

VCHIP CHAMP VDH COVID-19

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Questions/Discussion

Q: If primary care starts vaccinating, will there be prefilled immunizations? If not, we risk lots of waste if ten immunizations are not given. Just a thought. Hate to see the vaccine wasted when many countries lack adequate supplies.

A: Shannon Hogan, DO, UVMCH Pediatric Primary Care: Good point. I work per diem in Connecticut as well and last week we started giving COVID vaccines in clinic to patients and their families, which was awesome, but we had to waste 5 vaccines last Friday, which was heartbreaking.

A: Monica Fiorenza, MD, Timber Lane Pediatrics, South: My understanding is the Pfizer vials have 6-7 doses and need to be used in 6 hours.

A: Shannon Hogan, DO, UVMCH Pediatric Primary Care: Yes, it was Pfizer that we wasted.

Q: It would be so helpful to families if the regulators okayed keeping WIC remotely!

C: Wendy Davis, MD, VCHIP: I agree. We will feed that back to VT WIC, but likely little ability to influence the feds!

C: Alex Bannach, MD, North Country Pediatrics: So wonderful that WIC benefits can be used at the farmer's markets!

C: Melissa Kaufold, RN, UVM Health Network Home Health & Hospice; Family and Children's Program: Would be helpful if removed the requirement for same-day WIC appointments; works well for some, but many others who work or have transportation issues were unable to remain enrolled pre-pandemic.

C: Shannon Hogan, UVMCH Pediatric Primary Care: So awesome that WIC benefits can be used this way!

C: Melissa Kaufold, RN, UVM Health Network Home Health & Hospice; Family and Children's Program: I completely understand how challenging the federal regulations have been!

C: Michelle Shepard, MD, UVMCH Pediatric Primary Care & VCHIP: For any questions about substance use in pregnancy and if/when notifications or reports are made to DCF, please contact me or visit the newly updated DCF Plan of Safe Care website at, <https://dcf.vermont.gov/fsd/partners/POSC>.

C: Wendy Davis, MD, VCHIP: Great info, thank you! We can include this in tonight's email, as well.

C: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP, VDH: Big shout out to Michelle Shepherd who, with her ICON team, reviewed much of this material.

C: Lisa Osbahr, VDH: The fact sheets can also be found at <https://vadic.org>. Search Publications & Resources.

C: Alex Bannach, MD, North Country Pediatrics: Looks great, just shared the link with my MCH nurses leadership, case manager and OBs. Thanks!

C: Lisa Osbahr, VDH: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/family/pregnancy/substance-use-pregnancy-information-providers>

C: Melissa Kaufold, RN, UVM Health Network Home Health & Hospice; Family and Children's Program: Wendy/Chris, could you please include the VADIC link in tonight's email? I am never able to copy/paste from the chat.

C: Wendy Davis, MD, VCHIP: Yes, we will certainly do that.

C: Breana Holmes, MD, VCHIP, VDH: Such a great campaign and so needed. VT data for alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis in pregnancy is NOT good.

Q: Looks great (re One More Conversation information). Is this shared with all the prenatal clinics/offices too?

A: Lisa Osbahr, VDH: I can speak for tobacco that we are working with our grantees to get the word out. I also put in the chat the link to the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Information Clearinghouse, vadac.org where we've added the fact sheets. You can order small print quantities at this time. We do plan on expanding our communication and are also hoping, if funding allows, to continue some of our provider promotions.