

COVID- 19 Planning and Preparedness

School Superintendent

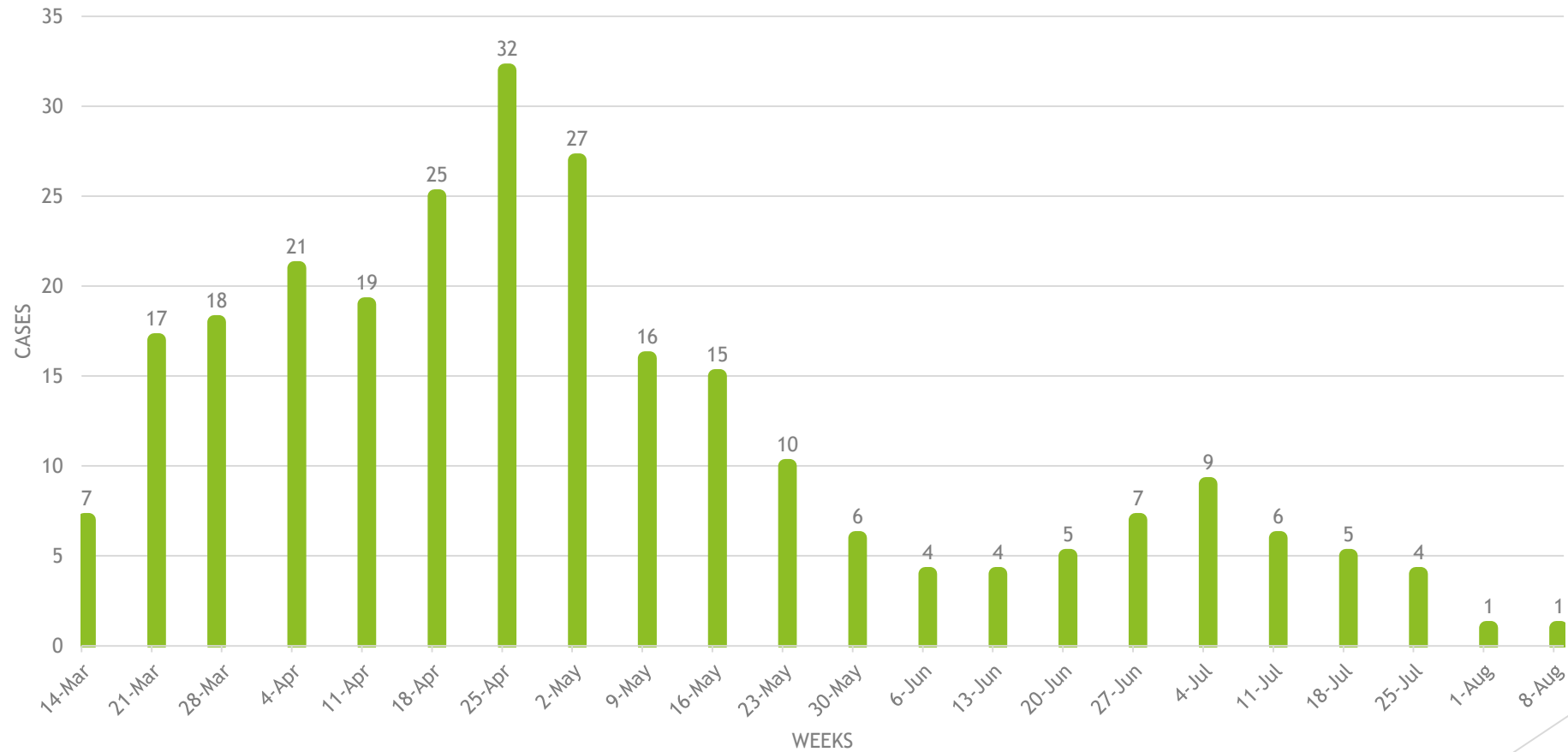
August 12, 2020

Reopen School Meeting

Presentation Outline

- ▶ EHHD Update
- ▶ CSDE Addendum 4
- ▶ CSDE Addendum 5
- ▶ Scenarios not covered by Addendum 5
 - ▶ Confirmed case response
 - ▶ Family member confirmed case response
 - ▶ COVID Like Illness response
- ▶ Next steps

EHHD Confirmed and Probable Weekly Case Totals



EHHD
Eastern Highlands Health District

Latest Data

- ▶ Incidence rates (8/3/20)
 - ▶ Connecticut - 2.0/100000 pop
 - ▶ Tolland County - 1.5/100000 pop
 - ▶ Windham County - 2.9/100000 pop

CSDE Addendum 4

- ▶ Leading and Secondary Indicators (State & County)
 - ▶ 7 day rolling average of new cases/100,000
 - ▶ Incidence rate
 - ▶ Percent Positivity Rate
 - ▶ New hospitalizations per 100,000
 - ▶ COVID-Like Illness (CLI) Syndromic Surveillance
 - ▶ Weekly report released Thursday/Friday - multiple platforms
- ▶ Town level data poor indicator of community spread

CSDE Addendum 4

- ▶ EHHD weekly report
 - ▶ Weekly EHHD case count trends
 - ▶ Report on town level data (weighted accordingly)
 - ▶ Community level contact tracing activity
 - ▶ Subject to format changes
- ▶ Weekly nurses report
- ▶ Holistic approach to reviewing metrics and other information
 - ▶ Physical and operational ability of school
- ▶ UConn Effect
 - ▶ Fall Semester Reopen Plan

CSDE Addendum 5

▶ Scenarios

▶ Items not covered in these scenario's

- ▶ Family member - confirmed case
- ▶ School affiliated - confirmed case
- ▶ School affiliated - COVID Like Illness - notification?

Family Member - Confirmed Case - Response

- ▶ *EHHD Reported* - Once confirmed, EHHD will notify school same day
- ▶ *School Community Reported* - Same day notification to EHHD for confirmation
- ▶ EHHD will provide information to school needed to assure 14 exclusion from school setting
- ▶ No additional public health response actions recommended
- ▶ Notifications?

Response Protocols - Confirmed Case

- ▶ School Community Reported - Same day notification to EHHD for confirmation
- ▶ EHHD Reported - Once confirmed school affiliated, same day notification to school liaison
 - ▶ Same day meeting between EHHD & school officials
 - ▶ Review of baseline information for preliminary assessment
 - ▶ EHHD determination of additional information needed from school to initiate case contact investigation
 - ▶ Preliminary assessment to inform decision on school dismissal
 - ▶ Subject to guidance from DPH
 - ▶ Messaging/notifications to stakeholders, and school community
 - ▶ Other items as needed

Case Contact Investigation Components

- ▶ EHHD to conduct individual interviews as needed, e.g. case, parent, and/or staff
- ▶ Exposure risk assessment conducted by EHHD to identify all close contacts
- ▶ School setting close contacts notified by EHHD or school district, pending number and type of close contacts identified
 - ▶ Guidance provided, testing encouraged
- ▶ EHHD to notify community setting close contacts
- ▶ Case and close contacts encouraged by EHHD/DPH to participate in daily health check program
- ▶ EHHD investigation final report out to school
 - ▶ Information school needs to assure 10 or 14 day exclusions
- ▶ *Lines of communication to remain open throughout investigation, and pandemic...This is an transmission risk mitigation partnership!*

COVID Like Illness Response

- ▶ Addendum 5 - Persons with COVID Symptoms (staff or student)
 - ▶ Infection Control related responses provided in Addendum 5
 - ▶ Notify school community?
 - ▶ Pros
 - ▶ Transparency
 - ▶ Informed school community
 - ▶ Cons
 - ▶ Subsequent requests for additional controls/information - not necessarily forth coming
 - ▶ Relative increase frequency of notices - alarm/anxiety
 - ▶ Most CLI not COVID-19 (based on current data)
 - ▶ School decision - pit falls on both sides of issue
 - ▶ Weekly school nurse report to EHHD

Next Steps

- ▶ Send COVID-19 school liaison contact information to MBrosseau@ehhd.org .
- ▶ Make note - EHHD contacts for *School Community Reported* confirmed cases:
 - ▶ Rob Miller **860-209-8990**
 - ▶ Cecile Serazo **860-208-9943**
- ▶ School nurses & medical advisor meeting schedule for 8/21/20
- ▶ DPH/CSDE Weekly Health & Safety Webinars - Tuesday 8AM
- ▶ Weekly EHHD/School District meeting?
- ▶ Other items?
- ▶ Additional Questions?

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