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| Will the Department of Education and Department of Health be creating a training that is directed specifically to educational facilities?   | required VOSHA training for all businesses-if some training for this is needed for Ed/Health it can be done--Breena will see it occur guidance for other entities is a good roadmap for reopening schools             |
| Has any thought been given to a data collection tool to be used to give real time school nurse influenza/covid like illness symptomatology prevalence to the VDH as we did with H1N1?   | absolutely--some already doing syndromic health surveillance  |
| Reimagining health office services will take more than working it out locally. Pediatric offices are separating ill from well visits and making other accommodations to decrease potential exposure. School health is often delivered in a "walk in closet" without windows or air flow of any kind. Dr. Holmes, will the medical experts be giving specific parameters or guidelines so that school health offices can prioritize Covid 19 and influenza mitigation when school reopens? | NOTHING will look the same. cannot have walkin closet--must have sink and seperate place for sick children. The health office must be corrected to cope with this.  |
| As we think about return to school protocols for schools and the health office it seems that children don't run fevers with COVID as much as adults. All symptomatic people would be fully assessed, but as we talk about temperature taking on entrance to the health office, as a middle/high school nurse I wonder when the breakpoint comes between children and adults?  | taking temoperatures is not best criteria, however, it allows for people to slowdown and think during the screening questions--spread of symptomology is getting broader and screen questions are reflective of htis. |
| When so many are asymptomatic or do not have a fever with COVID why is there such a focus on temperature taking with screening? The screening questions from VDH also seem outdated listing only a few countries and not listing symptoms that are becoming more prevalent. Is there any plan from VDH of updating this questionnaire?  | temperature is just one data point. screening will continue--many more symptoms to query have beeb added to the health screening  |
| We need active practicing school nurses at the table with AOE. Can you advocate for that?   | 100% Breena and Sharonlee continues to do so at every opportunity   |
| Will there be any guidance for independent schools like Baird School at Howard Center that employ TCI strategies and daily have to engage in restraints, escorts etc...bringing staff and students into very close contact.   | Each special circumstance will need creative thinking...SN must be working with all those who will need physical closeness..VDOH talking about it, no answeers yet  |
| What are the guidelines for students to go into the schools to clean out their lockers before next school year and teachers to clean out their classrooms of personal belongings?   | SLT--guidance will be same--limit # of people, face covering, handwashing--currently is 10 or less, physical distanceJUNE 1, IF data holds, numbers will go up to 25 & expects will society goes to 25 that date too  |
| Please ask Breena if face SHIELDS are acceptable for school use for teachers and students.  | if covers face nose eyes, --- there are cloth face coverings: "the communicator"-- use critical thinking.   |

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| Is there a recommendation around face shields vs face covering? Are they protective enough? Does it make sense to recommend face shields for teachers, especially in primary grades when teaching phonetics, so you can see their mouths.                   | w childcare--state unable to open childcare (grants) will be used for purchase--Breena various routes for checklist will be appendix for childcare can be used for schools to look. logistically--is there bulk buy option[subgroup for supplies and recommended specid  |
| Will the state be securing supplies for school nurses?  | question will have to be answered by sn--IF someone is going to be keeping records--safety/health officer trained by sn re confidentiality. no current specific therm--essa? funds from feds to VT goes to schools--2 paths, someone to research funding that has come to vt (AOE) or SBE--Sec French has this info--came via CARES act--education--goes to gove to use, other to AOE for deducation(slide 13) staff, pd, supplies-- |
| What are school nurses doing for their supply ordering for this coming up school year ? Many items (but just PPE) are out of stock and on back order for unknown amount of times. Does the Dept of health have any recommendations of Vendors to work with? |  |
| Will School Nurses now have to assess/keep records for staff? There can be many staff who enter the school building very early in the day. Who will monitor, maintain and enforce and where will the information be stored and who will it go to.           | Is this really the role if someone is going to be keeping records? SShould it be a designated health/safety officer that you have trained in HIPPA and Americans with Disabilities? It does not have to be a school nurse process.   |
| Do you know how the percentages are calculated by school for disbursement? By number of students?   | There is no specific thermometer recommended at this time.   |
| We are being asked to buy thermometers. Were we going to try to buy them as a group @ the state level or should we buy them independently?  | There is money that comes from ESSA inside the Cares Act- Federal Government to the State of Vermont (some to the Governor and some to AOE, so Sec. French) and distributed to the schools. We are all in the same boat of not knowing the answers. VDH needs someone to research the funding that is coming to Vermont.   |
| How to we protect our staff and children with disabilities that prevent the child from wearing a mask although they may transmit droplets through drool, spit etc.?   | creativity of team and family. medical provider will have input  |
| What's the latest on immunization requirements for K and 7th grade?   | no changes. AAP don't want schools to relax requirements   |
| May school nurses obtain verbal consent from parent/guardian in regards to religious exemptions for the upcoming school year?   | no change expected in current guide  |

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| What will busing students look like if that is their point of entry into the school system and they do not have their temperatures taken at that point?   | done hae answer   |
| Are schools going to be expected to check student and staff temperatures before they enter the building, even before they get on the bus? Our administration is under the impression that this is an expectation.   |   |
| What is contact tracing going to look like if we have students in our school who test positive? Are you going to alert the school nurses?   | w cc--anyone referred to their provider will be tested per order of provider, if pos, health dept will do contact tracing                 |
| Should we keep PreK & K classes separate due to social/physical distancing with this age group will be difficult?   | #25 guidelines means groups will be   |
| Has there been any discussion around extending prescription expirations for medications? For example: students who require Epinephrine Autoinjectors, inhalers, etc?  | current prescription is desired.  |
| When do you expect guidance for exclusion criteria for schools?   | currently on the taaable with agencies. fever 100.4 remains sameAAP anything SN creates in group can be submitted to vssna and then snace |
| Are there any evidenced based screenings that you recommend school nurses using as students return?   | tools were devised by other states--published in sn journals--will try to find  |
| Are there any guidelines for situations where restraints, escorts and seclusion are used in a mental health camp setting?   | dpt mental health   |
| School Health supply has no masks in stock. Where can we get masks?   | staate emerg op center to access face cover and glvs for chldcare providers this ?? needs to assess dr frechh to work with                |
| What I have been hearing is that it will be impossible for staff to do the cleaning and distancing, etc with the 1-2 people who work there. We do not have PPE--I cannot find out where and who to contact. I ordered from VDH but was told that they did not have any. I talked to Lets grow Kids and they closed the program. I gavethe secretary a wish list but we do not know where to get it. | everyone currently in same situation--surgical masks and gloves AOE everyone currently in same situation--surgical masks and gloves AOE   |
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| Will they be guidelines or requirements? Requirements have more weight than guidelines.   | modeling appropriate face covers see 5 common reasons people choose not to do   |
| With most recent VDH data on COVID positive patients in the state, fever is showing up in less than 40% of cases. Any idea if we are going to move away from a mandatory screening protocol?  | no  |
| Is there really enough time to prepare buildings, get supplies, etc. prior to September??   | joint creativity will make this happen  |
| Has the efficacy of the antibody test improved at all?  | efici yes, no way to determine immunity now. herd immunity article will be in bulletin next week not reco to expose people  |
| What is your opinion about the recent news articles about emerging "Multisystem" symptoms in children. 100 cases in 14 states now.  | VCip presentation last week. NY article will be avail next week   |
| Are we finding any symptoms that are unique to children?  | children test neg for c19, serology shoews antibody response to pre inf; fauci has new name for children response (NOT Kawasaki) nothing unique--currently--s/s are similar. GI sx occur more commonly in kids, may be first sign   |
| As we go back to school, can VDoH weigh in on our "sick day guidelines," when to exclude a child.... How long to keep a child home after illness?   | yes--recomm can be sent to slt and will be considered. single doc to outline all exclusion criterion state wide   |
| Continuing to predict that history/temp taking will occur when school's open in August? And how do anticipate that large districts/schools master this task?                                  | video in notes showing canada's precidiciton of what will happen in schools. must be creative; adderss needs of children and families--wellbeibng of children, must think how to do tasks that hekp people be safe. who will model mask, mark floor for spacing, plastic barriers, seperate place visivle for students to be observed, staging? slow transmission into new world? |
| Any guidance for boarding schools or residential schools?   | not currently--kids with iep's must be addressed--special situations are not beibg ignired  |
| The delays on obtaining thermometers and supplies are up to 8 weeks out, can they get these grants now to order supplies?   | go through busibess office and aoe  |

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| Do you know how the percentages are calculated by school for disbursement? By number of students?  | out of stat colleagues indicate it has followed the title one funding formula   |
| Question came up yesterday about Drivers Ed and 2-3 people not related in cars. Possible? nOt probable?  | check aoe website for guidance.   |
| What will it look like if parents choose not to send their children to school when it does reopen? Will educators still be responsible for remote learning for them? | AOE to address this. same for kids as adults  |
| Can we clarify if we are talking about masks for staff or for students?  | face covering for all is current  |
| could PTOs be asked to make masks?   | creativity!   |
| posters? if resp symptoms please do not enter?   | check CDC for posters for entry of shool re entrance/ ACCD--has many posters if known population not represented in the 15 languages currently on VDOH & CDC websites--not specific for school but apply! |
| what is vssna stand on summer  | vdh document  |
|  | behav issues--will need to be created by team--table top exercise   |
| what age are we expecting kids to wear mask at school  | any child over age of 2 is recommended. modeling is important   |