

COVID

- Vermont the lowest rate of anywhere in the nation 10 - 1.5% - more tests to give away - putting them - at home PCR tests can't give away
- 3 outbreaks in the last week - 1 in schools 2 in long term care
- India another strain - not being transmitted terribly quickly
- Vaccine recommendation that came out last week - if you so choose - the evidence base is not robust yet.
- FDA has not said there will be another round in the Fall - it would be ideal if the flu could be in the at the same time - not MRNA yet.

RSV vaccine

- for older and vulnerable adults

Environmental Health

- PCB testing in schools
 - PCBs are still on the front burner
 - about 1/3 of the schools that exceed the school action level - immediate action levels can't be used at all until mitigation is done
 - schools concerned about the costs until remediation
- PFAS family - EPA is going to be in that long comment - uncharacteristically the EPA will be quite stringent

Legislative

- H.222 - prior auth
- VDH is fine with the decriminalizes
- Advances the 6 steps of opioid settlement - VDH fine with the drug testing component of the bill

Homeless Program

- the hotel/motel dwellers will have to find an alternative site
 - many will not have a place to go
- Little money to help - public health impacts

Questions and Answers

Questions about Narcan - kids with accidental overdose - parents don't know you can use it - can we help with communication around that that

ML: OTC - is that solution - \$2 million to go toward NARCAN - for those who get illicit drugs to get it

Our next call will be June 1st, 2023

Zoom Information

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