



COVID-19: Childcare and Out of School Time Fall 2021

Dr. Breena Holmes, VCHIP

Molly McClintock, RN, VDH

Katy Leffel, RN, VDH

Sally Kerschner, RN, VDH

**Monica Ogelby, RN, Immunizations
Program Director**

October 28, 2021

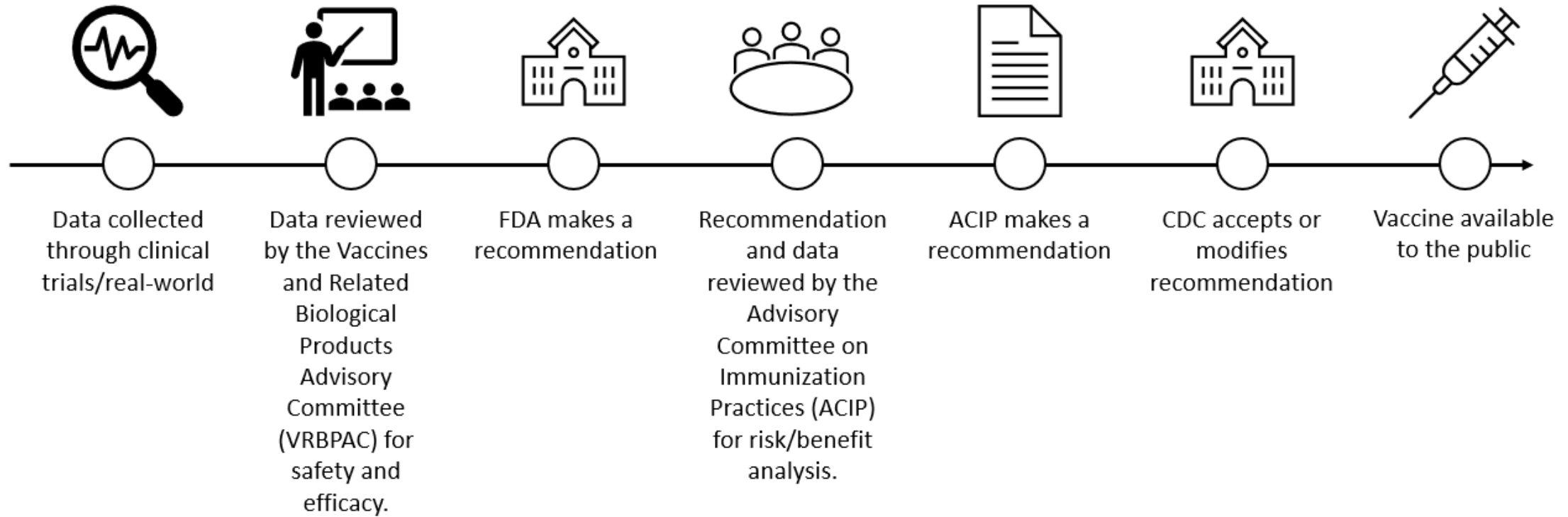
We welcome this time to talk with you

We at the Vermont Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics-Vermont Chapter are pleased to be able to talk with you today.

Monica Ogelby, MSN, RN, Vermont Dept of Health
Immunizations Program Manager

COVID 19 children's vaccine overview and discussion with child care operators

COVID Vaccine Approval Process



COVID Vaccine Approval Process Applied

The FDA VRBPAC committee voted to recommend authorization of the Pfizer BioNTech 10ug COVID-19 for children 5-11 years under Emergency Use Authorization

ACIP meeting on Nov 2nd and 3rd to discuss pediatric covid vaccination.

Vaccine administration may begin once the CDC Director gives endorsement based on the ACIP recommendations.

11/4 - The soonest VT can expect to administer Pfizer Pedi 5-11.

Vermont Plan - Pfizer 5 to <12

- 10/20 – VT ordered all allocated doses for prepositioning at community clinics, including those at schools.
 - Anticipate that all 15,900 will arrive in Vermont by 11/05, some may arrive as soon as 10/27.
- Prioritized equitable distribution across the state, with 2-3 pedi vax locations, and at least 1 school-based clinic per region to start week of Nov 8.
 - Training materials are being developed and disseminated, especially for our EMS and pharmacy partners, and clinics will be stocked with distraction tools.

Advisory Memo from DCF Commissioner Sean Brown

August 18, 2021

All children and staff should stay home if they:

- Show symptoms of COVID-19;
- Have a fever (temperature greater than 100.4°F); or
- Are currently in quarantine due to close contact with an individual with COVID-19 or in isolation due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Due to the fact that the population of children in child care and out-of-school time care is generally not yet eligible for vaccination, programs should require universal masking for *all* children and staff when indoors (with certain exceptions)

Child care and out-of-school-time programs should continue to participate in contact tracing as requested by the Health Department.

October 26, 2021: Update from CDD

COVID-19 Testing in Child Care Programs

The Child Development Division (CDD) has received questions about COVID-19 testing in child care programs, so we want to let you know that we are working on a couple of options in partnership with the [Vermont Department of Health](#).

We want to ensure the logistics of these options are worked out, so they are functional and clear. The data shows there is value in testing in response to a particular situation, an outbreak, and/or a family case, so we are looking at options to support these situations. We know you are looking forward to having testing in your toolbox, and we are working hard to make that possible.

For COVID-19 resources such as handling a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, please visit the Vermont Department of Health's [Child Care and Out of School Programs](#) webpage.

COVID Vaccines for Children

Anticipated rollout in November, 2021 of vaccines for children ages 5-11. This will be a major step in establishing COVID 19 vaccines for all children on an ongoing basis such as is the case for many other vaccines (measles, polio, pertussis, etc.)

Child Care Providers can encourage their families to get their children vaccinated. Families can talk with their health care providers about any concerns or hesitancy.

The Vermont AAP has a series of Family Forums featuring Vermont's pediatricians explaining about the COVID vaccine for children. Beginning November 8, there will be a new series of forums offered with information about the new vaccine.

<http://www.aapvt.org/news/aapvt-holds-family-forums-covid-19-vaccine-adolescents>

Summary of Key Points

As of June 2021, there is no formal guidance or Executive Orders due to the Step 4 lifting of restrictions. This means the CDD guidance has been discontinued.

August, 2021: DCF memo: child care programs should require universal masking for all children and staff when indoors (with certain exemptions for medical or behavioral.)

Child Care Programs are encouraged to create any COVID related ongoing practices or policies that use best practice, follow CDD regulations, and are congruent with the best practices in Caring for our Children.

Contact Tracing will continue via the VDH and the VDH workforce of “AMTrace.” VDH and CDD are in communication for ongoing contact tracing needs or procedures.

For COVID-19 resources such as handling a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, please visit the Vermont Department of Health's [Child Care and Out of School Programs](#) webpage.

Resources for Child Care Operators

- > Vaccine Information and Clinic Schedules:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>
- Testing Information and Sites: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing>
- VDH FAQ's: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/faqs>
- Families with Children: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/your-community/families-children>
- Travel: [Vermont Department of Health \(healthvermont.gov\)](https://www.healthvermont.gov)
- Child Care and Out of School Programs: Information on handling a suspected case, checklist, letters for families, line list, etc.
 - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/your-community/child-care-programs>
- For more information call VDH: 802.863.7240 or (toll free) 833.722.0860



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

We thank you all for your hard work and perseverance during this pandemic. We all should be proud of what we have accomplished here in Vermont.

The work of child care providers and your staff has been critical in combatting the pandemic threat in Vermont.

You are the people who have stayed open throughout this pandemic and used your skills and knowledge and creativity to help us all develop processes and techniques to keep our children safe.