

Virtual Vermont State School Nurse Town Meeting #4 - April 23, 2020

Zoom Platform 82-93 participants - reminder vacation week for ½ of the state

Agenda Item	Time allotted	Minutes
-Introduction/overview of the hour - Becca	5 minutes	Agenda overview Reminder to type questions in chat Reminder for those watching not live or questions that come up after to email to covid19@vssna.org
-Dept of Health Message and Covid Updates - Sharonlee	5-10 minutes	See Sharonlee's slides 8 second hug increases oxytocin so if you can get or give a hug to someone in your immediate circle that helps protect your brain. -Testing-working on other options other than nasopharyngeal swab. Updates in HAN for children-now testing children with mild to moderate disease. Testing still being done at testing sites. Providers trying to do as much telemed as possible. -Calls to poison control up 20% since school closure. Anticipatory guidance important -FAQ-if you click on link it will take you to a bot that scans FAQ document and finds the answer for you. -We are in recovery phase. We are trying to flatten the curve and excited about the progress. Phase 2 is State by State reporting, better understanding of disease, medication testing-no available approved meds at this time. Phase 3 includes vaccine availability, when lifting physical distancing may be possible -School nurse office hours: see slide on warm handoffs to PCP, not providing medical diagnosis, anticipatory guidance. Helping families understand when and how to get to PCP office. Know hours of offices, policies, who they are seeing, telehealth available, etc. -Health office hours similar as when in school -School nurses are essential! We are the only way schools will get back to in person learning.
- Soph and Clayton's Presentation - Discussion and questions about Presentation	12 minutes for presentation 10 minutes for Q&A	Group viewed presentation on "COVID-19 School Re-entry Considerations" together. These items will be available on VSSNA website. -Any discussion or questions: No discussion or questions

		<p>-Chat question From MaryJo Christman to Everyone: 10:01 AM What is the current feeling regarding re-entry occurring in the Fall? Can this occur without a vaccine/social distancing need/available testing?</p> <p>Sharonlee-we can't get there until we can get to Phase 2. Phase 2 being having a stable disease rate. Stay tuned to the governor's updates. Things changing quickly.</p> <p>-Chat Question about whether summer camps will happen-again, goes back to progressing to Phase 2, etc. Important questions that need to be build into a structure on moving towards lifting restrictions. Face coverings will be a yes.</p> <p>-Question about funding, helping schools who don't have specific health office space. Sharonlee addressed as something that needs to be considered with school re-entry</p>
<p>- Discussion and questions around Slide Show on What School Nurses are doing around the state</p>	<p>10 Minutes</p>	<p>Becca presented slideshow on what nurses are doing around the state.</p> <p>Questions/comments:</p> <p>-What sites are folks using for office hours? Google Hangout, Google meets, Zoom-some schools using again as they have fixed issues</p> <p>From Sharonlee to Everyone: 10:15 AM There is a guidance on what IT apps that are recommended that is on the AOE site</p> <p>-Chat question about schools with no nurse-Sharonlee: guidance will be clear on what is needed and schools will have to decide how to fill these needs. NY hiring 100 more school nurses, need and demand will only get higher. Clayton-in coming week, VSSNA will put out guidance on how to write to leadership</p>

-Question on summer school-Sharonlee: again, there needs to be clear guidance. No one is allowed to have physical contact with students right now. To proceed, need to know how many students, face covering, cleaning, additional safety needs-so many questions and things that need to be in place before congregating. Why are so many screening with temperature-studies are showing that this is not a reliable predictor of disease.

-Chat comment-we need a joint meeting asap with Levine and Kelso addressing the various "non-moving targets", ie, not including timing of things) scenarios and our abilities as school nurses (qualifications, office area design, etc), how we could contribute district wide and possibly community wide in the rural areas to contact tracing and acquire training for testing, to include access to testing supplies
Sharonlee-sounds like how can school nurses help with contact tracing in community.
non-moving targets - things we know we could should be doing - I have no mike and it's Creigh
non-moving means things we can know now - we cannot know the timing of when to open, but we can prepare for other things like testing, a good template for assessing smell/taste, etc markers - we can actively propose what we can do to get to all corners of VT to Levine and Kelso

-Who will support the nurses for these changes that need to be made for isolation etc., specifically when you do not have any current office/isolation area at the present time and work out of teachers lounges, no running water in there etc.?

Sharonlee-all working to be sure kids and staff have what they need to keep them safe. Who can you align with in school administration? Families that can align with to advocate?

-Is Vt seeing the foot lesions now being seen as Covid symptom in children?

Sharonlee-we are not seeing this

-I am wondering if it really is safe (in the short-term) for students with underlying health conditions to attend school....

Sharonlee-it's going to be a real challenge and there's no recipe. There is a national group involved in helping schools manage chronic disease issues. CDC grant. Convened a year

		<p>ago to move guidelines forward to manage kids with chronic health conditions. More guidance to come.</p> <p>-Is there any information regarding COVID antibody testing? A ways to go and Sharonlee can speak more to this next week.</p> <p>-In terms of transition back to school - it would be really helpful (essential really) for the Department of Health and the AOE to publicly identify or endorse the role of the school nurse as an essential team member in conversation/collaboration with school admin teams. If the directive comes from the top down, it really helps all of us on the ground level.</p> <p>Soph-100% agreement. Some LEA's are well connected with upper level decision making and others are not. VSSNA seeking folks who are interested in working on putting something together endorsing us. In the past year, VSSNA successful in connecting with VSA, VPA.</p> <p>-Would it make sense to form a few different committees that contributions/ideas could be made regarding all of the issues we are discussing?</p> <p>Becca-meeting every Monday am and looking for LEA rep from each district if anyone is interested in joining us. Meetings to organize town hall meetings and the more people we have, the more we can break out to work on different things. Participation has been a challenge in the past for VSSNA. The more reps we have, the more work we can accomplish.</p>
<p>- General questions about Covid-19 (please email any ahead of time to covid19@vssna.org)</p>	<p>10 Minutes</p>	<p>From COVID-19 VSSNA question site: if a Covid-19 vaccine was available prior to next school year, would it be mandated for students to receive this in order for schools to accept children back in?</p> <p>Sharonlee-possibility is a long way away. So much work that needs to be done right now in keeping people safe. Many infrastructure pieces. What role can medical consultants play?</p>

		<p>Statement from Mandy Mayer</p> <p>I woke up today thinking about our unified school nurse voice here in Vermont and wondering how we could make a public statement about “staying the course”. I don’t know about everyone else, but I’m so concerned about groups of people in my community who are silently (and not so silently) protesting our Stay Safe, Stay at Home orders as well as face covering and social distancing orders.</p> <p>Feel free to paraphrase! Kind of a long winded way of saying: can school nurses use our collective loving voice to firmly say: we’ve got to be all in this together and stay out! We seem to be a trusted profession</p>
<p>- Any other questions that come up in the chat.</p>		<p>I think we addressed them all!</p>