



Innovative Public Health Response Plan

SEL

WHERE WE ARE: COVID-19 continues to have a presence in our community, which directly impacts in-person learning and school operations. MNPS health staffing is based on the historical issues health school districts have faced and not the public health implications of a pandemic.

WHERE WE ARE GOING (School Year 21-22): We will enhance and refine the district's COVID-19 planning and expertise through a partnership with the Metro Nashville Health Department. Specifically, they will advise and provide staffing for the district on:

- a) public health protocols
- b) testing protocols
- c) vaccination protocols
- d) public health decisions
- e) communicating the needs of the students and staff to public health officials
- f) reviewing emerging science and research

MEASURABLE GOALS:

- Increase school nurse coverage in schools.
- Develop and implement a COVID-19 vaccination protocol with willing students following federal approval.
- Develop and implement a COVID-19 booster vaccination protocol with willing staff following federal approval.

AT A GLANCE

- **Challenges:** COVID-19 introduces new public health scenarios school districts have not historically faced.
- **Opportunities:** MNPS has strong partnerships with leading public health experts.
- **Outcomes:** MNPS will use these partnerships to improve the public health response to COVID-19.
- **Partnerships:** Meharry Medical College, Vanderbilt University, and the Metro Nashville Public Health Department.

INITIATIVE LEADS:

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