are a lot of items that would be good to have prepped ahead of time, (b)(6)

(b)(5) I'm planning on joining again to help with continuity, but agree that it would be good to sync.

Thanks,
Michael

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Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:40 AM
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Got it.

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I didn't make last night's call, so I am not sure where things landed, but it would be good for you all to sync with Michael ahead of tonight's 9pm. Not sure if Michael is planning to join again.

Thanks,
AJ

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Hi AJ,

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(b)(5) I think the plan is to talk through both on the 9pm call tonight, right?

Chris

From: Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS) <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>
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Adding Michael Baker from IEA. Sherri, can you connect Michael with the right folks at CDC who can help think through other stakeholder engagement for the school guidance rollout?

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Sent: Tue, 9 Feb 2021 01:53:44 +0000
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: RE: CDC teachers/parents meetings

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Kindest Regards,

Lynn

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To: Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED); Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Cc: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: Did you send me the school guidance updated doc?

Perfect, sent
Thanks

From: Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <mjb3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 7:52 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
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Here is the latest version. The main changes based on feedback from school stakeholders and other partners early this week are:

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Thanks HHS just asked

From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Fri, 12 Feb 2021 05:24:59 +0000
To: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO); Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO); Thomas, Marissa (CDC/OD/CDCWO); Durden, Teresa (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA); Kelly, Alison (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA); Rice, Peggie L. (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA); Wortman, Eric (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Cc: CDCW NCoV Response (CDC); Morelli, Jeff (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED); Frey, Meghan T. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DIP); Lang, Dylan (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD); Greaser, Jennifer (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Subject: RE: DRAFT Capitol Hill Announcement: CDC Media and Congressional Staff Telebriefings TODAY, Friday, February 12th on Strategies to Reopen K-12 Schools

I highlighted one minimal value add edit to the format of Donna's info for the 3:30 call (was a different font). Otherwise this looks great. Thank you, Nancy!

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Thanks so much.

Nancy

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Sent: Fri, 12 Feb 2021 05:24:45 +0000
To: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO); Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO); Thomas, Marissa (CDC/OD/CDCWO); Durden, Teresa (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA); Kelly, Alison (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA); Rice, Peggie L. (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA); Wortman, Eric (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
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I highlighted one super value add edit to the format of Donna's info for the 3:30 call (was a different font). Otherwise this looks great. Thank you, Nancy!

From: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <atb6@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:36 PM
To: Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <wxk8@cdc.gov>; Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>; Thomas, Marissa (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <KZU2@cdc.gov>; Durden, Teresa (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <txk2@cdc.gov>; Kelly, Alison (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <ayk7@cdc.gov>; Rice, Peggie L. (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <ksp4@cdc.gov>; Wortman, Eric (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <ltr3@cdc.gov>
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Cc: Thomas, Marissa (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
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Thank you!

From: Thomas, Marissa (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <KZU2@cdc.gov>
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Most commonly staffers will send directly to CDCW Leadership but sometimes offices who do not have a relationship with us will route to HHS. We have a few situations where letters were sent hard mail only, either to the CDCW office or down to Atlanta. The last 2 letters we received from GOP E&C Leadership (September & November) were sent directly to Anstice.

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Thanks!

How do we normally receive these? I used to just send them to Sherri and Alison. Is there a different place they would go other than to me/staff?

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Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 5:34 PM
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Hey Jeff – have not received anything yet. Will flag for you if it comes to me from staff.

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Sat, 20 Feb 2021 16:26:07 +0000
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD); Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD); Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Subject: RE: early release school MMWR

Chris, what a great catch.

Yes, I think

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I'm happy

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and then say.

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Thank you, Chris.

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From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 11:15 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: early release school MMWR

Hi all,

I know this has been moving fast, but I want to raise a flag on the early release MMWR for Monday.

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Fri, 22 Jan 2021 16:08:57 +0000
To: Miller, Benjamin;Massetti, Greta M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP);Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO;McKinney, Jessica;Foy Moss, Rita;Kesner, Paul;Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI);Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED)
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Following up

For CDC, please include: Henry Walke (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) (hfw3@cdc.gov); Michael J. Beach (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) (mjb3@cdc.gov); Massetti, Greta M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) <ghz6@cdc.gov>

Thank you,
Sherri

From: Miller, Benjamin <Benjamin.Miller@ed.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Massetti, Greta M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) <ghz6@cdc.gov>; Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) McKinney, Jessica <Jessica.Mckinney@ed.gov>; Foy Moss, Rita <Rita.Foy.Moss@ed.gov>; Kesner, Paul <Paul.Kesner@ed.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO
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Subject: RE: Following up

I'm adding some ED staff here who will join too.

Can we do 11:45-12:15?

I can send a round a teams link or if you have one you want to use on your end let me know.

From: Massetti, Greta M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) <ghz6@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Miller, Benjamin <Benjamin.Miller@ed.gov>; Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO
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Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Following up

Thanks for the connection, Osaremen.

Ben,

Looking forward to working together on this. I am sharing a K-12 school reopening operational strategy document that is in CDC clearance. (b)(5)

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I did receive a draft of the document yesterday and we are looking it over. It would be great to have a call today to discuss how to align on strategy. I am available 11:30-12:45 or after 3:30.

We are really excited to work with ED on this and look forward to coordinating together.

Greta

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From: Miller, Benjamin <Benjamin.Miller@ed.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 9:47 AM
To: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Massetti, Greta M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) <ghz6@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Following up

Thanks Osaremen!

Greta,
It's very nice to meet you over email. I've got some ED colleagues lined up who would be happy to chat. Do you all have a copy of the ED guidance yet? And would it make sense to try and set up a phone call among us today?

From: Okolo, Osaremen F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 9:44 AM
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Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
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Greta,

Thanks again to you and your colleagues for making the time to speak with us yesterday on short notice. I wanted to connect you with Ben Miller, who's coordinating the COVID-19 response at the Department of Education. I'll let you both take it from here for next steps.

Osaremen

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Osaremen Fortune Okolo
White House Office on COVID-19 Response

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Tue, 2 Feb 2021 11:54:47 +0000
To: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS); Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD); Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
Subject: RE: For today

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From: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS) <bli8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 6:45 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: For today

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Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 6:43 AM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS) <bli8@cdc.gov>
Subject: For today

Agnes, please upload on One Drive. Thanks

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:58 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

Yes. (b)(5)

(b)(5) Updated version attached.

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Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
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I'd like to add one sentence in my comments

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Thank you!

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:13 PM

To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)

Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)

Subject: RE: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

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Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>

Subject: Re: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

Curious to hear his take.

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Subject: RE: Remarks for WH Gvs Meeting Tomorrow

Super, thank you, Chris.

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Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: Remarks for WH Gvs Meeting Tomorrow

Hi Rochelle,

Remarks for the 11am WH NGA Govs meeting.

(b)(5)

Chris

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Tue, 2 Feb 2021 11:46:32 +0000
To: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: RE: For today

thanks

From: Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS) <bli8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 6:45 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: For today

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 6:43 AM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; Warner, Agnes (CDC/OD/OCS) <bli8@cdc.gov>
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Agnes, please upload on One Drive. Thanks

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Subject: Re: Remarks for WH Govs Meeting Tomorrow

Yes. (b)(5)

(b)(5) Updated version attached.

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To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
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I'd like to add one sentence in my comments (b)(5)

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Thank you!
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Curious to hear his take.

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 21:36:52 +0000
To: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Cc: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Subject: RE: Heads up for Sen. Brown Call

Super, thank you!
R

From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <atb6@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Heads up for Sen. Brown Call

Agree and on it.

Thanks!

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 4:27 PM
To: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <atb6@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Heads up for Sen. Brown Call

Super – thanks for your help.

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Thanks!
R

From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <atb6@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Heads up for Sen. Brown Call

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I'll circle back with staff on the data.

(b)(5)

Will share any other feedback we get.

From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:56 PM

To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <atb6@cdc.gov>
Subject: Heads up for Sen. Brown Call

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[REDACTED] (b)(5)

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Thank you!

Jeff Reczek
Director
CDC Washington Office
JReczek@cdc.gov
202-294-1040

From: msq5@cdc.gov
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 21:04:18 +0000
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Cc: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Subject: RE: Heads up for Sen. Brown Call

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 4:00 PM
To: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <atb6@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Heads up for Sen. Brown Call

Can you please f/u with Rep Rodgers office with the Science Brief for the schools?
R

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Director
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[REDACTED] (b)(6)

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Fri, 5 Feb 2021 22:27:32 +0000
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: RE: (b)(6) on reopening

Great, thanks.

R

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:26 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: (b)(6) on reopening

Chris sent to Henry and the two ladies who have been drafting the document

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Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:22 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: (b)(6) on reopening

Very helpful intel.

Did you send to Henry? (I can't open the report).

r

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:20 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: (b)(6) on reopening

From: Halle, Benjamin <Benjamin.Halle@ed.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:11:00 PM
To: Rowe, Courtney M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) 'Wakana, Benjamin L. EOP/WHO' (b)(6) 'Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS)' <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: Heidi Przybyla on reopening

Hey ya'll,

Just talked to (b)(6) who mentioned a few things around reopening that I thought were worth sharing:

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Sun, 7 Feb 2021 12:54:42 +0000
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: If OK we will send tomorrow, thanks

Fixed, and yes chat 845

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 7:51 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Brown, Tiffany J. (CDC/OCOO/OSSAM/OD) <iji3@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: If OK we will send tomorrow, thanks

Great. Two edits:

(b)(5)

Then good to go. Thanks

(b)(6)

we can talk 8:45ish?

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 7:45:26 AM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Brown, Tiffany J. (CDC/OCOO/OSSAM/OD) <iji3@cdc.gov>
Subject: If OK we will send tomorrow, thanks

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Sincerely,
Dr. Walensky

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Sat, 6 Feb 2021 14:20:13 +0000
To: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: Items

How about right after 930, I should be free then

From: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Items

Anytime you want to talk.

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 7:39:05 AM
To: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Subject: Items

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 7:12 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: Welcome to CDC, and concerns about school reopening

Are you able to assist in a reply?
R

From: Dutton, Nina (ATSDR/OAD/OIA) (CTR) <wsh0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: Welcome to CDC, and concerns about school reopening

Dear Dr. Walensky,

My name is Nina Dutton and I am a staff member (GIS analyst, contractor) in ATSDR.

First of all, welcome to CDC! It has been refreshing to see CDC issue policies such as an extension of the eviction moratorium and the order for masking on public transport just within the last couple of weeks. I

also listened to some of the White House COVID-19 response team press briefing this past Wednesday, and I appreciated the clarity of your messages about current case trends and the practical preventative measures the public should be taking.

However, in the same briefing, I was concerned to hear from you a statement that the "vaccination of teachers is not a prerequisite for safe reopening of schools." I am aware of publications such as this [article written by CDC staff and published in JAMA](#), which have been cited as evidence that schools can safely reopen now.

But assuming "now" refers to our current extent of vaccination (that is to say, little to none among the general workforce as of right now), current physical conditions of schools (which vary widely), and current levels of community transmission (still high), there is reason to be concerned that fast-tracking school reopening without first creating safer conditions to do so will send more school staff to their deaths and continue to draw out this pandemic.

As stated in the aforementioned JAMA article: "Preventing transmission in school settings will require addressing and reducing levels of transmission in the surrounding communities through policies to interrupt transmission (eg, restrictions on indoor dining at restaurants). In addition, all recommended mitigation measures in schools must continue" as well. If the reopening of schools is so prioritized, then the accompanying policies to interrupt transmission in the surrounding communities must be even further prioritized ahead of reopening -- policies that include temporarily restricting activities less essential than school activities and vaccinating school staff so that they can pose less of a transmission risk to one another and the rest of their communities.

Essentially, I am concerned that placing school reopening as a separate priority ahead of other measures needed to curb community transmission represents a misordering of priorities. I understand that there is political pressure from multiple sides for the federal government to encourage reopening schools as soon as possible. But even under political pressures, I encourage you to serve in your role as the voice of science and public health expertise to which the Biden-Harris administration [intends to listen](#).

I wish you the best as you begin your directorship and am looking forward to responsible leadership from you at this agency.

Thank you,

Nina Dutton

Nina Dutton, MPH

GIS analyst

Contractor: Perspecta

Geospatial Research, Analysis, and Services Program (GRASP)

Office of Innovation and Analytics (OIA)

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Fri, 12 Feb 2021 20:41:52 +0000
To: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: PELOSI -- Statement on the CDC's School Re-Opening Guidance

Thanks!

From: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:40 PM
To: Jurinka, Elizabeth M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Okolo, Osaremen F.
EOP/WHO (b)(6) Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: PELOSI -- Statement on the CDC's School Re-Opening Guidance

FYA

From: EdLaborPress <EdLaborPress@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:08 PM
To: EdLaborPress <EdLaborPress@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Chairman Scott Statement on CDC's School Reopening Guidance



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 12, 2021

Contact: [Democratic Press Office](#), 202-226-0853

Chairman Scott Statement on CDC's School Reopening Guidance

WASHINGTON – Chairman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (VA-03) released the following statement after the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [published new guidance on safely reopening schools](#).

"The CDC's updated guidance on safely reopening schools makes a clear case for why Congress must swiftly enact President Biden's American Rescue Plan. Many schools across the country simply cannot afford to take the safety precautions that CDC recommends in order to protect students and school staff from COVID-19.

"Maintaining physical distancing, updating and repairing ventilation systems, purchasing personal protective equipment, and other important safety measures all cost money that schools do not have.

This is particularly true for schools in low-income areas that lacked adequate funding well before the pandemic.

“There is no question that getting students back into the classroom is critical for their education, their access to nutrition, their mental health, and the ability of school professionals to recognize and address instances of child abuse and neglect. School reopening decisions should not be based on politics – they should be based on whether schools can comply with CDC’s science-based guidelines. Congress must make the necessary investments to help schools take the steps needed to safely reopen for in-person instruction.

“On Wednesday, the Committee [passed](#) its portion of the American Rescue Plan that included a \$130 billion investment in reopening schools safely. The CDC guidance only increases the urgency of passing this COVID-19 relief package and getting schools the resources they need to safely reopen for in-person instruction and protect students and staff from this deadly virus.”

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From: Speaker Pelosi

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:32:50 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Subject: PELOSI -- Statement on the CDC’s School Re-Opening Guidance



NANCY PELOSI
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

NEWS
FROM SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE NANCY PELOSI
SPEAKER.GOV

February 12, 2021

Contact: Speaker’s Press Office,
202-226-7616

Pelosi Statement on the CDC's School Re-Opening Guidance

Washington, D.C. – Speaker Nancy Pelosi issued this statement on the new K-12 school re-opening guidance published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

“The CDC’s new and welcomed school re-opening guidance accelerates the urgency for Congress to pass President Biden’s American Rescue Plan.

“There is no higher priority than ensuring that our children and teachers can return safely to school, as soon as possible. But without strong assistance from Congress, our schools cannot afford to enact the science-based safety precautions required – particularly in low-income, under-resourced communities that were already struggling before the pandemic. Yet, Republicans in Congress are attempting to block and hold this funding hostage.

“Our House Committees are working expeditiously to draft and pass by the end of the month President Biden’s American Rescue Plan legislation, which makes a strong and necessary \$130 billion investment for safe school re-opening and for our K-12 students. The funding will be used to repair ventilation systems, reduce class sizes and implement social distancing, purchase PPE, hire support staff and take robust measures to help students make up for lost classroom time. At the same time, the legislation secures an additional \$7 billion to close the digital divide, especially important for students and teachers in communities at high risk – which the Republicans oppose.

“The Democratic Congress and Biden-Harris Administration are united in our mission to keep our students, educators and their families safe from the vicious coronavirus, while ensuring equity for all children to get the education and the support that they need and deserve.”

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To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: RE: Please Review: Morning show tweets

Yup – (b)(5)

Thank you – replied to tweets in prior email.

R

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: Please Review: Morning show tweets

Nice job on the shows this morning. (b)(5)

Some tweets for your review. We took these from quotes from the shows.

From: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meb0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Heldman, Amy B. (CDC/OD/OADC) <evd4@cdc.gov>; Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC) <cjy1@cdc.gov>; Schwarz, Kelsey (CDC/OD/OADC) <nle5@cdc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Please Review: Morning show tweets

Here are all the proposed tweets for clearance.

(b)(5)

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From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Wed, 10 Feb 2021 19:37:02 +0000
To: Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Subject: RE: Proposed Hill Outreach Plan for School Guidance Release- 2/12

Thank you!

From: Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <wxk8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Kelly, Alison (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <ayk7@cdc.gov>; Durden, Teresa (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <txk2@cdc.gov>
Cc: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>; Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <atb6@cdc.gov>
Subject: Proposed Hill Outreach Plan for School Guidance Release- 2/12

Hi Alison and Teresa

For our hill outreach strategy, below is our proposed agenda based on the conversations we had with ED.

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Nancy Tourk

CDC Washington

Phone: 202-245-0568

Email: ntourk@cdc.gov

From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 00:10:45 +0000
To: Petersen, Molly; Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Cc: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO); Tatem, Anne (HHS/OS/ASL); Bradsher, Kris (HHS/ASL); Kelly, Alison (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA); Durden, Teresa (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA); Greaser, Jennifer (CDC/OD/CDCWO); Thomas, Marissa (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Subject: RE: Proposed Joint Ed/CDC Hill Outreach Plan for School Guidance Release- 2/12

Hi Molly,

We received word that folks are leaning towards (b)(5) but that's definitely still in flux.

(b)(5)

From: Petersen, Molly <Molly.Petersen@ed.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:53 PM
To: Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <wxk8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>; Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <atb6@cdc.gov>; Tatem, Anne (HHS/OS/ASL) <Anne.Tatem@hhs.gov>; Bradsher, Kris (HHS/ASL) <Kris.Bradsher@hhs.gov>; Kelly, Alison (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <ayk7@cdc.gov>; Durden, Teresa (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <txk2@cdc.gov>; Greaser, Jennifer (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <cbx5@cdc.gov>; Thomas, Marissa (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <KZU2@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Proposed Joint Ed/CDC Hill Outreach Plan for School Guidance Release- 2/12

I think this looks fine although I thought the press release was going out at 3:00, however information may have changed. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thank you,

Molly Petersen
Legislative Director

(b)(6)

From: Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <wxk8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:16 PM
To: Petersen, Molly <Molly.Petersen@ed.gov>
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DOVER (Jan. 28, 2021) – Today, the Division of Public Health (DPH) announced an updated approach to administering second doses in response to new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The CDC announced Friday that an interval of 42 days between doses is acceptable, if adhering to the 21-day (Pfizer) and 28-day (Moderna) intervals is not possible.

Given extremely limited vaccine supply, DPH is recommending to vaccine partners that they schedule second doses between 28 and 35 days after the first dose is administered. This policy will enable the state to continue administering first doses to the vulnerable 65+ population at highest risk of hospitalization and death. The science shows that the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine provides 52% to 80% protection.

For context, the average flu vaccine, which is responsible for saving countless lives and hospitalizations, provides 40% to 60% protection. Delawareans who have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine are significantly better protected than their neighbors who haven't been vaccinated, even without the second dose. The state is committed to ensuring all Delawareans receive their second dose by Day 42, unless federal guidance recommends otherwise.

After a pause due to vaccine supply issues, the state and partners are resuming vaccinations for Phase 1A health care workers giving priority to Emergency Medical Services personnel, school nurses, and health care workers who provide patient care and are at highest risk of sustained close contact with infected individuals.

Doses are being delivered to county paramedic units by Friday and a vaccination event limited to emergency responders is being planned for Monday with appointments made through first responder agencies. DPH began working on Thursday with the County Paramedic Agencies, Delaware Fire Prevention Commission and the Police Chiefs Council to determine additional dates and locations as well. Additional Phase 1A individuals will be notified about opportunities to receive their second dose through their associations or through correspondence from the Division of Professional Regulation, once DPH has scheduled those events.

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DPH intends to provide second dose options for Phase 1B seniors who have been vaccinated in DPH events over the last two weekends as they reach the 28-35 day window. DPH will communicate with those individuals and schedule them for second doses using the CDC's VAMS appointment system that was used to schedule first doses, or for those who received their vaccination before the registration system went live, information will be provided on de.gov/covidvaccine or through community partners.

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Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: Reuters us-health-coronavirus-usa-schools

Hi there - maybe you have but I thought I would send just in case given you are addressing this this afternoon? I saw a draft of your remarks and I think they are good so far as addressing issues in today's MMWR in relation to COVID and schools overall.

Thanks,

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From: Mike Cooper <mcooper@panix.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:40 AM
To: cdc@panix.com
Subject: Reuters us-health-coronavirus-usa-schools

Teachers may play role in in-school COVID-19 transmission: U.S. CDC

11:27am EST

(Reuters) - Teachers may play an important role in the transmission of COVID-19 within schools, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Monday, citing a study conducted in elementary schools in a Georgia school district.

The report comes after researchers from the agency last month said there was little evidence that schools were spreading COVID-19 infections in the country - based in part on a study of schools in Wisconsin - easing concerns about allowing in-person learning. The Wisconsin study found significantly lower virus spread within schools compared with transmission in the surrounding communities.

An investigation involving about 2,600 students and 700 staff members of a Georgia school district's elementary schools showed nine clusters of COVID-19 cases involving 13 educators and 32 students at six elementary schools, the CDC said.

Of these, two clusters involved probable teacher-to-teacher

transmission that was followed by teacher-to-student transmission in classrooms, the agency said in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

Transmission from teachers resulted in about half of 31 school-related cases, according to the investigation.

The study was subject to some limitations including difficulty in determining whether coronavirus transmission happened in school or out in the local community, the agency noted.

Distinguishing between the two types of transmission was particularly challenging when the 7-day average number of cases per 100,000 persons exceeded 150, the agency said.

The CDC said COVID-19 vaccination of educators should be considered as an additional mitigation measure to be added when available, although not required for reopening schools.

(Reporting by Manojna Maddipatla in Bengaluru; Editing by Bill Berkrot)

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Sun, 14 Feb 2021 21:35:08 +0000
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: RE: REVIEW: Tweets from morning shows.

Super thank you!

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: REVIEW: Tweets from morning shows.

Yep. Yellow part deleted. Thanks!

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 4:23:29 PM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: REVIEW: Tweets from morning shows.

Hi there,
See some thoughts on #2...otherwise, I think they look good.
Thank you!
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From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: REVIEW: Tweets from morning shows.

My apologies. Please work from this version. Some additional context for the last 2.

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Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 2:47 PM
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Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: REVIEW: Tweets from morning shows.

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Sat, 30 Jan 2021 00:39:14 +0000
To: O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS); Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS); Despres, Sarah (HHS/IOS); Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD); Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD); Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Subject: RE: Revised: Draft School Guidance

Quick update: Rochelle and Carole started teacher union calls today. I think there may be one more to schedule on Monday. (b)(5)

(b)(5) Thank you

(And, a HUGE thank you to Carole for all of her help this week navigating the EOs)

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 7:56 PM
To: O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS) <Dawn.Oconnell@hhs.gov>; Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS) <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>; Despres, Sarah (HHS/IOS) <Sarah.Despres@hhs.gov>
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; 'Anne Schuchat MD (CDC/OD) (acs1@cdc.gov)'; Rochelle Walensky (CDC/OD) (aux7@cdc.gov) <aux7@cdc.gov>; Henry Walke (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) (hfw3@cdc.gov) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: Revised: Draft School Guidance

Hi all –

Here is the latest version.

The main changes based on feedback from school stakeholders and other partners early this week are:

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Thanks,
Sherri

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:02 AM
To: O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS) <Dawn.Oconnell@hhs.gov>; Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS) <Aj.Pearlman@hhs.gov>; Despres, Sarah (HHS/IOS) <Sarah.Despres@hhs.gov>
Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Anne Schuchat MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov> <acs1@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: School Guidance - Next Steps

Hi - (b)(5) Thanks
for your assistance

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Subject: School Guidance - Next Steps
Importance: High

Next steps:

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Wed, 3 Feb 2021 18:19:54 +0000
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: School Guidance and Outreach Status

You bet

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 1:16 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: School Guidance and Outreach Status

Can I get some TPS for the opening?

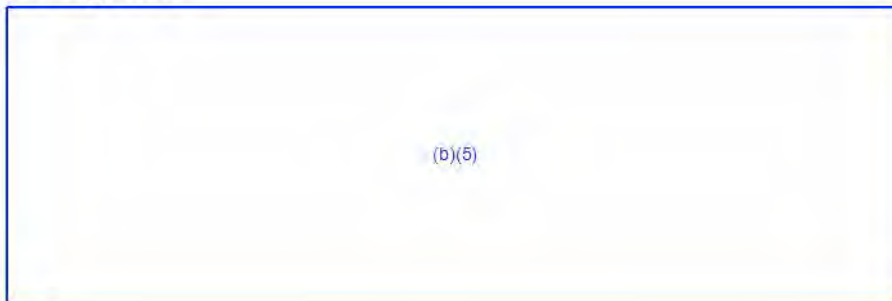
From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS) <Dawn.Oconnell@hhs.gov>
Subject: School Guidance and Outreach Status

Hi Rochelle – please see below on the status of the roundtable, still to be scheduled.

At 9pm, the CDC-HHS-WH team is meeting to finalize the draft rollout plan. I am not sure if Friday is feasible, may be early next week. Dawn and Carole should weigh in.

And here is the draft agenda for today's 6PM, pending feedback from Carole and Dawn.

Draft Agenda



Thank you

From: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS) <Dawn.Oconnell@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: NEA Follow up items

I'm tracking plan to do a teacher roundtable. Let me circle with the IGA team here and figure out status of that. Thanks

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS) <Dawn.Oconnell@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: NEA Follow up items

Thanks Carole, I will share the feedback with the CDC team. Do we have a few more meetings to schedule this week for you/Rochelle? I sent you a separate note, re: 6PM. Thanks again, Sherri

From: Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:09 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS) <Dawn.Oconnell@hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: NEA Follow up items

Rochelle – Below is the follow-up email from our NEA call. Txs, Carole

From: Bilal-Threats, Daaiyah [NEA] <DBilal@nea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7:57 PM
To: Sharma, Vidur K. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Pugh, Carrie [NEA-CAO-CE] <CPugh@nea.org>; Bilal-Threats, Daaiyah [NEA] <DBilal@nea.org>; Johnson, Carole A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Tracey-Mooney, Maureen EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: NEA Follow up items

Thank you all again for the invitation to meet and exchange ideas yesterday.

As promised we are following up with a brief summary of the priority items and questions Becky laid out on the call along with a list of a few places where labor management collaboration has helped lay an important foundation for the union and district leaders to solve problems together.

- A timeline for, and a set of clear, prescriptive guidance that includes criteria for in-person learning and other school engagements and factors in both community transmission rates and school-based transmission;
- Transparency about COVID-19 vaccine production, distribution, and timelines for availability, and a strong call to prioritize educations for vaccines as part of any plan for in-person instruction;
- Continuing to protect high-risk educators, students, and family members by encouraging the provision of reasonable accommodations and paid leave;
- Collection and public availability of information on COVID-19 cases in schools and on school-based compliance with mitigation guidelines;

- Recognition that widespread, rapid, free, and equitably distributed COVID-19 testing is a crucial component of plans for in-person instruction and that, in order to be effective and to build trust among educators, students, and parents, it must be accompanied by policies that emphasize transparency, confidentiality, and clear procedures for responding to positive cases, clusters, and increased positivity rates in schools;
- Attention to racial and socioeconomic equity and rural/urban differences at every stage of COVID-19 policy development and action;
- In addition to detail on all necessary mitigation strategies for all routes of transmission (airborne, aerosol, droplet, and contact), more detail on ventilation-related mitigation strategies, including but not limited to specific situations like special education and high-risk areas like COVID-19 isolation rooms, nurses' offices, and bathrooms;
- As part of information on necessary mitigation strategies, clear directives for universal mask-wearing for all staff and, for those who are developmentally able to wear them, all students; clear guidance that any period of time in which students or staff are not masked poses risks of COVID-19 transmission; and clear directives that distancing of students and staff throughout the day are necessary to protect the safety of both;
- Inclusion of all educators—teachers, education support professionals, and specialized instructional support personnel, and their unions—in the planning, execution, and follow-up to COVID-19 plans, including collective bargaining when available.

We look forward to future conversations and opportunities to work together. We would welcome a staff level discussion on hot spots and we would also like to follow up on Becky's offer for Dr Walensky to do a future teletownhall with our members.

Please feel free to contact me (Daaiyah) or Carrie Pugh if you have questions, or to follow up on any of the items we covered.

-Daaiyah

Daaiyah Bilal-Threats
Safe and Just School Reopening Lead

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Sun, 14 Feb 2021 01:31:34 +0000
To: Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: Re: School Guidance Prep Memo - Sunday Interviews

Super, many thanks, Ben.
Will work to do you proud in the am.

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My best,
Rochelle

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From: Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC) <fxq2@cdc.gov>

Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 8:10:01 PM

To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>

Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meb0@cdc.gov>

Subject: Re: School Guidance Prep Memo - Sunday Interviews

Rochelle,
Here are the updates we discussed earlier. If you need anything in the morning I will be around.

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Benjamin N. Haynes

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From: Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC)

Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 2:22:59 PM

To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>

Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meb0@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: School Guidance Prep Memo - Sunday Interviews

Rochelle,

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Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 1:23 PM

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Cc: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>; Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC)

<meb0@cdc.gov>

Subject: FwSchool Guidance Prep Memo - Sunday Interviews

Dr. Walensky,

Here is the Prep Memo for tomorrow's interviews that we will be discussing here shortly. Look forward to speaking with you!

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Sun, 31 Jan 2021 21:26:48 +0000
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD); Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Cc: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: School guidance rollout

Hi all –
On timing, Dawn sent me something. Will share her thinking shortly.
Thanks

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 4:05 PM
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Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: School guidance rollout

Hi Rochelle,

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Chris

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Sun, 21 Feb 2021 19:12:12 +0000
To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI); Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: RE: Schools

Henry,

Thank you so much for this deep dive

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Many thanks for this...

Rochelle

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From: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Schools

Sorry for delay in getting back to you. Attached is a detailed summary.

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Hope this is helpful. Henry

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:06 PM

To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>

Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Schools

Interesting...just on my first scan here: <https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP%20and%20CHA%20-%20Children%20and%20COVID-19%20State%20Data%20Report%202.11.21%20FINAL.pdf> (the data cited). Slide 3 notes FL is only one of two states that reports only <14 (not <17 or <18y). Interestingly – the FL DPH report here: http://www11.doh.state.fl.us/comm/partners/covid19_report_archive/cases-monitoring-and-pui-information/state-report/state_reports_latest.pdf notes a lot of cases in the 15-24 range (

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Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: Schools

Yes, will do

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 10:52 AM

To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>

Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>

Subject: Schools

Morning,

I've been asked about these data:

<https://twitter.com/GovRonDeSantis/status/1361806166897082369>

It looks like they are from AAP (at least originated).

Can we please look at the original data to see if there is something here we should be understanding better

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 16:03:56 +0000
To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI); Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: See below - few edits to document

I will call you

From: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:03 AM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: See below - few edits to document

My comments

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:43 AM
To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: See below - few edits to document

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Sat, 20 Feb 2021 20:24:03 +0000
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: RE: STAT: New CDC school opening guidelines fail to 'follow the science'

Thanks for sending, Tony.

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We have another MMWR on this coming out Monday...
Grateful for your passing along.
Rochelle

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: STAT: New CDC school opening guidelines fail to 'follow the science'

Rochelle:

You probably have already seen this. But just in case, you should be aware of it.

Best,

Tony

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From: Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 1:19 PM
Subject: STAT: New CDC school opening guidelines fail to 'follow the science'

[First Opinion](#)

New CDC school opening guidelines fail to 'follow the science'

By Vladimir Kogan and Vinay Prasad Feb. 20, 2021



A teacher instructs students with a camera projector from her desk at Freedom Preparatory Academy in Provo, Utah. *George Frey/Getty Images* President Biden vowed to “[follow the science](#)” in an effort to get kids back to school. But that’s not what the [latest school opening guidelines](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention do.

The two core pillars of the guidelines — that schools should decide whether to open based on community transmission and that students should strive to be spaced 6 feet apart — aren’t supported by science.

While there are many prudent recommendations in the document, these two demands will keep schools closed much longer than necessary, harming kids.

Should learning mode depend on community transmission levels?

The new school opening guidelines advise schools to open or close (or operate in “[hybrid](#)” mode) based on a four-tier color-coded system. Each color is tied to the number of new Covid-19 cases during the previous week. The red, or most restrictive category, is more than 100 cases a week per 100,000 people. By this metric, [more than 90%](#) of the country is currently in the most restrictive tier, ruling out full-time, in-person learning for elementary-aged students and any sort of in-person school for older children without screening tests.

Yet many schools in such communities already have in-person school — and have done so for months — without issue.

To justify this tiered approach, the CDC guidelines cite a “likely association” between community transmission levels and the risk of exposure in the schools. But the evidence for this is flimsy.

Ventilation should be part of the conversation on school reopening. Why isn't it?

The CDC relies almost exclusively on a [U.K. study](#) that examined Covid-19 cases and outbreaks — defined as two or more linked cases — in educational settings in England during June and July. The CDC summarizes the study by noting: “For every 5 additional cases per 100,000 population in regional incidence, the risk of a school outbreak increased by 72%.”

While technically true, that increases is the *relative* risk, which obscures the study’s key finding about *absolute* risk: School outbreaks were vanishingly rare in this study — just 0.02% among schools that were open daily during this period — even in areas with high rates of community transmission. And if the CDC had looked at the next figure in the article, focusing on individual infections rather than outbreaks, no association was seen between the number of single infections in school and broader rates of community spread.

The CDC’s school opening guidelines also ignore the experience of at least two U.S. states. Schools in [North Carolina](#) and [Wisconsin](#) were open during periods of high community transmission (red zone), and both saw far fewer cases in schools than outside of them. The Wisconsin study was published in *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC’s own journal. If the state had taken the CDC’s advice, it never would have done the study in the first place. Moreover, if there is less viral spread in schools than in the community, we want them open precisely during periods of high community spread, when the comparative risks outside of school are highest.

Do schools drive the spread of Covid-19 in the larger community? The CDC guidelines cites two studies. One, using national data, found [no overall increase](#) in hospitalization in counties where schools opened this fall, relative to trends during the same period in areas where schools remained closed. For counties with the highest rates of Covid-19 spread when schools reopened, some estimates showed an increase in Covid-19 hospitalizations, but these effects were quite modest, on the order of 2% to 3% above baseline levels of hospitalization. Even if this difference is real, it is quite small and unlikely to overwhelm the health care system unless it is already at the breaking point.

A [second study](#), focused on Michigan and Washington, suggested that schools can contribute to transmission when exiting case counts are high. But this analysis was vulnerable to a classic research problem of reverse causality: school reopening may have led to more frequent testing and detection of infections that would have otherwise gone unrecorded.

Put together, the available evidence offers little reason to believe that in-person learning is particularly risky to students, educators, or people in the community. We believe the [benefits of school](#) far outweigh these concerns, and this is especially true as vulnerable people get vaccinated.

Is 6-foot distancing really required?

The CDC guidelines say that schools should try to keep kids 6 feet apart. This guidance, however, appears to be based on [decades-old research](#) on the travel distance of large respiratory droplets.

The insistence on 6 feet was controversial from the start. One of the early skeptics was physician Rochelle Walensky, who was recently appointed to lead the CDC. She [advised her local school district](#) last summer that “it is quite safe and much more practical to be at 3 feet” as long as everyone is masked. (Three feet of distancing is also [recommended](#) by the World Health Organization.)

When asked to explain this about-face during a [recent interview with CNN](#), Walensky argued that the larger distance in the CDC guidance was justified by new research published since last summer and the increase in case counts since then.

The newest evidence actually seems to argue *against* requiring strict adherence to a 6-foot rule, however. First, it is [increasingly clear](#) that transmission of Covid-19 is not explained by the droplet model — the idea that bigger drops of secretion fall in the first few feet around someone, as [was thought](#) when

the [original social distancing guidelines](#) developed. Second, [a meta-analysis](#) on Covid-19 and other closely related coronaviruses showed that the benefits of increasing the distance from 3 to 6 feet is marginal in contexts where the risk of infection is low, as would be the case in a classroom with universal masking.

Most on point is a [recent study](#) that examined the dynamics of in-school transmission in Ohio. Working with seven school districts that offered in-person learning in late November and early December of last year, near the peak of daily recorded infections in the state, researchers identified all students and teachers who had tested positive. They then repeatedly tested both their close contacts — other students who were exposed for more than 15 minutes at a distance of less than 6 feet — as well as a comparison set of students who kept their distance, including several hundred attending other classes within the same school. The rates of infection among close contacts and students who stayed more than 6 feet away were nearly identical in both elementary and high schools, suggesting minimal value from strict adherence to a 6-foot distancing rule as long as masks are worn consistently and correctly. Three feet versus 6 might sound trivial, but it really matters. Given the limitation of classroom size, maintaining 6 feet of distance will thwart many schools from operating at full capacity, meaning that students would be able to attend part-time at best, using a hybrid model.

This requirement also complicates transportation. Although the main CDC guidance does not discuss transportation in detail, an [accompanying handout](#) advises districts to “skip a row if possible” on school buses. The busing constraint is particularly binding in large urban districts, where many students attend charter or magnet schools far away from their homes and rely on district-provided transportation.

Going backward on reopening

Rather than moving the ball forward on Biden’s goal of getting elementary and middle schools reopened as soon as possible, the new CDC guidelines will work to provide [political cover](#) for interest groups and districts that want to delay in-person school.

They also come when many states were acting to loosen their own guidelines to encourage schools to reopen. Just days before the CDC announcement, the state of Massachusetts [announced the elimination](#) of school bus capacity limits as long as bus windows remain open at least 2 inches. Nevada, which already allowed closer spacing on school buses, also [loosened its requirements](#) further. But, the new CDC guidelines would thwart these pragmatic efforts. The conflicting CDC guidance only creates confusion, putting districts in the difficult position of deciding whether to follow state or federal recommendations.

Most worrisome is that the stringent CDC criteria will likely increase pressure to reduce in-person learning in many places that have been operating at full capacity and with older students. As recent [test score data](#) from Ohio show, moving from in-person to hybrid formats will exacerbate learning losses, compounding the both the social and academic harms students have already experienced during the pandemic.

A truly science-based analysis must recognize the difficult tradeoffs involved — including the long-term of interests of children who are most directly affected — and carefully weigh modest increases in [Covid-19 infection risk to educators](#) and broader community members against the harms of school closures. By promoting slavish adherence to arbitrary benchmarks and distancing requirements, the new CDC school opening guidelines do a disservice to science and kids.

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 18:11:29 +0000
To: Pearlman, Aj (HHS/IOS); O'Connell, Dawn (HHS/IOS)
Cc: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD); Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI); Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD); Beach, Michael J. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED)
Subject: Awareness: Documents planning to post
Attachments: Schools Science Brief_2021-2-10 corrected.docx,
39307_OperatingChildCarePrograms_2.1.2021.docx

To augment the strategy document, the attached documents will be posted.

And, these 3 items were released by OMB and will move forward:

1. Supporting graphics for childcare guidance
2. Checklist for School Nutrition Professionals Serving Meals Eaten at School
3. Safely Distributing School Meals during COVID-19 + Graphics for this page

Please let us know if you have any Qs.

Thank you

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Thu, 4 Feb 2021 01:52:40 +0000
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: Re: Twitter feedback today regarding RW

Thanks much! (b)(6)). Really grateful for all the help and support (and for being on the late night call to ensure the roll out of schools goes well!)

R

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From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:51:21 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Twitter feedback today regarding RW

agree! Good luck tonight. I will be on a 9p call with WH, HHS, and ED to discuss school guidance Comms roll out, but am taping the show and will watch after.

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Acting Associate Director for Communication

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:49 PM

To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)

Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)

Subject: Re: Twitter feedback today regarding RW

Yes...Indeed. (b)(5)

(b)(5) I will follow what we discussed on the briefing this afternoon for tonight. I stand by my comments...based on science. Really grateful for the close following.

R

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Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: Twitter feedback today regarding RW

FYI. One example of how we are monitoring in real time. But the issue is salient for our convos today and this evening on the forthcoming school guidance. Also one news story on this so far (see CNBC story below the tweets). No action at this point, but we will continue to monitor.

From: Dempsey, Jay H. (CDC/OD/OADC) <ifb5@cdc.gov>
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To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>

Cc: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meb0@cdc.gov>; Heldman, Amy B. (CDC/OD/OADC) <evd4@cdc.gov>; Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC) <cjy1@cdc.gov>; Schwarz, Kelsey (CDC/OD/OADC) <nle5@cdc.gov>

Subject: FYA: Twitter feedback today regarding RW

Chris- We noticed a spike in Twitter activity referencing Dr. Walensky following the White House briefing today. It looks like the spike happened between 10am and 11am today after RW talked about school in the WH press briefing.

The topic that seems to have caused this spike is that RW is quoted in the news saying "vaccination of teachers is not a prerequisite for safe reopening of schools," which she said during the briefing. This was tweeted about by a [CNN reporter](#), an [AP reporter](#), a [Wall Street Journal reporter](#), and many others. There seems to be a lot of discussion back and forth about this with a few TW users agreeing with re-opening schools, but the majority of TW users are critical of RW's quote and disagree with her on re-opening schools.

Some comments on that topic:

<https://twitter.com/MWRigger/status/1357019809632776195>

<https://twitter.com/OpenFCPS2020/status/1357020478649548803>

<https://twitter.com/KDHcharley/status/1357019514588680193>

<https://twitter.com/VDIArchitect/status/1357020241587560450>

<https://twitter.com/AleksanderRB/status/1357019162602840065>

<https://twitter.com/briasoboojie/status/1357018180967944198>

<https://twitter.com/nickitellem/status/1357018107366109184>

<https://twitter.com/elemeous/status/1357015961761689606>

From CNBC

CDC director says schools can safely reopen without vaccinating teachers

Berkeley Lovelace [Jr. @BerkeleyJr](#)

Teachers do not need to get vaccinated against Covid-19 before schools can safely reopen, the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday.

"There is increasing data to suggest that schools can safely reopen and that safe reopening does not suggest that teachers need to be vaccinated," CDC Director Rochelle Walensky told reporters during a White House press briefing on Covid-19.

"Vaccinations of teachers is not a prerequisite for safely reopening schools," she added.

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to put "frontline essential workers," which include teachers, next in line to receive a Covid-19 vaccine after first prioritizing health-care workers

and long-term care facility residents. However, it may take a while for most teachers to get their shots as U.S. officials work to pick up the pace of vaccinations.

Still, school systems across the U.S. have been under pressure to reopen after shifting to remote learning last year due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has infected more than 26.4 million Americans and killed at least 447,077 in a little over a year.

Some parents have been forced to stay at home to watch their children instead of going to work. Meanwhile, teachers and other faculty have expressed concerns about returning to school, potentially put their health at risk.

A study from the CDC published late last month found little evidence of the virus spreading at schools in the U.S. and abroad when precautions were taken, such as wearing masks, social distancing and ventilating rooms.

The Biden administration has released a Covid rescue plan that includes providing schools and universities \$170 billion to reopen. The money would be used in part to scale up testing. The administration has said testing is a "critical" strategy for controlling the spread of the virus, but added tests are still not widely available, and the U.S. is still not using the ones it has effectively.

Walensky has previously said that schools should be the first to open and the last to close in the pandemic.

Jeff Zients, President Joe Biden's Covid-19 czar, said Wednesday that Biden has been "very clear" that he wants schools to "reopen and to stay open."

"That means every school has the equipment and the resources to open safely," he said during the press briefing, urging Congress to "do its part" by passing Biden's Covid rescue plan. "Not just private schools or schools in wealthy areas but all schools."

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Sat, 6 Feb 2021 21:53:28 +0000
To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD); Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: Updated K-12 Operational Strategy

Henry,

Do you think I could get more details about the studies in this paragraph, please:

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Thank you – I know this is a lot this weekend...

R

From: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) <acs1@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: Updated K-12 Operational Strategy

Latest.

Team working on the two pager.

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Sent: Sun, 21 Feb 2021 19:04:48 +0000
To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI); Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Subject: RE: WH press briefing script

Great – that reads better, thank you Henry.
R

From: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>; Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: WH press briefing script

Revised last paragraph

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From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 10:04 AM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI) <hfw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: WH press briefing script

Please let me know how we amend the last paragraph of the discussion or

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Thank you!
R

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: WH press briefing script

Updated script. I left in my responses to your comments as well. Attached is the latest version of the MMWR. This version of the MMWR does not yet include the changes related to (b)(5) just reviewed those edits from the response so next version of the MMWR should have those revisions.

Will send you another version of the script tomorrow afternoon with updated, confirmed numbers and we can tweak any final text at that time.

Chris

From: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: WH press briefing script

Hi Chris

Thanks for the early work. Some minor edits within... can you please send me the full MMWR on GA – I want to have the details.

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thanks,
R

From: Jones, Christopher M. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <FJR0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) <aux7@cdc.gov>
Cc: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Subject: WH press briefing script

Hi Rochelle,

Here is a first draft for your review. Although we will not have updated data until tomorrow afternoon, wanted to get your initial thoughts sooner rather than later.

Look forward to your feedback.

Chris

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From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 14:46:44 +0000
To: Katsoyannis, Miranda (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Subject: RE: Who do voters trust on school reopenings? Parents and local officials.

Thanks for flagging, Randy.

From: Katsoyannis, Miranda (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <mtk7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:46 AM
To: CDC Washington All Staff <WashingtonAllStaff@cdc.gov>; Guerra, Marielena (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <qty2@cdc.gov>; Kennedy, Shanika (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <qvf7@cdc.gov>; Khoo, Kimberly (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <qty3@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: Who do voters trust on school reopenings? Parents and local officials.

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From: POLITICO Pro Education <alert@email.politicopro.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 6:01 AM
To: Katsoyannis, Miranda (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <mtk7@cdc.gov>
Subject: Who do voters trust on school reopenings? Parents and local officials.

Who do voters trust on school reopenings? Parents and local officials.

By Juan Perez Jr.

02/17/2021 06:00 AM EST

Two-thirds of American voters say they trust parents the most when it comes to deciding whether or not to reopen schools during the Covid-19 pandemic this fall, according to a POLITICO/Morning Consult poll. Voters also highly value the opinions of local school officials and local teachers unions.

They are, however, split along party lines when it comes to trusting President Joe Biden's leadership on school reopenings. About 52 percent of registered voters said they trust Biden's decisions on bringing students back to in-person learning, with 86 percent of Democrats saying they trust the president on school reopening. But Biden's support collapses among Republican voters: A whopping 76 percent of GOP supporters said they don't trust Biden on school reopenings.

A fierce debate intensified last week after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued [new guidelines on resuming face-to-face classes](#) at elementary and high schools. The push to resume face-to-face learning is laying bare the thorny [balancing act between science and politics](#),

and giving Republicans the sense they can weaponize the controversy to [turn frustrated parents against Biden and Democratic incumbents](#).

The latest polling, though, seems to reinforce the old adage that ‘all politics are local.’

The details: Sixty-six percent of voters said they have at least some trust in parent school reopening decisions, according to the online survey of close to 2,000 registered voters, while 24 percent said they don’t trust parents’ calls. Fifty-nine percent of voters said they trust school administrators, while 54 percent said they trust decisions from local school boards and teachers unions.

Sixty-eight percent of Democrats said they trust local teachers unions, compared with 41 percent of Republicans.

Mixed feelings on teacher vaccines: Overall, 35 percent of surveyed voters said states should prioritize teachers for vaccines so schools can reopen. Forty-eight percent, however, said older and at-risk Americans should get priority over teachers.

Still, 55 percent of voters suggested states should wait to reopen schools until teachers get the vaccine. Roughly a third of voters said states should instead reopen schools as soon as possible, even if teachers aren’t vaccinated.

Majorities of Democrats (74 percent) and independents (54 percent) said they wanted school reopenings to come after teacher vaccinations, while 55 percent of Republicans said states should reopen schools as soon as possible.

Other chatter: Fifty-seven percent of voters said it’s a good idea to reopen K-12 schools in the fall, while 51 percent said it was a good idea to open day care centers. When it comes to colleges and universities, 55 percent of voters said a fall return to campus was a good idea.

Close to half of voters now say virtual classes have been somewhat or very ineffective for students. Only 10 percent of polled voters said online instruction has been “very effective,” while another 32 percent said computerized courses have been “somewhat effective.”

The poll was conducted from February 12-15, and has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

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From: Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:32:21 +0000
To: Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO)
Subject: RE:

Thanks for flagging this. I got it to RW and it did come up on the call.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tourk, Nancy R. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <wxk8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:40 PM
To: Brand, Anstice M. (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <atb6@cdc.gov>; Reczek, Jeffrey (CDC/OD/CDCWO) <msq5@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW:

Hi- quick note from Sen. Brown's Health LA- just a heads up. See below

Sorry for the late add

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TB and NIOSH still his top two priorities

Sent from my iPhone

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 15:42:35 +0000
To: Walke, Henry (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DPEI); Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD)
Subject: See below - few edits to document

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From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: Sun, 7 Feb 2021 12:54:26 +0000
To: Kerry M. Caudwell (CDC/OD/OCS) (cli9@cdc.gov)
Cc: Brown, Tiffany J. (CDC/OCOO/OSSAM)
Subject: Send tomorrow, thanks

To: wsh0@cdc.gov

Dear Nina,

Thank you for your email.

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CDC is working hand-in-hand and providing guidance, resources, and tools to our state and local partners to support community-wide prevention.

Sincerely,
Dr. Walensky

From: msq5@cdc.gov
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:32:08 +0000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 18, 2021

CONTACT: Press Office
(202) 226-4972

E&C GOP Leaders to CDC Director: Parents Need Certainty. You Have an Obligation to Our Children to Follow the ‘Science and Truth.’

Washington, DC— Today, House Energy and Commerce Republican Leader Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), Republican Subcommittee Leader on Oversight and Investigations Morgan Griffith (R-VA), and Republican Subcommittee Leader on Health Brett Guthrie (R-KY) sent [this letter](#) to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Rochelle P. Walensky.

In a call today with Director Walensky, Leader Rodgers expressed disappointment in the contradictory messages and shifting timelines for reopening schools coming from the Biden administration. **She asked for Director Walensky to give more certainty to parents and work to get kids back in classrooms as soon as possible.**

Griffith and Guthrie joined Rodgers in this letter urging the Biden administration to give certainty to parents and provide more information on how they prepared the CDC guidance for the Operational Strategy for Reopening Schools. **The call for more transparency on the Biden administration’s decision-making process comes after reports that updated CDC guidance may lead to more school closures than openings.** This is disappointing because school closures are having devastating effects on America’s children. It is time the Biden administration standup to teachers unions and say enough is enough. We need to prioritize children, not political interests.

The Biden Administration has until March 5, 2021, to respond to the letter with answers on what data, studies, and individuals were consulted to develop the CDC’s updated guidance.

In the letter, these senior members of the Energy and Commerce Committee write:

*“The shifting positions and contradictory statements from the Biden administration concern us because parents need certainty. **We are also concerned that politics may be overtaking science in the Biden administration, which is leading to unnecessary, prolonged school closures.** President Biden has repeatedly pledged that ‘science and truth’ would be guiding principles to his administration, but your updated guidance seems to abandon those principles. As the Director of the CDC, you have an obligation to our Nation’s children to follow the ‘science and truth.’”*

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full letter.

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