

COVID-19 Coordination Meeting

Date: December 16, 2022

Time: 11:00 am – 11:45 am

Notes

1) Welcome (Andrea Skewes)

- a) Will maintain monthly cadence based on poll responses

2) Situational Overview (Randon Gruninger)

- a) Indication that COVID 19 slowing down
- b) Plateau in wastewater as well
- c) Hospitalization downward trajectory
- d) LTCF are still seeing some increase
- e) Variant Landscape - please direct questions to Kelly
- f) Up to date for Utahns is still fairly low
- g) Influenza
 - i) Saw increases earlier than we have in the past
 - ii) Like illness is seen nationally
- h) Tripledemic
 - i) Downward pushes for COVID and RSV
- i) Intermountain Healthcare GermWatch-RSV
 - i) Typically see RSV between January and March, but it has occurred much earlier this year
 - ii) Influenza has an upward trajectory in lab and clinic cases
- j) Question: How do you identify HCW infections? Is that from self reporting, screening?
 - i) I do believe it is self reporting but will check with the HAI team and get back

3) Pediatric Surge/General Hospitalization Status (Michelle Hale)

- a) Current Pediatric Hospitalization across the state
 - i) Overlapping diseases, high rates
 - ii) Low influenza vaccine uptake rate
 - iii) Continue to see staffing shortages
 - (1) PCH serves 5 states whereas other states have other children's hospitals
 - iv) Supply shortages such as respiratory supplies
 - v) Pharmaceutical shortages such as amoxicillin, tamiflu, etc.
 - vi) Well developed contingency strategies implemented by PCH

- b) Current Activities-Coordination
 - i) Provide situational awareness
 - ii) Sharing surge strategies
 - iii) Healthcare personnel support to PCH
 - (1) Hold older kids, less critical patients
 - iv) Promote local coordination with health departments
 - c) Guidance in development - should be ready next week
 - i) Recommendations for pediatric placement prioritization and care resources
 - ii) Patient transfer resources
 - iii) Surge planning resources
 - iv) CMS waivers
 - v) Clinical staffing resources
 - vi) Equipment and supply resource requests
 - vii) Mental health resources
 - d) Question: Are all the shortages specific for pediatric doses, or more broadly?
 - i) More broadly
 - e) Is PCH plateauing with their census?
 - i) A little bit, but we are watching and waiting to see what happens
- 4) COVID-19 Vaccine Update (Cindy Wynette)**
- a) Bivalent Boost Dose approval 6 mos through 4-5 year olds
 - i) We have more than enough vaccine in the state
 - ii) [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) is the best resource to find facilities administering
 - b) Moderna two dose vial is now available
 - c) Pfizer is not currently available for the 3 dose primary series for 6 mos-4 years
 - i) Same exact color cap and order label
 - ii) Good idea to put hangers to differentiate the doses
 - d) [AAP COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations](#)
- 5) Questions/Comments (Open)**
- a) Any updates on testing and supplies of rapid antigen kits?
 - i) No testing supply limitations right now. Have rapid tests, home tests, and point of care tests available.

**** Next meeting January 13, 2023 at 11 am ****