

Virtual Vermont State School Nurse Town Meeting #5 - April 30, 2020

9:30-10:30 am Zoom Platform - 159 participants

Agenda Item	Time allotted	Minutes
Please send questions to COVID-19@vssna.org		
Welcome and Housekeeping - Becca McCray	5	<p>Please use the "raise hand" feature under the participants function when you have a question during the Q&A part of the agenda.</p> <p>Please use the chat to type questions while the presentation is in progress and we will have Dr. Holmes answer those first.</p> <p>Dr. Holmes introduced by Becca McCray</p>
Presentation by Dr. Beena Holmes, VDH Director of Maternal and Child Health	20	<p>See associated slides</p> <p>Very uncertain time and Breena will do her best to get info out to us. We don't have much in the way of answers right now. Expressed gratitude to school nurses!</p> <p>Be sure to be utilizing VDH website for info/data. Pedi testing was not prioritized until 10 days ago as testing capacity was previously more limited. We aren't seeing symptomatic kids. Partly because we're not venturing out, flu has diminished. See graph for numbers of cases-increased #'s in Chittenden county related to LTC facilities.</p> <p>Things are changing all the same-"something I say today could be wrong tomorrow"</p> <p>Words matter - isolation vs. quarantine</p> <p>Isolate if you're sick, quarantine if asymptomatic but exposed or close contacts with someone with COVID-19</p> <p>We're in Phase II-we are at 22 days without increased cases. We needed to show out hospitals could manage treating everyone who needed it. Not a lot of answers about why we have done so well. We have to be able to test a lot of people to stay in Phase II and be able to complete contact tracing.</p> <p>Long term goal is to lift distancing measures, get people back to work and school-see slide for steps required</p>

Contact tracing-see slide. VDH calls people and finds out who they've been in contact with two days prior. Only contact medium and high risk contacts. Average + case in VT they call 3-4 people

300-600 tests being done daily. Ramping up to 1000/days. Working on increased testing for health care professionals and those coming into hospital for elective procedures.

How do we use increased testing to contain virus but not have folks think this is a passport to go out and about

Testing-see slide for types. May be moving away from just NP tests-easier for kids, older adults. Faster turnaround on results coming

Serology-see slide. Meeting in VT with infectious disease providers. Outcome-not enough accuracy in testing yet. We don't actually know if you're immune today how long are you immune. Looking to do study of seroprevalence=population exposure. Once an accurate test is available we will want to do this.

See slide on pedi testing

What is going on in pedi healthcare in general-see slide

Re-opening schools-we don't know yet what this will look like. Utilizing guidelines for childcare for essential workers. See slides on childcare guidelines, assessment. Childcare likely to open this summer-priority for Governor Scott. Group size that can gather will determine how we set up buildings.

Cleaning,etc-common sense and best practice. Vague recommendation from CDC for cloth masking. Not doing it in VT because kids will be touching their face more with masks and likely higher risk than no facial covering, good hand hygiene. Conversations about age that it is appropriate to expect masks.

We need a nurse in every school! Many already function without proper physical space. This may be our opportunity to advocate for proper equipment and setup.

We promise, There will be guidance and we will seek your input! We are here for you

Mental health in kids-Media gets out ahead of things without proper data sometime. Contact VDH if you hear anything that you have questions about. VDH is data driven. Sensationalism happens sometimes during a crisis.

		<p>CDC and AAP guidance on school re-opening forthcoming. When should we all be meeting and who should convene, how do we set an agenda? See slide. Part of getting together is planning next steps. Super concerned to hear that school nurses aren't at the table in all cases. We want to support school nurses in having a voice. Ask your Admin to please not have one meeting about planning without a school nurse there. Bring a pediatric champion with you if possible.</p> <p>See slide on VOSHA training</p> <p>VDH has chatbot for FAQ and seeking out info</p>
<p>Questions that come up in the chat.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Curious, what was the reason for testing this first pedi case? What symptoms did they present with?</p> <p>Don't know the specifics on the first. Morbidity and Mortality weekly report did analysis of all kids in Seattle, 56% presented with just fever, 60ish % presented with cough. Messy virus, fever and cough are not absolute. Symptoms are all over the map. Common theme is feeling constriction, weight on chest, tightness. Loss of smell is real.</p> <p>I know a nurse in another state whose employer requires two negatives. She tested neg the first time and positive the second and she tested positive. She gets retested the next week and this has gone on for more than 8 tests. Are the recommendations confident that if people are asymptomatic that they cannot spread the virus? What does this mean for the asymptomatic population?</p> <p>We will never do this here. Two ways to get back to work-symptoms or testing. Testing is problematic. We are using symptom resolution to guide back to work. Three days no fever without fever suppressant meds. We are not confident that those who are asymptomatic can't spread the virus though..ethical and equity thing too. Don't want to start labeling people safe and unsafe. Keep</p> <p>Will school staff be tested prior to school opening in the fall?</p> <p>No answer to this yet. Testing is just one moment in time. It may be discussed and offered</p> <p>Will school nurses be doing test collections on teachers?</p> <p>Don't see school nurses being the person doing this - primary care. Tests in development to do it at home. May do population testing in future..just possibilities. Stay with us, we don't know yet.</p>

How will students be screened prior to schools re-opening?

Health screenings in the morning. Recognize there are too many kids. May have parents do a health screen at home. Doing this at childcare sites now. Can see what works best for schools

Is there any talk of training school nurses to do contact tracing?

We have the workforce we need currently. Using 3rd year med students who are idle. Interested in working with Soph on this.

How reliable are each of the tests they are using? Shorter turn-around is good but is it as accurate as the longer turn-around time tests?

All of the tests on slide have validation studies ranging from 88-96% sensitivity. Faster tests have supply chain issues for extraction and reagents and are more expensive.

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When we do testing it will be kids and adults randomly. May do study of regular population and/or do one of a certain subpopulation-ie. LTC elderly residents

A lot of discussion about summer programs. If child care returns, should summer programs also resume?

Definitely. Planning in progress-group size decisions are important in decision making. Governor shares this info in briefings. He has been a very good leader. We will need to be able to have groups of 50 gather to have the resources to make these programs happen. So many questions..pools, do kids need their own art supplies, etc. American Camp Association coming out with guidance next Monday on overnight camps.

Should we begin to make and accumulate cloth masks for each of our students along with the ones we are presently making and distributing to food service, daycares and local hospitals?

Yes, know for sure adults are going to need to wear them and likely kids too. Younger kids and kids with certain issues it will be a challenge to wear masks.

Will staff working with special needs need to wear masks?

Adults across the board should be wearing masks. Example-really good for babies to breastfeed, but not all can. If there are situations where adults or kids can't wear a mask, then we need to adapt. Try to set absolute that adults wearing them.

		<p>Cloth masks and concerns for students with asthma or other chronic illnesses - are there guidelines to support this?</p> <p>Case by case common sense. Wearing masks is hard, our society hates it, we have made fun of it during SARS. Has to be our thing for now.</p> <p>Remainder of questions will be answered by Dr. Holmes and Sharonlee and will posted once complete to https://www.vssna.org/covid-19</p>
Announcements - Soph Hall	5	General questions about Covid-19 (please email any ahead of time to covid19@vssna.org) NASN Annual Conference Updates

From [Chris](#) to Everyone:

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From [katie](#) to Everyone:

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From [Susan.Ciccarell...](#) to Everyone:

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From [Cindy](#) to Everyone:

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From [Allison](#) to Everyone:

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From [peggyroberts](#) to Everyone:

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From [Susie Tann](#) to [Everyone](#):

anyway to make the screens larger please? follow along as she talks?

From [Claire Molner](#) to [Everyone](#):

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From [Me](#) to [Everyone](#):

you will have access to all the slides when they are posted to see the more detailed slides more clearly.

From [Clayton Wetzel](#) to [Everyone](#):

I just uploaded a PDF version of this presentation

From [Evan Cota](#) to [Everyone](#):

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From [cindydoerr](#) to [Everyone](#):

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From [Mary Ann's iPad...](#) to [Everyone](#):

? Will staff working with special needs need to wear masks?

From [Denise](#) to [Everyone](#):

What about "compromised" school nurses?

From [Clayton Wetzel](#) to [Everyone](#):

Cloth masks and concerns for students with asthma or other chronic illnesses - are there guidelines to support this?

From [HAYES](#) to [Everyone](#):

NOW!

From [Andrea Davis](#) to [Everyone](#):

We should meet sooner than later

From [Julia Duke](#) to [Everyone](#):

now/soon and again and again.

From [katie](#) to [Everyone](#):

Very good questions and thank you for advocating for our voice and input

From Me to Everyone:

it's hard to bring your chair to meetings you don't know are happening.

From Julia Duke to Everyone:

Your leadership is welcomed

From HAYES to Everyone:

I agree, Rebecca

From Me to Everyone:

what happens when your district doesn't listen to your pediatric champion?

From Chantelle Saffo... to Everyone:

Will that training be required for school staff?

From mandymayer to Everyone:

Agree Becca!

From Laurie DiStasio... to Everyone:

Should we be asking our superintendents to require school staff to watch the training now?

From Julie Elkins to Everyone:

Will trainings needed for return to school be offered ahead of time?

From peggyroberts to Everyone:

Our district has already sent the training to staff.

From Tara Prue to Everyone:

We were asked to do that training now

From Jenny Anderson to Everyone:

It would be good to have some guidelines for returning to share with administration when we meet. It would be helpful to have clear information to help facilitate the return to school

From Susan Schuhmann... to Everyone:

Our superintendent already informed staff of the upcoming VOSHA trainings.

From Susie Tann to Everyone:

Thank you SO MUCH Brenna! you are FANTASTIC! so helpful!

From Chantelle Saffo... to Everyone:

I shared the slides with our staff but yesterday the link was not working.

From Sharonlee to Everyone:

How to get to the table? Let's hear from the SNs who are getting to the table. What worked for you that made it to the table

From MaryJo Christma... to Everyone:

What number is a fever?

From Iflore to Everyone:

testing people before we go back to school will not help. It is only a minute of time. They could be negative and then positive a week later.

From ksaunders to Everyone:

CDC says over 100.4

From Iflore to Everyone:

Children statistically continue to be less than 1% of all positives. This is in Vermont. The United States and in the world.

From Beth Younce to Everyone:

Could you recommend what type of "face coverings" would offer the best protection? There are so many different suggestions. What type of "lier" would capture/increase the effectiveness of a "cloth facial covering". Would really appreciate your input. Many thanks

Oops.. meant "liner". Thanks

From Iflore to Everyone:

The temp is not different than what our current school policy is; which is go home if 100.4

From Susan.Ciccarell... to Everyone:

Will the state reconsider the influenza vaccination as highly recommended to mandatory?

From Alita Boomhower... to Everyone:

How do you feel about folks feeling like they may have been in contact with this virus back in January? My own daughter was ill in the beginning of January with cough, shortness of breath and she could not taste a thing. It lasted 3 weeks. I had so many children out early this school year with a viral cough as well. Just curious as to your thoughts.

From Claire Molner to Everyone:

Little covid signs on negative assay folks, like yellow stars....

From [MaryJo Christma...](#) to [Everyone](#):

Things are really going to get messy when the flu returns:(

From [Sharonlee](#) to [Everyone](#):

remember that of all the sick folks tested, less than 1% were + for C-19

From [Julia Duke](#) to [Everyone](#):

how will families get access to thermometers? Can't buy them now...

From [School Nurse](#) to [Everyone](#):

Many parents need to work, especially after this closure. They give kids Tylenol and send them anyway. I prefer taking a temp at the door and if they have a fever having the parent take them home.

From [Caryl Davidson](#) to [Everyone](#):

What is included in the health screen families may do at home or that we will do prior to a student entering school?

From [lflore](#) to [Everyone](#):

Please remember many School Nurses are part time. Some are only one day a week at school. How would you do daily screenings by the Nurses?

From [Susie Tann](#) to [Everyone](#):

not during the school year please!!! no time for contact tracing!

From [Sharonlee](#) to [Everyone](#):

Is the question will SNs be asked to do contact tracing when school is in "session"?

From [MaryJo Christma...](#) to [Everyone](#):

Can you talk more about asymptomatic transmission please?

From [Sharonlee](#) to [Everyone](#):

I can't imagine asking SNs to add contact tracing to the job

From [Laurie DiStasio...](#) to [Everyone](#):

For our medically vulnerable students should we be asking for a healthcare provider signed clearance form to attend school in the fall? I anticipate having some parents that will prefer to keep their kids home for a while.

From [MaryJo Christma...](#) to [Everyone](#):

I agree.

From Iflore to Everyone:

Are the schools/School Nurses going to be the ones providing ALL the PPE for teachers etc?

From MaryJo Christma... to Everyone:

Yes, I think Governor Scott is great!

From jeanette to Everyone:

How important will it be for school nurses to have isolation rooms for children waiting for parent pick up?

From megancampbell to Everyone:

Are sleep away camps still able to run at this point?

From Sharonlee to Everyone:

PPE is for SNs who are doing high aerosol procedures.

From Jennifer Parent... to Everyone:

If you say we can have groups of 50, that works if students are only in their classroom, but schools have way more than 50 students. How is this safe for all?

From Terry Shaw to Everyone:

Do you recommend sending children to daycare at this point in time...or should we keep them home. MASKS- for the teachers- full time, and the students- full time????

From Claire Molner to Everyone:

High school kids are going to be interesting too. We can say facial covering in high school, but....

From Iflore to Everyone:

Why would we put masks on kids?

From Terry Shaw to Everyone:

And wear the masks during PE/ recess?

From Laurie DiStasio... to Everyone:

What about children who are actively coughing? Should we be masking children with new coughs who do not have fevers?

From Courtney Lacass... to Everyone:

Should the cloth masks include filters?

From megan to Everyone:

This was amazing! Thank you so much

From [mwaterhouse](#) to [Everyone](#):

Thank you so much, Breena!! Very helpful info!!

From [Alita Boomhower...](#) to [Everyone](#):

Thank you so much!

From [Laurie DiStasio...](#) to [Everyone](#):

Thank you Breena!

From [mandymayer](#) to [Everyone](#):

Thank you so much Breena. Reassuring, practical and so so smart. Thank you!

From [peggyroberts](#) to [Everyone](#):

Thank you Breena.

From [Sharonlee](#) to [Everyone](#):

kids actively coughing with new coughs need to be home - based on current guidance today

From [Shirley Lunna](#) to [Everyone](#):

Thank you so much. These meetings are great.

From [MaryEllen](#) to [Everyone](#):

If a student used lip reading how can an adult wear a mask?

From [Kara Cassani](#) to [Everyone](#):

I vote for her to attend every Thursday, please! Thank you.

From [Susan.Ciccarell...](#) to [Everyone](#):

children who are actively coughing should absolutely wear a mask or be dismissed to parent/guardian.

From [MaryJo Christma...](#) to [Everyone](#):

Would love to have Dr. Holmes to speak frequently and longer to answer questions when she is able. Thank you!

From [Julia Duke](#) to [Everyone](#):

Bring Breena back OFTEN

From [Amy Ridlon](#) to [Everyone](#):

Thank you so much for your information and support!

From Julie Elkins to Everyone:

Thank you Breena.

From snarkewi to Everyone:

Thank you Breena

From Jane Glick to Everyone:

This was great to here from Breena! Thanks for arranging.

From Felicia Kesek to Everyone:

OUr district nurses were wondering on a new "Screening" for kids who come in with a cough and or other symptoms related to covid-19 but do not have a fever. Guidelines for creating a new policy on when to send home. Any guidance would be healthful thanks!

From ndodge to Everyone:

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Thank you Breena! Please come back often!

From Sharonlee to Everyone:

10:32 AM

new screening for kids - please see the child care guidance on VDH website

From andria.donohue to Everyone:

10:32 AM

School budgets are being cut. Will this effect ability to purchase needed PPE for return to school?

From Erin Phelan to Everyone:

This was a very informative meeting. Thank you! Please bring Breena back!

From Helen Thomas to Everyone:

Thank you so much Breena!

From Terry Shaw to Everyone:

I just took my granddaughter to Peds for Imm. She wasn't temped before entering but I was. Should be we temping the adults as well as the students at drop off?

From Sharonlee to Everyone:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/HealthGuidanceforEmergencyProgramsProvidingChildcareforEssentialPersons.pdf>

From snarkewi to Everyone:

I will be interested to know if schools will be allowing college students into schools for their educational purposes. As of yesterday UVM plans to have students on campus and UVM will be hoping to have college students in schools for clinical and student teaching experiences. I know this is early but if decisions are made that impact this I would like to know.

From Sharonlee to Everyone:

that was the link to child care/school screening guidance for VT child care sites

From Julie Elkins to Everyone:

Would it be possible to send out the links to any training like VOSHA for us to complete when able?

From Jean Andreson to Everyone:

Given our space constraints, can a curtain be used as a barrier to isolate a sick student ?while waiting to be picked up?

From Cathy Paradiso to Everyone:

WoW

From MaryJo Christma... to Everyone:

Great!

From Terry Shaw :

please be sure to send the invite soon...so it can go on my google calendar!

From megan :

thank you, this was fantastic

From Johanna :

Thank you to all involved in getting these meetings together. Much appreciated.

From susan ciccarelli :

using a curtain as a barrier requires that it be taken down and washed.

From Cindy :

Health screenings for students - before getting on the bus or when they arrive at school??

From Amy Ridlon :

Thank you all VSSNA :)

From Katie White :

Thank you!!!

From susan ciccarelli :

curtains are a formite

From mwaterhouse :

Thank you all!

From Deborah Deschamps :

Thank you very much! Awesome town hall meeting.

From ainee :

Thank you so much.