

### Avian Influenza

- H5N1 strain
- Avian Influenza has affected wild and domestic fowl
  - Has now been detected in dairy cows
  - Unclear if cow to cow transmission is occurring
- On April 1<sup>st</sup> the CDC reported that someone exposed to an infected cow tested positive for the Avian Influenza (symptom was conjunctivitis)
  - CDC says the population risk at large was low
- No vaccine at this point in time

### COVID

- Low surveillance level
- Wastewater levels are low
- 16 deaths in February and 10 in March

### MPox

- Cases are in the 500s

### Measles

- We are at a new high (97 cases currently)
  - In 2023 there were 58 cases
- HAN from the health department about this issue, testing, vaccines, surveillance, etc.
- Information for providers from VDH: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/measles/measles-information-providers>

### Overdose Prevention Centers

- Dr. Levine's testimony on Overdose Prevention Centers
  - <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/WorkGroups/Senate%20Health%20and%20Welfare/Bills/H.72/Witness%20Testimony/H.72~Mark%20Levine~Vermont%20Department%20of%20Health%20Testimony~4-4-2024.pdf>

### Environmental

- PCB Testing in Schools - Still going on, future remains uncertain
- EPA coming out with its new PFAS levels

### Questions and Answers

**Is the Commissioner aware of any upcoming changes with the covid vaccine for this next year?**

**ML:** No one has telegraphed this yet. But it will be a different vaccine.

**When did MMR become available? Recommendations for MMR adult vaccine?**

**ML:** You need the vaccine if born in 1957 or later. It's better safe than sorry to get the vaccine if you are unsure if you have received it.

**Will Vermont be adopting the new EPA recommendations for "safe" PFAS levels? If yes, any thoughts about how long after the anticipated EPA announcement that might happen?**

**ML:** We will be adopting whatever they say, but the levels may be greater than what we already have.

**Comment on the Governor's veto on S.18?**

**ML:** I may not agree with how he frames his argument; it is consistent for him. Hoping to work together on future efforts.

**Any comments on the current situation on syphilis**

**ML:** Nationally, it is on an upswing and there are still concerns about Penicillin G. Locally, we continue to have no new congenital case and continue to be the lowest state with syphilis cases.

**Our next call will be June 6, 2024**

**Zoom Information**

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