

# AOE COVID-19 Response

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# Agenda

- Recap of Education-related COVID-19 operations to date
- Situation Update

# AOE COVID-19 Response Phases

- Phase I (March –June) –Emergency
- Phase II (June –September) –Reopening
- Phase III (September -?) -Continuous COVID-19 Operations
- Phase IV (? -?) -Recovery

# General Areas of Response

- Supporting Learning (Continuity of Learning)
- Communications and Guidance
- Participation in Statewide Response (SEOC / HOC)
- Child Nutrition and School Food Service
- Federal Relief Funds and School Finance Guidance

# AOE Response Activities

- Guidance to Vermont Schools
- Continuity of Learning
- Logistic and Resource Support for Schools
- Planning for Reopening
- Surveillance Testing

# Timeline

- Activated as part of SOV pandemic response (end Feb – early March)
- AOE part of Incident Command framework (SEOC) since activation
- Governor Orders Orderly Closure of Schools
- Maintenance of Learning
- Continuity of Learning

# Timeline (cont.)

- Planning for Reopening >> Health Guidance
- Resource Missions
- Schools Open (September 8, 2020) at Phase II
- Schools go to Phase III (September 26, 2020)
- Educator Surveillance Testing Begins (mid-November)

# Resource Missions

- 3 distributions
- Phase I (July 2020)
  - KN95 masks
- Phase II (Aug./Sept. 2020)
  - PPE Kits for School Nurses and COVID-19 Coordinators
  - Cloth Face Coverings (Adult-Size)
  - Hand Sanitizer
  - Mask Campaign Posters

# Resource Missions (cont.)

- Phase III
  - Child (youth) size cloth face coverings for students
  - Adult size cloth face coverings for students
  - Adult size cloth face coverings for school staff
- AOE continues to monitor school needs to inform potential future resource missions.

# Staff Surveillance Testing

- Health Department, AOE, DPS, National Guard, and individual school districts
- Timeline
  - Initial test round week of Nov. 16, 2020
  - Follow up test rounds (25% SU/SDs per week), week of Nov. 30, 2020
- All school staff and contractors eligible
- Testing is voluntary

# Staff Surveillance Testing (cont.)

- Test Results
  - Test positivity rate under 0.3% each week
- Between 30-46% of eligible staff tested weekly.
- Some districts testing up to 75% of their staff.