

REMEMBER
WHY YOU
STARTED

Deep Breaths

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Friday, January 29th, 2021

Friday Recap

Darcy

Discussed and opened the call with.

- Deep breaths...
- We are living in a difficult time and we know that you are all feeling a mix of emotions related to vaccine distribution. We will get through this together.

Kevin

Discussed vaccinations and reactogenicity . . .

- Districts should be aware of reactogenicity, or the expected adverse effects of the vaccine.
- We anticipate IDPH will be releasing guidance to assist districts in distinguishing between expected adverse effects and symptoms of COVID-19.
- It is important to remember that being vaccinated does not result in 100% immunity.

Cassie

Discussed time out and restraint . . .

- New regulations went into effect last spring with changes to training, policies, and reporting requirements.
- These restrictive interventions should only be used when the student's behavior presents an imminent danger of serious physical harm to self and others and other less restrictive interventions have been tried and proven ineffective.
- Consider whether additional PPE may be necessary to protect students and staff in the event these interventions are required.

Shane

Discussed current trends and important considerations . . .

- There are many articles and videos recently published that demonstrate the difficult position schools are currently in.
- In the ongoing discussion of whether the COVID-19 vaccine can be mandated, it is important to remember that "Can we do it?" and "Should we do it?" are two different questions.
- If districts want the option to RIF ESPs, districts must post the Sequence of Honorable Dismissal list by February 1.

Elizabeth

Discussed updates on Illinois sports and and EO on transgender student rights. . .

- IHSA has approved a sports schedule for the remainder of the year and winter sports are able to begin practicing.
- Tiers, phases, and risk of the sport all impact when and who teams can play.
- President Biden signed an Executive Order clarifying an inclusive position on transgender student rights.

Darcy

Discussed trends in vaccinations. . .

- While Illinois seems to be ahead of other states with respect to the percentage of individuals who have received two doses of the vaccine, we are behind in the percentage of individuals who have received one dose.
- Illinois' supply trend is looking really good.
- The CDC may be looking at revising social distancing recommendations.

See you next week.
On Friday, Feb, 5th.
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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