

VCHIP CHAMP VDH COVID-19

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Questions/Discussion

Q: It would be great if the kids at school for the LAST day could go mask less at least outside...so it seems more like "normal" to them so that is what they remember for the summer.

A: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP, VDH: The AOE and schools are really clear that they want to finish out the year with the guidance that everyone is masked. It's partly the unvaccinated people among us, as we are heading into a time with no mandates, that people will be unmasked outside. They have decided that it's operationally not their plan to shift. When we hit that magic mark, that 80%, it will be strongly recommended that schools finish out the year with masks.

C: Nathaniel Waite, RN, VDH: Walk-in clinic information here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>

C: Becca (Rebecca) Bell, MD, UVMHC: Here is the link to the press release:

<http://www.aapvt.org/news/aapvt-offers-guidance-families-children-how-navigate-summer-and-stay-healthy-and-active>. I will also share on social media later today. Thanks also to Ben and Bill for looking over the statement and giving their blessing.

C: Christine Finley, APRN, MPH, VDH: Reach out to VDH regarding COVID-18 vaccine program enrollment if you haven't heard from us yet: AHS.VDHimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov

C Christine Finley, APRN, MPH, VDH: Here's the link to an update on the J&J "shelf life" extension: <https://www.jnj.com/johnson-johnson-statement-on-fda-approval-of-shelf-life-extension-for-companys-covid-19-vaccine>

Q: Are Pfizer, Moderna or J&J working on single dose vaccines or small multi-dose vials?

A: Merideth Plumpton, RN, VDH: We have been told that while under an EUA, all three vaccines will stay in the multi-dose vials.

Q: Hearing some concern in our community for "inflammatory response" to COVID-19 vaccine in youth as some kids have shown nasal congestion and cough in days after injection. I suspect URI's or allergies. Anyone else hearing about this? We have also seen lots of URI's but wanted to ask.

A: Becca (Rebecca) Bell, MD, UVMHC: We are seeing so much rhinovirus.

A: Benjamin Lee, MD, UVMHC & Larner COM Dept. of Pediatrics: As Dr. Bell has noted, there is rhinovirus going around. I know multiple people who have had URI (COVID-negative) since Memorial Day.

A: Elizabeth Hunt, MD, Timber Lane Pediatrics: We are seeing both allergies like crazy AND a URI going around.

A: Halle Davis: I've been hearing from several adult friends that are having congestion just in the past couple of weeks.

*Note: This is a paraphrased synopsis of the call and is not a word-for-word transcription.

C: Christine Finley, APRN, MPH, VDH: ACIP has an emergency scheduled meeting on 6/18. Haven't seen the agenda yet, hoping it's Moderna 12+.

Q: More concern today from a few families about myocarditis after 2nd Pfizer vaccine and families wanting to postpone the 2nd dose. I saw in the AAP Daily Brief that next week the CDC ACIP will be meeting to discuss in more detail. Do you know when we should expect an update?