

Vermont Department of Health Town Hall on April 9, 2020 with Sharonlee Trefry, MSN, RN, NCSN

Question	Response & Resource Links
<p>Will the Department of Health be able to assist school districts with acquiring Personal Protective Equipment prior to the start of school in the fall? No school supply companies have stock, and don't anticipate having more in stock for at least 4 months. (title 1 for federal/state for next year)</p>	<p>Stay tuned to state and federal \$ (references provided in the slideshow)</p>
<p>Our superintendent has asked our district nurses to order more gloves for our essential workers. We are wondering how to go about doing that? VDH website</p>	<p>That would be HCW or Child Care workers (see below for resource links)</p>
<p>Are any school nurses having "Virtual Office Hours?" How are they doing it? Google Hangouts? Students emailing the nurse? Other platforms?</p>	<p>Great question: we will explore this question during future Town Hall meetings.</p>
<p>I'm curious to hear your thoughts on the continued focus on taking temperatures of people (who will not be in contact with others, will be wearing masks, or have no s/s illness) when this does NOT seem to be an early indication of C19. It seems a poor use of RN resources during this school closure.</p>	<p>Objective measure that lay-public understands</p>
<p>In regards to essential childcare: our after-school staff is in charge of our school's program. What direction can you give for nurses in regards to training/delegation responsibilities (or not)?</p>	<p>Establish a communication system and relationship with AS Progs for reporting spec. health needs to SN. Review FA and any appropriate ID prevention and other safety and emergency procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegation: BON Position Statement
<p>Have there been talks with AOE in regards to the Volunteering? Just wondering what the status is.</p>	<p>4/9/20: in progress. Vermont Emergency Operations Center (Dr. Chen) is working with VT AoE (Dr. French) and VT VDN (Dr. Levine) for guidance to Vermont Superintendents Association (J. Francis) and VT-NEA (J. Fannon). VSSNA is engaged with VSA and VT-NEA to outline goals and scenarios that must be addressed (CW, RN, 4/11/20)</p>

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We have staff members at our school who are riding two-in-a-vehicle (mini van) to deliver food to children. Close contact for 2-3 hours at a time, and the two individuals are not from the same family. I have expressed concern and am being told that the AOE is okay with this practice.	Encourage a van that allows for 6', e.g. front/back seats or separate vehicles
Our superintendent has asked our district nurses to order more gloves for our essential workers. We are wondering how to go about doing that?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering supplies for childcare: Lets Grow Kids • Ordering supplies for Health Care Workers
What information can the department of health offer LEAS to support school nurses who have told their LEAs that childcare and food service temperature taking is NOT the appropriate use of school nurse and the LEA is not accepting that information as truth from school nurses?	Is this a contractual issue? Child care centers around VT are doing it daily
Please tell us what screening questions we should be asking staff who want to enter the school building to get materials for students? What PPE should they be using? Is this the same for custodians?	LEAs may choose to ask staff to check temp. before work; face coverings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyday Preventive Measures
Are there some simple guidelines for how to care for face coverings?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19
Clerical assistance would need to wait for next year's budget, I am assuming...	Yes (see above for funding)
Are there any mental health organizations in the state who are amping up their triage/intake processes? There was a reported teen suicide this week, and I am concerned about the mental health of the adolescent population who is largely isolated during this time of remote learning.	Absolutely, all Designated Mental Health Agencies are open for tele-health and increased need. There are 12 statewide and accept Medicaid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VT Dept. of Mental Health (DMH) • List of Designated Agencies
Can you also send the link to the process for people coming to work?	Everyday Preventive Measures
My principal is requesting that I create a google classroom in order to see kids per parents request for issues, rashes etc. I can't diagnose, I can only treat. Is there any documentation that I can provide my principal to explain why this can't happen.	Nurse - 26 V.S.A. § 1572 Doctor - 26 V.S.A. § 1311 APRN/RN/LPN Scope of Practice plus Decision Tree

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<p>What about those of us who volunteer as nurses for our emergency management and public health committee in the local town?</p>	<p>Your time can be applied to SN license</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Learning Activities that meet requirements
<p>I was wondering if since, aerosol-producing procedures (CPR, ventilation and intubation) are being highly protected against and medical workers are using airborne precautions; why is coughing or sneezing considered to be NON aerosol-producing (or is it? I had heard this anyway)? Another example that speaks to my question is: how is the CPR expiration from a patient different, for example, than a cough or sneeze in terms of airborne nuclei being produced?</p>	<p>See COVID-19 UpToDate link in slides [diff. size particles]</p>
<p>Also- how much do we currently know (latest studies) about aerosol transmission of COVID19? and what are the odds that it is indeed aerosol-spread (ie airborne) in addition to it being droplet-spread (in our current understanding)?</p>	<p>See COVID-19 UpToDate link in slides [diff. size particles]</p>
<p>Sharonlee referenced some videos that Breana Holmes has done? I am wondering how to find them.</p>	<p>They are linked in slides; will put next Bulletin also</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/27/2020: COVID-19 Guidance for Emergency Child Care Services • 4/7/2020: COVID-19 Guidance for Emergency Child Care Services Part 2