Measles
- Handled the people that came down with measles well and are grateful to the medical center
- There were brief exposures to other Vermonters (including higher-risk Vermonters) but there were no other cases of Measles
- Information for providers from VDH: https://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/measles/measles-information-providers

Avian Influenza
- H5N1 strain
- There is not a lot of testing being done amongst lactating cattle herds or people that work directly with them
- Understanding the asymptomatic population is challenging
- Working on guidelines for moving of cattle
- Working on the plan to offer PPE to farms that are interested in it
- Department is doing a tabletop exercise to strategize and what would we do if we had an outbreak in Vermont
- If you see someone in the summertime that has flu-like symptoms, please test them
- There will be a HAN coming out soon

COVID
- Not relying as much on hospital reporting regionally or nationally
- KP.2 era – no evidence that this is more virial or a higher concern, a little more transmissible
- Low surveillance level
- Wastewater levels are low
- Low deaths
- Should prepare for a summer surge based on previous years
- What should we do about vaccinating people? Should you get a booster with the current vaccine? Only encouraging if you are in a very high-risk situation since there will be another vaccine in September/October

Environmental Health
- PCB testing is still happening in schools
  - Legislation didn’t pass saying to pause it

Opioid
- Another adulterant in the xylazine realm
  - Being found in drugs now
- Not in the testing packets that coroners or people have

Drug Shortages
- RhoGAM (for RH negative mothers’ shortage)
  - no one has been impacted yet (except maybe financially)
- Watching closely and may come up with a statewide policy to make sure there is no shortage

Information will be posted here: https://vtmd.org/thursday-public-health-updates
Questions and Answers

Can you talk a little bit more about how things are going with opiate prevention (Narcan into schools, Narcan vending machines, etc.). Are you seeing any barriers?

ML: During the legislative session the Governor vetoed the tobacco bill and the veto of the overdose prevention centers, which would have authorized a Burlington site. The overdose prevention site may go into the override session. With regards to the more traditional program, the Narcan program in schools has been phenomenal. There has been cooperation amongst every level in the school system. They have delayed our timeline a bit, because it was a lot at one time for them to implement, but they like it and want it in a deliberately timed way. Narcan vending machines are out there, and some will be popping up more. We want to make sure we put in the right machines and deploy them in the correct places. The more people we can get into contingency management plans, the better.

Does the VDH have any information on the Psychedelic working group from S. 114?

ML: We have decided who will be on it from the department and we have started research, but don’t have additional details right now. This work group will have this work done most likely by the end of the calendar year.

Our next call will be August 1, 2024

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