

Grays Harbor Public Health & School Districts Community Meeting  
Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
11AM-11:30AM

1. GH Public Health Update

- a) Latest guidance clarification – Doh was given input on areas where some of the guidance was still unclear, and they are expected to release updates, including the flowchart by March 11
  - Masks – Reminder: on March 12, indoor mask mandate will be lifted, and masks will not be required regardless of vaccination status; there is some unclear language in the guidance on masks being “strongly recommended” on Day 6-10 and DOH will be providing further updates and clarification on that.
  - At-home tests: Guidance does require schools to accept at-home tests; this might be a good time for schools to build trust with their families and there will always be risk involved, but this aspect of the guidance about verifying home tests is best left up to each individual school.
  - Symptomatic students: the guidance states that symptomatic students must refer to the isolation protocol, but this should be further clarified once the flowchart is published online.
- b) Notifying Immunocompromised/high risk individuals – Christopher will be working with school nurses directly in determining how best to gather this information

2. Discussion/Q&A with county staff

- a) Where will the flowchart be published?
  - It should be published on the DOH website under the *Schools and Childcare* section here: [Resources and Recommendations | Washington State Department of Health](#)
- b) No press release is expected to come from Grays Harbor or Dr. Bausher
- c) As Grays Harbor will be following the State guidance, we are not planning on releasing a separate county chart. We will be following the state flowchart.
- d) Amy Amegatcher reported that demand for testing has gone down dramatically. However, schools should take caution and if they are anticipating the need for testing to increase, i.e., spring break, graduation, prom, etc., they should plan early to receive their allocations so that they can send test kits home with students and their families.