

Opportunity to Ask Questions and Discussion for VT COVID 19 Response

VT Early Childhood Programs Leaders, Vermont Department of Health
and Let's Grow Kids



Oct 27, 2020 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM



Agenda

Welcome: Chris Nelson and LouAnn Beninati from LGK

**Updates from Vermont Department of Health, Division of Maternal
and Child Health: Sally Kerschner and Sharonlee Trefry**

Questions and Discussion



Housekeeping Details

For best sound quality, all participants are muted

And, your questions are welcome.
Please use the Q&A Box to add questions for the panel



Setting the
stage: Things
change quickly!

Introductions

Public meeting – priority airtime to the
childcare providers

In case we run out of time: call our warmline
any time.

**How many programs serve school age
children?**

- All ages?

- Areas/counties of the state are represented?

thank you!

A great many thanks
for all you are doing on behalf of
children
and families in these complex
and uncertain times.

Resilience: Reframing the Narrative

This stuff is d... hard!

- Kind Intention
- 2-minute rule
- Doorknob Gratitude
- c/o Drs. Feldman and Wilcox adapted from Dr. A.Sood



Review of the latest guidance and updates:

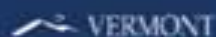
- Strong & Healthy Start -11/16
- Child Care guidance update
- **Algorithm** – [Return to Care](#)
- Quarantine -Travel
- Status on [disease outbreaks](#)
- Border communities and cross state travel:
 - Schools, Child Care,
 - Religious education, Sports
 - Essential travel/work
- COVID-19 [TRANSLATIONS](#)



HOLIDAYS!


- Safety: [Trick or Treating and Other Halloween Activities](#)
- Travel: [Info](#) & Guidance
- [Quarantine](#)





STAY SAFE, VERMONT!


Every time you make plans or head out, ask yourself:



Will people wear masks?



Will it be uncrowded?



Can I easily keep six feet from others?

Answering YES to any of these questions lowers your risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. The more, the better!

LEARN MORE:
HealthVermont.gov/StaySafeVT



STAYING SAFE WHILE LIVING YOUR LIFE

As life gets back to normal, Vermonters need to know the risks when making plans or going out.

Consider these factors when deciding if you feel comfortable in any situation.



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Question & Answer



Question and Answer:

1. What is the procedure if we find out about a positive test result after hours or on the weekend?
2. Do we tell families of positive results among our group or wait for the health department to notify?



Question and Answer:

1. I would appreciate any further guidance to take the grey areas out of runny noses and symptom "improvement." Even if symptoms improve, when shouldn't a child return? (Cough, etc.) I would also like to hear more about how pediatricians are keeping in the loop of guidelines. We have been told that they are part of regular meetings, but all local practices in the area tell parents they are unaware of the guidance and at times go against guidance, leaving providers in a very tricky spot. Will there be new tactics to align? Thank you.



Question and Answer:

1. What do I do if my kids are home sick and I suspect a cold? Do I have to close until a COVID test with results is done?
2. What do I do if kids don't want to wear masks at daycare? [Especially younger ages like 2-3 years old.](#)
3. Is the guidance required or for consideration only?



Fun! Masking

- <https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/mask-mirror-FINAL.pdf>

**Our Friends and Helpers are
Wearing Masks to Keep Kids
Safe and Sound**



**Look in the mirror with your mask on, or ask a
grown up to take a picture!**

**Share with @connecticutchildrens
#maskup4childrens!**

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Question & Answer



Contact Us

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/schools-colleges-child-care-programs>

School and Child Care Warm Line

802-863-7240 **x 5 leave message any time**

Responding M-F 8am – 3 pm

Toll Free 800-464-4343 **x2, then x 5**



Next Sessions

Thursday November 19 at 1:00- 2:00

<https://secure.everyaction.com/UXeoHqLAaUSy-Pa4licn4g2>

Thursday December 10 at 1:00-2:00

<https://secure.everyaction.com/fICQLonjkEGPNHfTbu9Ygg2>

