

VCHIP CHAMP VDH COVID-19

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Masks for Unvaccinated People Indoors

Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP: We have already discussed the transition from mandates to personal choice regarding masking. Drs. Lee and Raszka reviewed the AAP-VT statement and agreed that all unvaccinated people should be masked indoors.

Questions/Discussion

Q: Why do they want to remove strongly from masking recs for unvaccinated people?

A: Shannon Hogan, DO, UVM Medical Center, Pediatric Primary Care (Burlington): The problem is that unvaccinated people expose others by not masking so they are making others decision by exposing others and not their own choices.

A: Alex Bannach, MD, North Country Pediatrics: I am still hoping that discussions about masking/unmasked and different rules for un/vaccinated will help me sway some patients/parents to get vaccinated...

A: Breena Holmes, MD, VCHIP: Yes, all in the mix now for us. Looking forward to the vaccine in the fall so as not to have the kids in the unvaccinated category. It will be more interesting when it is just choice and not age.

Q: Just to clarify: For those patients who have already returned to sports on their own, we still need to do complete 14 AHA screening questions, i.e., over phone, before clearing? Thanks.

A: Kristen Connolly: No need to clear students who have already returned to play entirely, those who have returned to play WITHOUT cardiac symptoms.

Q: Do we know what the rate of myocarditis with COVID-19 illness is compared to rate following vaccine?

A: Jonathan Flyer, MD, UVM Medical Center, Pediatric Cardiology: The AAP quoted in the same update that recent literature reported a lower incidence of myocarditis 0.5-3% than earlier in the pandemic so that would be with respect to actual infection. I think what we do not know is the reported incidence following vaccination higher than the background in the general expected in the population. We do not know that yet so more time will tell. It is hard to compare without knowing both numbers.

Q: And we don't generally report myocarditis cases at baseline, right?

C: David Nelson, MD, UVM Medical Center, Pediatrics ED / VHEPC: Please find June's Pediatric Case Review information below on Tuesday, June 15th at 7pm. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048651119?pwd=SWcxL2U2U3J0NU54R0tueHVMZFRFZz09>