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March 20, 2020
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Objectives

- Situation update
  - Surveillance
  - Payment policies: BCBS, Vermont Medicaid

- Sharing practice strategies
  - American Academy of Pediatrics e-mail 3/19/20 and link to guidance re: well child, sick care and immunizations
  - North Country Pediatrics (Newport)

- Question and answer
  - Follow up open questions from 3/19/20
  - New Questions
Situation Update

- Laboratory testing: VDH lab running approximately 100 samples/day (clinical prioritization: symptomatic HCWs, hosp. pts., LTC residents, incarcerated individuals, “other high-priority groups”).

- Current COVID activity in Vermont:

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- Testing updates

- Continue submission by calling VDH ID/Epi (802-863-7240) to coordinate infec. control/submission/form completion. (UVM CH/MC: internal system)
Situation Update (cont’d.)

Payment policies:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont
  - Temporary/Emergency Policy: Telephone Triage
  - Temporary/Emergency Policy: Preventive Medicine by Telemedicine
  - Telemedicine Payment Policy / Corporate Policy
  - Federal Employee Program (FEP) Interim Measure for telehealth provided by non-Teladoc Providers

- Vermont Medicaid
  - Webinar today (now): provider questions on policy –
  - Vermont Medicaid Payments for Telephonic Services Furnished During the Emergency Response to COVID-19 (3/18/20)
Situation Update (cont’d.)

- Vermont Immunization Program
  - Guidance for Practices Closing Temporarily
- WIC: working w/stores to assure authorized formula availability (beware of social media posts promoting homemade infant formula/dilution)
- Child care provider update
- DCF update
Practice Implementation Strategies

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Questions/Discussion

- Q & A Goal: monitor/respond in real time – record/ disseminate later as needed (and/or revisit next day).

- For additional questions, please e-mail:
  - vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu

- Next call: **Monday, March 23, 12:15-12:45** (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow)

- Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:
  **Tuesday, March 24, 12:15-12:45**

  - Phone: 1-802-552-8456
  - Conference ID: 993815551