

SN – VSSNA Town Hall Meeting 4/16/20

Stay Safe, Stay at Home, Practice every day preventive measures:

Staying home, keeping a distance of 6 feet away from others, wearing a cloth mask, and practicing hand hygiene. These actions save lives and help Vermont to move toward recovery.

There are many unknowns; answers from today may change tomorrow! Responses to the questions from the Town Hall Meeting are summarized according to categories below:

Advocacy

Thank you VSSNA leaders for all that you are doing to represent / advocate for us!!!!

Antibody Testing or Serology Studies

Is there any information regarding COVID antibody testing?

Response

See [FAQ – VDH website on Serologic \(antibody\) testing](#)

Clinical Picture

What about foot lesions, are they now being seen as COVID-19 symptoms in children?

Response

On 4/23 I learned that pediatricians are discussing this finding in children.

Contact Tracing

Response

School nurses are not currently required to participate in contact tracing activities. School nurses have participated in the past for *Influenza Like Illness* and *Acute Gastrointestinal Illnesses*.

Essential School Health Services

Consider the [Essential School Health Services Model](#) as a means for highlighting SN leadership to support school administration and the development of a COVID-19 re-entry plan.

I wanted to thank you for the information and tips that you have been sharing

SN Office Hours and Confidentiality

[Student Privacy During COVID-19](#) – VT AOE

Summer Camp/Scouting/School

What will happen to children who typically attend summer camps, is are camps likely to happen or not?

Response

- Vermont is still working to minimizing disease transmission. We will be looking toward greater control of COVID-19 and safe disease management.
- We can't predict what the near future will hold, but we will continue to assess summer and fall activities and will communicate updates and changes as the situation evolves.
- What gradual reopening will look like is not yet fully clear, but it will likely mean that summer/fall group activities may not look like they did before.
- Vermont put many steps in place as we began our COVID-19 response in early February 2020.

- We will be able to relax some of those strategies in the days and weeks ahead. Many strategies will likely remain in place, including:
 - cloth masks in public
 - outdoor events (where possible) may generally be preferred over indoor events
 - the size of group gatherings will continue to be restricted
 - partial occupancy may be required for events/programs to allow for social distancing
 - stay home when sick policies will be strongly recommended
 - temperature checks are not sensitive for identifying all cases and we don't know yet whether they will be recommended

Support for School Nurses

How will facility needs be met such as space, building isolation, access to running water?

Response

- Build relationships with your families, teachers, and school community to advocate with champions and key decision makers.
- Engage with school nursing professional organization
- Stay current on COVID-19 recovery planning coming from CDC, federal and state agencies.

Underlying Health Conditions

How will we support students with underlying health conditions to attend school.

Response

Stay tuned for information in the unknown future and start thinking creatively about every day preventive measures for those with underlying health conditions.

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