A CONVERSATION WITH THE CDC ON SCHOOL, HOMELESSNESS, AND COVID-19

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Presenters

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- **Emily Mosites**, Senior Advisor on Health and Homelessness, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Erin Patterson**, Director of Education Initiatives, SchoolHouse Connection
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Pre-Submitted Questions (1)

- What can a school-staff member do when they find other school staff not wearing a mask within the building? (People seem to think if they are alone in a room or 6 feet away from other staff that they do not need to be masked.)
- Parents seemed to be more concerned with getting students back to school versus how to be safe. Are there any media campaigns to share with actual facts and maybe statistics?
- If schools go back to in-person lessons full time, what legal protections do families have to force the school to allow their students to stay virtual if there is a medical need (of the student, or of a vulnerable family member in the home)?
Pre-Submitted Questions (2)

- We have students who are in multigenerational housing living with grandparents, even great-parents. Our school is open for in-person learning. The students are experiencing high amounts of anxiety that they could bring COVID home and thereby harm their older family members. Do you have any suggestions beyond wearing a mask indoors, which may be unlikely, and practicing good hand washing? Thanks.
- When will McKinney-Vento students get the vaccine? Can they get higher priority on the list when vaccine is available?
Pre-Submitted Questions (3)

- What strategies are being considered to reach and/or inform non-English speaking families of available resources and emergency procedures?
- I have read some articles that suggest wearing a mask and social distancing should continue after receiving the Covid-19 vaccine. If school staff and students begin receiving the vaccination, how long will staff and students be required to wear masks and social distance in school buildings?
- McKinney-Vento students move frequently due to no fault of their own – there are no shelters and they are at the mercy of other people. How do CDC guidelines for schools account for these families and youth? For example, ideas like cohorts, pods, etc assume that children are staying in the same place.
- Can we please ensure educators get the COVID 19 vaccine prior to reopening?
Discussion: Schooling, Homelessness, and McKinney-Vento

- COVID-19 testing
- Vaccine distribution and requirements
- School safety
- Distance learning
- Other areas of concern
Resources on the CDC website

CDC's full suite of materials and resources for K-12 settings:

Guidance for Large or Extended Families Living in the Same Home

Resources for stress, coping, and talking with children

Resources in other languages:
https://wwwn.cdc.gov/pubs/other-languages/?Sort=Lang%3A%3Aasc
Resources on the CDC website

Resources for COVID-19 and Homelessness:

COVID-19 Vaccination General Information:
https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html

COVID-19 Vaccination among People Experiencing Homelessness FAQs:

Guidance for health departments conducting vaccine distribution among people experiencing homelessness:
Coming soon
SHC Resources

Identifying Students Experiencing Homelessness During School Building Closures

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