

Communicable Disease Branch Local Health Department Monthly Webinar Key Points – February 13, 2024

The North Carolina Division of Public Health (NC DPH) Communicable Disease Branch will be releasing key points that include information discussed on the monthly Tuesday Local Health Department call. Please use the information below as a summary of the topics presented on the call. As guidance changes, please use the most recent information provided. For questions, contact the NC DPH Communicable Disease Branch 24/7 Epidemiologist on Call at **919-733-3419**.

Important Updates

- Available online at <u>NC Communicable Disease Manual Other Diseases of Public Health Significance</u> (ncdhhs.gov)
- New: NCDHHS LHD Monthly Webinar 02 13 2024.pdf

Video recording: https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/912712377/db5a64f242

Question & Answers

- **Q.** 110 pediatric deaths just in NC?
- A. 10 deaths in NC.

Q. Wash Post article on CDC possibly dropping 5-day isolation recommendation for COVID + persons... further info?

A. We are aware that the CDC is considering a change in guidance for isolation related to COVID-19. We will consider how we may change our guidance in North Carolina if, and when, new guidance for the CDC is finalized. That potential change seems to be getting lots of press today.

- Q. Can you share the link to order the Syphilis materials?
- A. Here is the link: https://share.hsforms.com/1SzBOtPIKTRynuMzh6epIYw5bzii
- **Q.** Could you put the link to the CDC wastewater map.
- A. <u>https://www.cdc.gov/nwss/rv/COVID19-nationaltrend.html</u>
- Q. Is Covid going to become yearly?
- A. Still TBD. That will be discussed in future ACIP meetings.

Q. Is the belief still that once you have COVID-19, it is still hold true that immunity would be 90 days before you can get it again?

A. CDC still recommends that people who recently had SARS-CoV-2 infection may consider delaying their COVID-19 vaccine dose by 3 months from symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic).

Q. Will these slides be made available?

A. Yes

Q. Any change to mpox vaccine administration - still ID unless refused?A. Yes. Still ID unless refused or contraindicated.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 3/12/2024