

FOUO - Confidential Policy Deliberations Draft Highlights of IDPH COVID-19 LHD Check-in, Monday March 8, 2021 0902H – 0948H

Moderated by Andrew Friend, Deputy Director IDPH/OPR. Summary draft highlights by Mark Vassmer. Recorded. Posted in WebEOC in 1-21-2020 IDPH COVID-19 (novel Coronavirus) event's Local (IDPH-OPR) and Statewide Significant Events boards (LHD & RHCC)

Vaccination Distribution Program Strategy - Lori Weiselberg – Governor's Office - Slides - Pilot project to get vaccinations set up at 5 FQHCs, 4 Safety Net Hospitals vaccine. Met with IPHCA an IHA and developed provider agreements for pilots including EMTrack use. Surveyed for those willing/able to maintain throughput. Selected those with interest, readiness and serving high vulnerability populations. Slide showed details on sites selected and vaccines used. Next week moving to ~12 selected critical access hospitals in rural areas. If you are already providing vaccine to these sites, don't want overlap and can redirect vaccine.

Legal Update - Karyn Bass Ehler, IDPH – Many IDPH COVID vaccine provider agreements have been done, but still some needed and will follow-up and answer questions. Expect an email from April Caulk or Legal and please turn it around and get it back.

Salesforce Technical Update - Carter Boe, Slalom – Release 10 activities starting, meeting invites coming out to end user and technical assistants shortly. OSF coming onboard this week. I will be replaced by Rohan Anand in a couple weeks.

Testing Update - Charles Williams, IDPH – Abbott BinaxNOW test expiration shelf-life extension update document is being circulating. Don't dispose of BinaxNOW before checking for shelf-life extension of 3 mo for early lot numbers - found on the outside of the test kit and in the document sent by Abbott. Spread out BinaxNOW to schools and through other innovative opportunities, e.g., LTCs, or testing in conjunction with vaccination activities.

Mass Vaccination Planning Update - Heidi Clark, Andrew Friend, IDPH – Vaccination record on Thursday ~132K, Fri ~134+ vaccinations, ~98K on Saturday, great job. Compared to other 10 large states. Last night Illinois was 2nd in per capita vaccinations, right behind Florida - whom we may pass.

Expect email today on details on your questions on the grant requirement for having clinics on weekends without having to have staff work every day, e.g., partnering with local pharmacy, FQHC, hospital and just promoting that weekend activity.

Weekly SIREN on updates from CDC include an important safety issue - Don't pool doses from various vials to make full dose as these are preservative-free vaccines. Don't want any headline like the one in Oakland, CA where they were drawing the wrong amount for doses and had to notify thousands.

New clinical materials sent out this AM in SIREN from CDC on J&J standing orders and preparation and administration summary - and Pfizer Moderna and J&J clinical updates.

Different vaccine update ordering done in Smartsheets not email which will be faster & smoother. Monitoring response as some update requests went to LHD spam folders.

Ebola & COVID CD Update – Connie Austin, DVM, Judy Kauerauf, IDPH – SIREN last week. Travelers from outbreak areas are listed in new format – SDX - and will sending notifications to LHDs. SIREN

explained the Ebola response steps and will resend. Using Redcap, important to identify travelers from outbreak areas within Guinea & DRC and report and document & do symptom monitoring.

Thought low volume but had 12 outbreak travelers arrived so far from 5 jurisdictions. Make sure your Ebola staff has Redcap access. The outbreak countries are big and we are monitoring all travelers, but only small part of country impacted, so need to know exact locations from which travelers came. LHD will get email 24/7 that a traveler from Ebola outbreak country is arriving in your jurisdiction. Need to be monitored for 21 days. If symptoms call CD ASAP as travelers arriving 7 days a week and weekends. Questions on if they are from high risk impacted areas, or have high risk exposures like participating in funeral rites, a health care workers, those in contact with Ebola blood & body fluids, or in contact with any live or dead wild animals (e.g., primates, fruit bats, or duikers). If high risk exposure/epi link, then need to be quarantined, otherwise can move about. Will add these questions to Redcap survey. Review the memo and your Ebola plan and update you 24 hr phone contact numbers in CEMP so we can get ahold of you.

Working on school guidance updates which will be out soon and the school districts will be pleased as it encourages in-person learning as much as possible.

Recommendations for quarantine for fully vaccinated, except LTC, out by SIREN this week. CDC will give us updates on guidance to those fully vaccinated today.

Congregate Care Updates - Catherine Counard, MD, IDPH – IDOC vaccinations continues. 1pm call today for LHDs. As of Thursday, vaccinated at 15k at IDOC 23 locations of which 12500 were inmates. Inmates are grateful

Successful PPP has done 295,500 LTC doses. SNFs will be done with 3rd clinics this week. And 2nd types will be done next week and program ends. 3/31/21.

IDPH arranged for 6 LTC pharmacies to do LTC COVID vaccinations going forward starting 3/15. More info in 2 days as they will do new residents, staff, or follow up stragglers from PPP's 1st dose. Let us know if there help is needed.

Vaccine for homebound and underserved historically populations - **Julie Pryde, Administrator, CUPHD** – Ramp up equity vaccination services is working well with community partners helping. Set aside 200 doses/week where appointments are made through community partners – e.g., agencies, churches, elderly, low-income, lack of computer/internet, language, and disabilities (e.g. deaf) even regional. Lack of government trust leads to reach out to undocumented. Unique historical fear of Carle Health care due to past various billing practices where people were arrested for unpaid bills, which has changed, but community fear remains. Carle is doing our large clinics. CUPHD transitioned from large clinic to solely doing outreach clinics with Housing Authority senior housing, private owned senior housing, where community partners do preparatory outreach. Did church, jails, shelters (weekly as high turnover).

Homebound issue – Most- 80% - get healthcare through Carle. Carle doing outreach to homebound (much obesity-related) clients and sending out vaccinations to the home. CUPHD has lists of homebound and works with partners, e.g., home health agencies, going to homes. Mass clinics are easy, a real effort to find those not vaccinated. Making elderly in minority communities a priority. Many communities have families taking care of elderly in homes making them the same risk and a high priority like LTC facilities.

Share with staff the county population vaccination % break down by race and ethnicity. Give vaccination appointment slots to community agencies as they know who is at risk or has poor access to care. Get names/phones are we call back, re-vet their eligibility, and schedule.

Big clinics get the low hanging fruit, those with access, e.g. Carle. Using OSF for northern count, e.g. Rantoul.

Mass Vaccination & Contact Tracing Grant Updates - Brandy Lane, IDPH –Executed many mass vaccinations grants and started payments through Comptroller to receive money in ~10 days. Have some not executed. Please follow up with Scott Henkel or other grant staff to work on. Clarification email coming later on mass vaccination grant weekend POD requirement which should satisfy LHD concerns.

Contact Tracing grant expired May 31, but will follow-up doing a no cost extension to 12/31/21. Some need more funding and will do case by case consideration. If needed, due to projected demonstrated runoff of funds, send an email to Scott Henkel with specific dollars and specific details for use of funds.

Questions & Answers - Andrew Friend

We are getting lots of questions about possible changes regarding sports events? Do we anticipate any changes to the sports guidance as we move into outdoor spring sports? **AF – Working to evaluate all guidance in existence for opportunities to update will let LHDs know.**

For Judy: Will IDPH guidance be addressing physical distancing so schools are discouraged to seat students 3 ft apart? Can IDPH please include a safety checklist for schools to complete baseline and perhaps weekly to document/track mitigation adherence? **JK – Yes working changes in social distancing, but not final yet. Several good checklists now available from CDC are mentioned in the upcoming guidance.**

Will the limit on spectator crowd size at outdoor school athletic events be increased? We will likely lose school cooperation and compliance soon if that stays at 50. **JK – Working on this.**

We have a NCAA basketball tournament coming to our county. What quarantine/isolation guidance do we follow because the Restore Illinois policy excludes colleges? **JK – Good question and will get back.**

I may have missed this, but was there an update on a SIREN coming out about quarantine after fully vaccinated? **JK – SIREN pending this week. Info is on our portal now to use to allow fully vaccinated people to not quarantine unless resident of healthcare facility or a LTC. Healthcare staff is different.**

We are getting a lot of questions about community-wide events for spring and summer. Groups will be moving forward with plans with or without guidance from IDPH. Any idea on when we will know if any guidance will be forthcoming? **AF - Working on this.**

Residents in Cook County are not allowed access to the mass vaccination site at United Center. The website says only Chicago residents are allowed. Can you please clarify? **AF – Portion of appointments for Cook county residents, info out from Cook soon. Though ZocDock says Chicago only, it will be updated to be clearer. Yesterday opened for Chicago residents. In future appointments available for Cook and Chicago.**

Also, Cook County residents with health departments are not allowed access to the Cook County mass vaccination sites. Please clarify. **AF – Will talk to Cook.**

For gatherings (weddings) do we follow Restore Illinois or the Law? **JK – Follow existing DCCEO guidance in indoor or outdoor event, and if banquet hall inside, follow the restaurant guidance.**

If there are Cook county appointments at the United Center, will Skokie, Evanston, Oak Park and Stickney Township residents be able to make an appointment? **AF - More information is coming.**