

VCHIP VDH COVID-19 Q&A Chat June 8, 2022

Information and Resources from Postpartum Support International for Fathers

<https://www.postpartum.net/get-help/help-for-dads/>

Childcare and Required Quarantine for Close Contact

Q: I just saw a patient who attends Trinity Children's Center in Burlington. The 4 year old continues to have to quarantine at home for EVERY close contact at childcare. Per Trinity, they have to do this because they receive federal funding. But they did do Test for Tots but once that program phased out this childcare returned to quarantining at home for unvaccinated kids and will not allow for testing at home. Is this true? Do they have different rules since they receive federal money?

A: Katy Leffel, RN, Vermont Department of Health: I'm not sure about the federal funding piece in this situation - Early Head Start/Head Start does have federal guidelines d/t their funding. I will find out the answer.

Immunization Program Training

Q: What time on 6/21?

A: Merideth Plumpton, RN, Vermont Department of Health: Our training is 12-12:45 on 6/21.

Family Conversations about Boosters

Agree with Ben, conversations with parents have really changed more to timing of boosters...

Differences between Moderna & Pfizer for 6 Month – 4 Year Olds

Q: Is there any difference in efficacy between Moderna & Pfizer for the 6m-4y? Thanks!

A: Benjamin Lee, MD, UVM Children's Hospital & Larner COM Dept. of Pediatrics: My recollection is that efficacy for Moderna appear to be lower based on top line data that Moderna put out on press release. Data appear lower than what Pfizer had reported. But, Pfizer reported an efficacy up in the 80% range where Moderna was down about the 40 something percent range. I hesitate to draw too many front conclusions yet because a lot of that can have to do with timing of when the cases accrued and definitions that were used. Caveat with Pfizer data is that it was based on their first preliminary interim analysis, their official efficacy results which were only a secondary end point for their study that the primary end point was going to be immunogenicity (can the kids after 3 doses get as high of an antibody level as the compare group). They are only half way through in terms of accruing cases. There is always a chance that this could be a rosier signal than we might end up seeing once they report the final data. Right now, there is a hint of a difference but whether that will hold up over time and how real that is, I hesitate to draw any firm conclusions just yet.

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Insurance Not Covering Boosters for 5-11 Year Olds

We have had some insurances not covering booster for 5-11y.

Ilisa Stalberg, Vermont Department of Health: Are you able to share which insurances? If you don't want to share publicly--you can email me at ilisa.stalberg@vermont.gov.

Vaccine Clinic Offerings

Q: Curious to hear if others are planning for vaccine clinics again? We are still scheduling vax 2 afternoons a week and offering with every visit and am anticipating that that will suffice for younger kids but curious to know what others are planning.

A: Our plan, too.

A: We are planning a "baby COVID" clinic in our parking lot in conjunction with VDH and the Bennington WIC population, open to all children in this age group in the community. We had plans in place in March put on hold so now just revisiting logistics for late June.

A: At CHCB we will be offering.

A: At UVM Peds primary care, we'll be planning some baby Covid clinics. Likely in conjunction with VDH and would be open to all.

A: All 3 TLP offices will be offering vaccines for the youngest patients at visits and at COVID vaccine clinics.

A: We're offering at every visit.

Doses for 3+ Year Olds at Kinney and Walmart Pharmacies

Q: Are pharmacies planning to get any doses for 3+ year olds?

A: Monica Ogelby, Vermont Department of Health: Pharmacies have been allocated 1 million doses, but so far Kinney and Walmart are the only two planning to vaccinate this age group.

A: Merideth Plumpton, RN, Vermont Department of Health: Yes, some pharmacies will be offering 3+ vaccine. I will see if I can get the pharmacies names

Vaccine Orders

Monica Ogelby, Vermont Department of Health: Merideth and I are signing off to go dig through all your wonderful orders and get your practices and patients squared away - reach out if you have any questions!

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