Innovative Public Health Response Plan with Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University

WHERE WE ARE: COVID-19 is spreading throughout the 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 (March – Ongoing): We will enhance and refine the district’s COVID-19 planning and expertise through a partnership with Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University. Specifically, they will advise 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:

• Develop and implement a COVID-19 testing protocol.
• Develop and implement a COVID-19 vaccination protocol with willing staff.
• Develop and implement a plan to mitigate in-school transmission of COVID-19.

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.

COVID-19 Risk Score

INITIATIVE LEADS:

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