

VCHIP VDH COVID-19 Q&A Chat DATE

Two-Year Anniversary of Calls

C: Thank you Wendy & Breena for 229 very helpful calls!

C: I brag to everyone I know about how lucky I am to work in VT and you guys/these calls are a huge part of it!

C: These calls are a lifeline. So wonderful

C: There is just no other state full of children's medical providers that can match this one! Congratulations all, and thank you to Wendy and Breena!

C: So agree! These calls have been such a gift! I feel connected to colleagues in a way I had not done in the previous years!

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C: Thank you so much to Wendy, Breena and the entire VCHIP team for keeping us informed and SANE during the last 24 months! We appreciate this call and how lucky we are to have such dedicated people who truly care for the children and families in our great state.

C: Thank you. I'm very grateful to all of you.

C: I would also echo how wonderful it has been to be a part of this team. Listening to other states talk, Vermont is so far ahead of other states! We have great communication, good partners and we work together. You are all AMAZING!

C: We appreciate all of our partnerships who have supported school nurses! Thank you all!

C: I just missed the email address to provide feedback. Does anyone have that so I can write it down?

C: vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu

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C: thanks!

C: No words adequate to express my gratitude for these calls and all who contribute to them. So proud to be a participant in such a wonderful program.

Updated Immunization Registry

Q: Does anyone have any idea how we can work to get the immunization registry updated with Covid vaccines? We have a significant number of students whose registry profiles are incorrect in terms of Covid vaccines

A: Monica Ogelby, Vermont Department of Health: Please reach out to the immunization registry team at AHS.VDHIMR@vermont.gov

A: Thank you

A: Merideth Plumpton, RN, Vermont Department of Health: You can contact the IMR directly at IMR@Vermont.gov with any issues regarding COVID vaccine data.

Confident Care for Kids

Q: Does anyone know if the Confident Care for Kids or Empower programs have worked with providers to implement the initiatives at school-based vaccine clinics?

A: Monica Ogelby, Vermont Department of Health: I believe Jamie Rainville at VFN was exploring evaluation of those initiatives.

A: Thanks Monica. Very helpful

A: Confident Care for Kids has not worked with providers around school-based clinics. We did offer a training for mass vax sites back in November, other than that it has been for pediatric or family care practice.s



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Sample School Illness Policy for Possible COVID-19 Illness (March, 2022)

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https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/SchoolSicknessPolicy_FINAL_March2022.pdf

C: This is amazing! THANK YOU! It has made a huge difference for us to have written recommendations for our school leaders!

C: Ilisa Stalberg, Vermont Department of Health: Molly McClintock and Katy Leffel are also working on return to child care sample policy, as well.

C: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP: Not sure if this is further up in the chat but MCH team is working on the return to childcare guidance - stay tuned.

C: Nathaniel Waite, RN, Vermont Department of Health: NEW: Sample School Sickness Policy

https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/SchoolSicknessPolicy_FINAL_March2022.pdf

C: Ilisa Stalberg, Vermont Department of Health: Important to note that the Sample policy is recommended for schools to adopt, but is at the discretion of districts.

Q: Is Day 0 still onset of symptoms rather than date of positive test?

A: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP: YES, onset of symptoms if day 0.

Testing Supplies

Q: Are we going to get supplies of tests for next year as well?

A: Ilisa Stalberg, Vermont Department of Health: We don't yet know.

Boosters for 5-11 year olds

Q: Are children 5-11 y/o going to receive a booster after 5 months?

A: Monica Ogelby, Vermont Department of Health: Boosters not approved for 5-11 yet.

EMS Support

C: I have heard concerns that EMS vax/test clinics are negatively impacting EMS availability for patient transports, one more reason to continue to migrate testing/vax to PCP offices and pharmacies.

C: Monica Ogelby, Vermont Department of Health: (verbally): We will maintain EMS and VT National Guard to support the infrastructure that we shared. Though we will not be standing up mass clinics at the Double Tree of Berlin Mall, they will still be available to help with place-based or work-based or school-based clinics, we'll still be able to support those clinics as needed.

C: Good call. We are seeing EMS crews stretched very thin throughout the state with transport of patients.