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Agenda
Cambridge COVID-19 Expert Advisory Panel
2 pm, Tuesday June 16th, 2020

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1. City council testimony that proportion of people wearing masks is going down in Cambridge.
2. Plan to reopen tot lots, playgrounds, basketball courts. Need more ambassadors in those areas who can wear and donate masks and more importantly describe how mask-wearing might prevent second wave and reclosure.
3. Educate seniors in community living: testing is no longer uncomfortable, high quality masks (available from Skendarian) reduces viral particles that are breathed in.
4. School reopening plans.

Daycare Guidelines (describes simply recommendations for self-attestation of being symptom-free) Boston Globe 6.16.20:

The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care has decided to encourage — but not mandate — the use of masks for children older than 2 and to eliminate a requirement that every child undergo a temperature check at the entrance before participating. Staff would still need to wear a mask whenever 6 feet of distancing is not possible.

The department also dropped one of the most controversial and costly requirements it had built into the new regulations: requiring an extra teacher in every preschool room.

revised regulations return the requirement to just one teacher for every 10 preschoolers revised regulations do away with the total capacity limit, while still requesting that adults should not move between cohorts of children and should be dedicated to certain groups. However, they acknowledge that “programs can establish their own staffing patterns based on their own unique needs

Parents will still need to attest to their child’s health each day, answering whether the child has had a fever, chills, a cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, headache, or other symptoms of coronavirus, including a loss of smell or taste and muscle aches. And they’ll need to say if the child has been in close contact with someone infected within the past 14 days. (Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet, for more than 10 minutes, with someone who has tested positive, while that person was symptomatic.)

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