



Cambridge
Public Health
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Agenda
Cambridge COVID-19 Expert Advisory Panel
1 pm, Thursday July 16th, 2020

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1. Contact vs. aerosol transmission
Relevant to:
MA DPW lift of ban on plastic bags
Suggested need to close schools for 72 hours for deep cleaning
Update about indoor mask recommendation for aerosol protection
2. Testing of staff and students in schools as means to prevent outbreak
Consider surveillance test at the school prior to admission to the building (cheap rapid antigen test). For those with symptoms or positive antigen test, need qPCR test before return is allowed.
3. The Lander challenge:
When Sam asked about trigger points for changes in statewide protective measures, Lander replied: "No trigger points have been set, and the state is thinking about how to expand testing. If Cambridge can set trigger points by the end of July, it would have a major impact" (presumably on informing state).
What should the trigger points be based on and what should they be?
What should be restricted upon trigger point threshold (simply reversal of MA phase 3?)
Note: Somerville already delaying phase 3 "until at least July 20" so comparing positivity rates there and here should prove useful.
4. Update about Massachusetts community corps recruitment.

