**RSV**

* low cases, but know it’s still early winter

**Flu**

* national finding that cases are down – markedly decreased, Vt is at low levels but not disappeared
* 100% has been influenza A

**COVID**

* continues at many weeks at low community levels – both new cases and hospital admissions – though numbers this week a little higher no indications of major surge
* Wastewater – challenging to know how to interpret – one in Burlington saw major surge – others in the area and across the state were as many showing mild increases as mild decreases – one week does not make a trend – without any other syndromic surveillance or indications we can’t really interpret; we were hoping it would be the indication of what is coming but it hasn’t proven to fit this need so far
* Vaccination showed slight uptick, as we wind down state run facilities – up to 33% for all ages – more than double national rate; over age 65 is over 65% - not good enough but markedly ahead of the country (in 30-40% range)
* FDA advisory panel yesterday – continue with annual booster but need more research, perhaps make just what is circulating most recently and don’t combine with previous strains – especially with so much prior exposure or vaccine immunity why keep with older strains; won’t have an impact for many months and still a lot of uncertainty; look for simplicity is the goal to help with messaging and uptake; maybe time to look a different part of the viral genome rather than spike protein only

**MON (Medical Operations Network)**

* met with hospitals earlier this week
* Things are not out of the woods
* Still high census and capacity, even though respiratory illnesses are improving
* Route causes of problems still exist – patient flow, ongoing high use of medical surgical beds and ICU beds
* Latest report of bed availability looking a bit better this week
* More success transferring between facilities, transferring back from tertiary care to lower acuity beds
* Problems discharging to skilled nursing or home with home health care impacting all hospital sizes

**MPOX**

* Nothing new in terms of numbers
* CDC giving money to states for future prevention, further vaccination efforts, plan
* VT likely to apply for some of this funding
* Likely to be endemic, circulating in an ongoing way, the more we do with vaccination and public messaging the better chance to avoid future surges

**Legislative session**

* getting to work on other issues
* Oral health- funding for dental
* Protecting kids’ brains
* Serving new mothers and newborns
* Violence prevention