

VCHIP CHAMP VDH COVID-19

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**Questions/Discussion**

**C: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP, VDH: The weekly data summary topic is COVID-19 cases among fully vaccinated Vermonters, available at:**

**<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-5-7-2021.pdf>**

**Q: Will there be contact tracing if a child tests positive during the pilot study? Some school districts in the U.S. have abandoned that.**

*A: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP, VDH: Yes.*

**Q: Do we know if children aged 12-15 still need to be observed after vaccination for 15-20 minutes?**

*A: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP, VDH: Yes, same protocols.*

**C: Leigh Gibson: I just stumbled upon the vaccine walk-in list on the VDH site this morning. It is amazing! There are so many opportunities, available at: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>**

*C: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP, VDH: Thank you. Lots of opportunities this weekend and beyond. Thanks for highlighting.*

**Q: Elizabeth Wirth, School Nurse, U-32 School District: At the beginning of the school year, we allowed parents of pre-K and K students to come in for a week or so into the schools, until the little ones got used to the environment. Of course, it might cause issues if it is only one new student. That is in schools though, not day care settings.**

*A: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP, VDH: That's also allowable in childcare. It is just not as explicitly stated. Because each childcare setting is so different in terms of size, volume, entry, and the ability to bring in an adult, if you are a home base family childcare home and you just have one room where the kids are and you already have six kids there, it might not be a good time for parents to visit or to help with that anxiety around the transition of drop off. So, we asked at the time, and we continue to promote the conversation of how that works, that it might be a setting where a childcare provider would request a staggered drop off. So, if there is a child who needs the parental transition, they would need an intentional drop off time to avoid exposure or just unknown exposure. I think that is where our childcare professionals are concerned since it is not their domain to know who is vaccinated and who is not. I hope it continues to be good dialogue between our caregivers and our parents and caregivers.*