



# COVID & SCHOOLS

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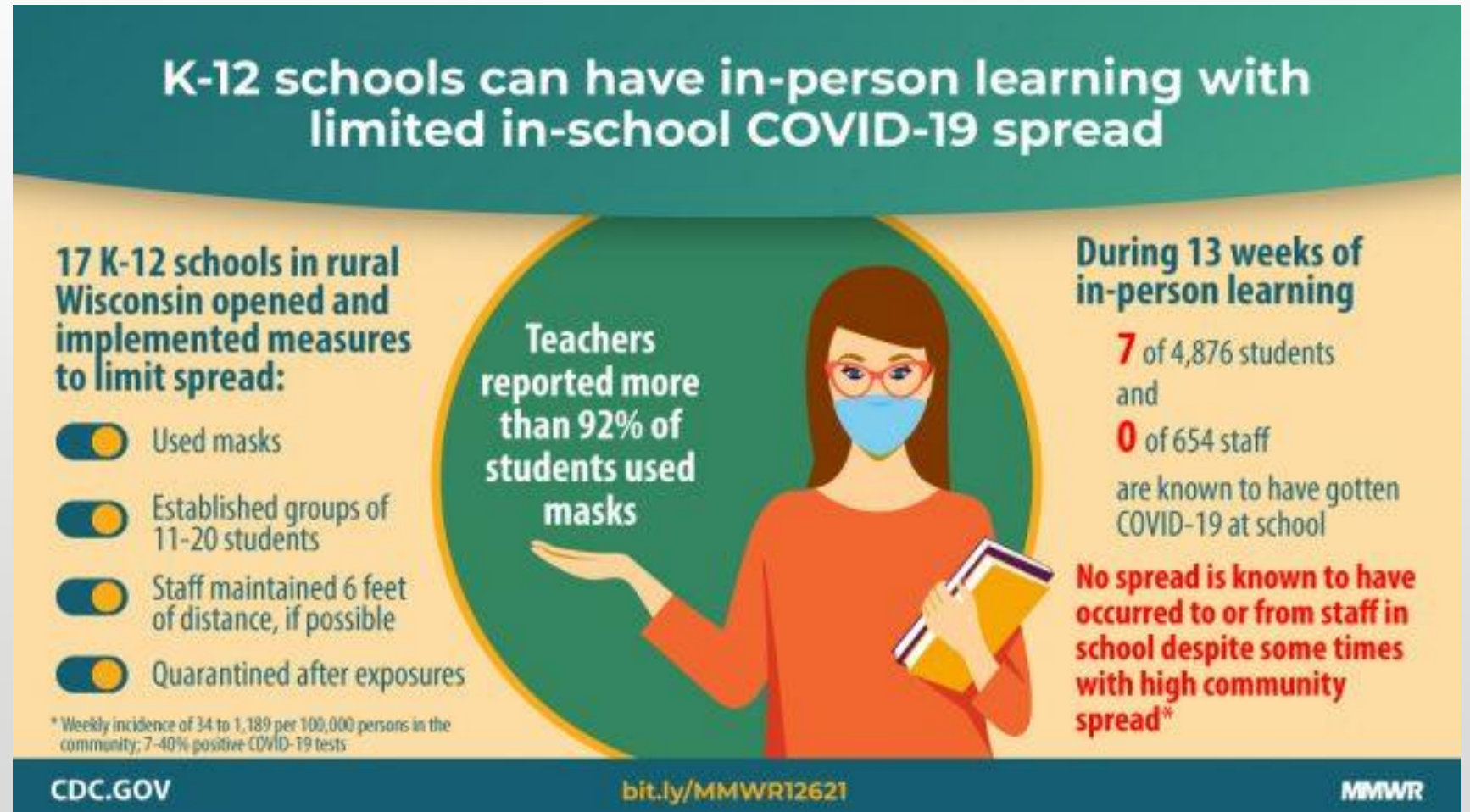
# COVID & SCHOOLS

- **Transmission of COVID in schools**
- **Safety Measures that work**
- **COVID Vaccine**



# COVID Transmission in Schools: What We Know

- New Study Data (early release on Jan 26, 2021)
  - 17 rural schools in very High Risk counties in Wisconsin
  - **% Positive was 7-40%**
  - Observed from August to November in 2020



# COVID Transmission in Schools: CDC

*“With masking requirements and student cohorting, transmission risk within schools appeared low, suggesting that schools might be able to safely open with appropriate mitigation efforts in place” – CDC, January 26, 2021*

# Safety Measures that Work

## 2 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS

- **Wear a mask *over the nose and mouth***
  - ***Never a face shield alone without a mask***
- **Stay 6 feet apart as much as possible**
  - ***When not possible – that mask becomes even more important***

# Safety Measures that Work



# Safety Measures that Work (cont.)

## Additional Measures:

- Screening for symptoms
- Preventive Testing
- Increasing Ventilation (windows open)
- Cohorting
- Disinfecting spaces



# About Preventive Testing

- Why would we test if someone is not having symptoms?

59% of transmission happens when someone is NOT having symptoms

*We are not going to get over this pandemic if we're only testing people with symptoms.*

*In order to stop the spread of the virus that causes COVID, we have to identify and isolate as many people as we can who have the virus. In order to do this we must test people who don't have symptoms.*



# COVID Vaccines

- **The Makah Tribe is offering COVID vaccines to all Cape Flattery School District Employees**
- **Must be a registered patient at STIHC before making the appointment**
- **Non Resident may access the Reservation for a vaccine appointment without a COVID test (can only get the vaccine, no visiting or other business)**

# COVID Vaccines (cont.)

- **2 doses 28 days apart**
  - Protection starts 2 weeks after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose
  - Expected side effects: soreness at the site of the injection, aches/chills, “flu-like” body ache
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is the exact same as the first dose, reportedly the expected side effects may be stronger
- **Zero significant adverse reactions**
  - Between December 21, 2020 and January 10, 2021, monitoring by the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System detected ten cases of anaphylaxis after administration of a reported 4,041,396 first doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in the US.

# COVID Vaccines (cont)

- What does the vaccine do?
  - Prevents the person who was vaccinated from death or serious illness
  - It does not prevent infection or transmission of the virus to others

*BOTTOM LINES:*

**The Vaccine is Death & Disease Prevention, not  
Transmission Prevention**

**The vaccine only protects the person who got  
vaccinated – it does not protect anyone else\*.**

\*that we know yet

## COVID Vaccines (cont)

**This is why when you get a vaccine you still have to wear masks, socially distance and get tested.**

***Someone who has had the vaccine can still get the virus and can still spread it to others.***

Questions?

