MDPH Tuesday Infectious Disease Webinar Series

Tools for Local Boards of Health

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Updates for today, Tuesday, 6/21/2022

- MAVEN LBOH No Follow up Needed Workflow Review
- Reminder to scan and check your Immediate, Routine & Pending Workflows in MAVEN
LBOH Notification but no follow-up required
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1) Click the box in the upper left-hand corner to select all cases – the page will highlight all cases (usually default setting on your computer)
LBOH Notification but no follow-up required

Cases are now highlighted as shown in yellow.

2) Click on the Populate LBOH Notified to Yes (Step1)

3) No further follow-up is needed for these cases unless you decide you want to do case investigation
LBOH Notification but no follow-up required

Diseases that flow into the workflow:

- Encephalitis
- Enterovirus
- Group B streptococcus infection
- Hepatitis B cases not considered to be suspect acute
- Hepatitis C cases not considered to be suspect acute
- Hepatitis D
- Influenza
- Invasive bacterial infection (other)
- Lyme disease
- Psittacosis
- Refugee
- Refugee Family
- Rickettsial pox
- Streptococcus pneumonia infections among those 18 years and older
- Typhus fever
- Varicella
- Viral meningitis
Check your Immediate, Routine & Pending Workflows

- Reminder to check your LBOH Workflows
  - LBOH Notification for Immediate Diseases
  - LBOH Notification for Routine disease (384 cases currently waiting for you today)
  - LBOH Case Report Forms (CRF) are pending (533 cases in this workflow)
    --- Cases in these workflows range from Jan 2021 – April 2022
  - LBOH Notification but no follow-up required (4,355 cases in this workflow)
Topics Today

- Recaps and Reminders
- Translation Services Update
- Monkepox Updates
- Travel Updates
- Masking
- Vaccines for Kids!
- **Review:** Updated Guidance for K-12 Schools, Childcare Programs, and Recreational Summer Camps

**Today’s Disease Training:** Cyclospora & Vibrio Case Investigations
- Geena Chiumento
- Johanna Vostok
MDPH Conducts Infectious Disease Tools for LBOH Webinars Every Other Week

Upcoming Topics! Register Now!

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*No webinars on July 5 & Aug 2.

• MDPH presents Every Other Week on Tuesdays 11:00-12:30
  • Updates in Guidance.
  • Troubleshooting MAVEN.
  • How to conduct case investigations and contact tracing in different settings.
  • Target Audience: Health Agents, Contact Tracers, and Public Health Nurses doing this work.

MAVEN Help has Guidance Documents and Previous Webinars:

Webinar Schedule Update:
Every Other Tuesday @ 11am

MDPH Epi Program: 617-983-6800
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Next Webinar: Tuesday, July 19, 2022
Introduction to Infectious Disease Epidemiology for Local Health (Beyond COVID-19) Parts 1 & 2

- Announcing two-part introductory series on the core components of infectious disease epidemiology in Massachusetts!

- Topics Include:
  - Reporting Requirements,
  - Surveillance,
  - Case Investigation Resources, and
  - The importance of Shoe-Leather Epidemiology in identifying and investigating cases and outbreaks in your local community.

- This Training lays the foundation for additional disease-specific trainings this spring!

- Recommended for any new or onboarding staff.

Recordings and Slides on MAVEN Help:

- Introduction to Infectious Disease Epidemiology for Local Health (Beyond COVID-19) Part 1: Surveillance
  - Part 1: Surveillance (Webinar Recording)
  - Part 1: Surveillance (Slides PDF)

- Introduction to Infectious Disease Epidemiology for Local Health (Beyond COVID-19): Part 2: Epidemiology
  - Part 2: Epidemiology (Webinar Recording)
  - Part 2: Epidemiology (Slides PDF)

- This training will be appropriate for new and existing local health staff and board members wishing to understand the core components of our work in MA as we respond to additional reportable infectious diseases (beyond COVID-19).

- These sessions were recorded April 26, 2022 and May 10, 2022.
Key Guidance Links 6/21/22

- New Digital Vaccination Record [https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-vaccination-records](https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-vaccination-records)

- Main DPH Guidance Pages for 2022:

- DPH Isolation and Quarantine for Health Care Personnel - December 29, 2021

- Public Health Testing Advisory:

- CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population

- DESE Updated Protocols – 2022
  - Isolation & Quarantine for Staff: [https://www.mass.gov/covid19-on-desktop/protocols/](https://www.mass.gov/covid19-on-desktop/protocols/)
  - Testing Program [https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/testing/default.html](https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/testing/default.html)
  - DESE Rapid Response Help Center: (781) 338-3500

- EEC Guidance for Childcare Settings – Spring 2022
  - EEC helpline can be reached by calling 857-488-4410 or via email at [EEChelpline@primary.health](mailto:EEChelpline@primary.health)
CDC Updated Pages

- CDC Staying Up to Date on Your Vaccines
  - Important information for determining who is up to date and who is not (applicable for I&Q guidance)

- CDC Vaccines Guidance Page:
  - "[Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html)"
    - Everything you need to know regarding vaccination guidelines.
      - Who should get what vaccine?
      - Timing of vaccines.
      - Recommendations for additional doses or boosters for different populations.
      - Contraindications and precautions.
      - Vaccine ingredients.
      - Administration of Vaccines (how to, what to use, etc.)

    - This is a living document that gets updated as recommendations are adopted and refined.

- Immunization Action Coalition (IAC)'s Ask the Experts page
  - [https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_cov.asp](https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_cov.asp)
    - Great resource for all your vaccine questions in a Q&A format.
Updates – A quick recap for June 21, 2022

We Last Met June 7, 2022:

• Immunization Poll
• Reminders & Updates
  • Webinar Updates for this Spring
• Updated Guidance for K-12 Schools, Childcare Programs, and Recreational Summer Camps
• Translation Services Update
• Guest Disease Training: Introduction to Tickborne Disease Case Investigations
  • Erin Mann

Always Remember you can see recent webinar recordings and slides in MAVEN Help.

Translation Services Updates

• Current Fiscal Year Interpreter Services Contracts will **EXPRIE June 30, 2022**.

  • All Invoices for services through June 30, 2022 must be submitted to MDPH at sli.invoices@state.ma.us by August 15, 2022.

  • Interpreter Services process and vendor list will be updated for July 1, 2022. Previous contracts and vendor agreements will no longer apply.

  • Be sure to check with MDPH for July 2022 process and updated vendor information!

    • Interpreter Services Instructions Document (expires June 30, 2022)
Monkeypox Updates

- **New MDPH webpage!** [https://www.mass.gov/monkeypox](https://www.mass.gov/monkeypox)

- **New MDPH Updates Every Thursday!** Case counts and other important information!
  - Next Update: Thursday, June 23.
  - Also check out CDC’s website: [2022 U.S. Map and Case Count](https://www.cdc.gov/monkeypox/)

- **MDPH Press Release 6/16/22:** Current data from CDC indicate that there have been 84 cases of monkeypox virus this year in US residents; this includes the first identified case in Massachusetts which was confirmed on May 18.
  - There have been no deaths in the US or globally related to this outbreak and patients generally recover fully in 2-4 weeks.
  - Although many of the early cases were associated with international travel, recent cases are not. Gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men make up a large proportion of the cases identified to date. However, the risk is not limited to the LGBTQ community, and anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk.

Great CDC Webinar on Monkeypox!
Monkeypox Updates

• Seven confirmed cases in Massachusetts. MDPH Epidemiologists are conducting follow-up on most exposed contacts.
  - CONTACTS: There is no requirement to quarantine unless symptoms develop. Any symptomatic contacts will be evaluated by MDPH for potential testing.

• LBOH should see your MAVEN Events if there is a suspect case or contact identified in your jurisdiction, although most follow-up is being handled at the state level at this time.
  - LBOH may see MAVEN Events for the following:
    - Contact Events: Flight contacts, MA residents with out-of-state exposures, In-state exposures.
    - Suspect Cases (PUIs: Patients Under Investigation): Symptomatic individuals identified by a medical provider for potential testing.
      - Some of these will be screened out very quickly by MDPH, others may be approved for testing.

• Be sure to READ THE NOTES from the MDPH Epi in the MAVEN Event! This will tell you if any action is needed on your part.

• Contact the assigned MDPH Epi (see Task Tab) if you have questions.
Travel Updates!

• The Requirement for Negative Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test Result or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19 for all Airline or Other Aircraft Passengers Arriving into the United States from Any Foreign Country Has Been Rescinded!

• This means that as of 12:01AM ET on June 12, 2022, all air passengers, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, are no longer required to show a negative viral COVID-19 test result, or documentation of recovery from COVID-19, before boarding a flight to the United States.

• [https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/fr-proof-negative-test.html](https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/fr-proof-negative-test.html)

Face Mask Reminder: As a result of a court order, effective immediately and as of April 18, 2022, CDC’s January 29, 2021 Order requiring masks on public transportation conveyances and at transportation hubs is no longer in effect. Therefore, CDC will not enforce the Order. CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time. [https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html](https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html)
Mask Advisory & Guidance in MA

• Mask Advisory Update Effective as of July 1, 2022:

  • Masks Are Required in the following locations:

    1. On transportation provided by the Commonwealth’s Human Service Transportation (HST) Brokerage.
    2. Healthcare facilities.
    3. Certain Health Care and Day Services and Programs operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth including the Executive Office of Health and Human Services or one of its agencies. (Adult Day Health, Day Rehabilitation, etc.).

• You should wear a mask when indoors and not in your home if you have a weakened immune system, someone in your home is at risk of severe disease, or you are undergoing isolation/quarantine.

• [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-requirements](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-requirements)
Children Ages 6 Months to 4 years Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccinations!

• **Everyone ages 6 months and older** should receive a COVID-19 **primary series** vaccination for the prevention of COVID-19.

• **Everyone ages 5 years and older** should receive at least 1 **booster dose** of COVID-19 vaccine if eligible (i.e., if a booster dose is FDA-approved or FDA-authorized for use in a specified population). **Recommendations for booster dose(s) vary based on age, COVID-19 vaccine product, and immunocompetence.**

• The recommended schedule and use of each COVID-19 vaccine product vary by the age and immune status of the recipient. There are two vaccination schedules: one for **people who are not moderately or severely immunocompromised** and one for **people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.**
Congratulations!

- We made it until the end of the school year!

- You all have done an amazing job! Thank you for all the work you have put into your towns and your school districts.

- Thank you to all the school nurses, town nurses, school committees, local health agents, teachers, district and school staff, and everyone else who helped manage our schools and do your best to control and reduce the spread of COVID-19.
New Updates to I&Q for Children in Childcare, K-12, Camps, etc.

• May 25, 2022, MDPH posted updated COMBINED new Isolation and Quarantine Guidance online.

• **COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for Children in Child Care, K-12, Out-of-School Time (OST) and Recreational Camp/Program Settings.**

• Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has updated their main page to reflect these updates, as well as provide updated information for their K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program for Spring, Summer, and Fall 2022.

• Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) has also updated their main page to reflect these updates and their Resources Page.
New Updates to I&Q for Children in Childcare, K-12, Camps, etc.

- New Isolation & Quarantine Overview:
  - **Updated I&Q guidance** only applies to children in programming.
  - **STAFF** should refer to regular setting guidance:
    - Staff in K-12 Schools: Use previous [DESE March 3 Protocols](#)
    - Staff in Childcare: Use [EEC webpage guidance for staff](#)
    - Staff in EEC out-of-school time (OST): Use [EEC webpage guidance for staff](#)
    - Staff in Recreational Camp Settings: Use [General Population Guidance](#)
New Updates to I&Q for Children in Childcare, K-12, Camps, etc.

- **Isolation & Quarantine Overview for Children in Programming:**
  - **Quarantine for Contacts in these Settings is NOT REQUIRED.**
    - Must remain asymptomatic, but can continue to attend programming.
    - Masking through Day 10 for those who can mask.
    - Recommended Testing on Days 2 & 5 after exposure. NOT REQUIRED.
  - **Isolation for Cases in these Settings: Same as before.**
    - Must isolate at home for minimum 5 days.
    - If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever-free for 24 hours, they may return to programming after Day 5, provided:
      - Mask through Day 10, or
      - No mask? Needs negative test on Day 5 or later to return prior to Day 11.

- **UPDATE:** At-Home Rapid Antigen Tests may be used off-label for children under 2.
New Updates to I&Q for Children in Childcare, K-12, Camps, etc.

• **Overview for Children in Programming:**

  • **Symptomatic Children:** Negative test and they can stay. Please wear a mask while symptomatic (best practice).
  
  • **Can’t test?** Go home and come back after:
    
    • Negative test, or
    
    • Meet symptom-based criteria (fever free for 24 hrs & symptoms resolve) or
    
    • Alternative diagnosis from provider.

• **UPDATE:** At-Home Rapid Antigen Tests may be used off-label for children under 2.
New Updates to I&Q for Children in Childcare, K-12, Camps, etc.

- Isolation & Quarantine Overview for Children in Programming:
  - **Summary**: Exposed children can attend daycare/school/camp so long as they are asymptomatic.
  - **CHANGE**: Location of exposure no longer matters. Children can continue to attend programming regardless of whether exposure was IN SCHOOL or OUTSIDE SCHOOL.
  - **UPDATE**: At-Home Rapid Antigen Tests may be used off-label for children under 2.
  - Schools and programs that wish to continue serial antigen testing (Test & Stay) may do so for the remainder of this school year.
  - Schools are not required to conduct contact tracing as a standard practice but must work with their Local Board of Health in the case of outbreaks.
DESE K-12 COVID-19 Resources

- Isolation and Quarantine for **Children** in K-12: [Joint I&Q Guidance for Children in Certain Settings](#).

- Isolation and Quarantine for **Staff** in K-12: Utilize the [DESE Protocol document from March 2022](#).

- **DESE COVID-19 Testing Program:**
  - Updated [DESE COVID-19 Testing Program Page](#)
  - New [COVID-19 Testing Program FAQ download](#) (June 9, 2022)
  - [Memo](#) on DESE Testing Updates for Spring, Summer, and Fall 2022
  - DESE Webinar [Slides](#) and [Recording](#) from May 25, 2022

- **DESE COVID-19** [Guidance Main Page](#)
- **DESE Rapid Response Help Center:** 781-338-3500
EEC’s Childcare Updates

• EEC has removed their previous protocol document.
  
  • For I&Q for Children: refer to the new Joint I&Q Guidance for Children in Certain Settings.
  
  • For I&Q for Staff: refer to EEC Guidance for Providers Page

• Exposed Staff:
  • Can remain in care if they test for 5 consecutive days.
  • UPDATE: Exposure does NOT have to be at program.
  • Vax Status/Recovered Status does not apply in this guidance.

• Positive Staff:
  • Must isolate at home for minimum 5 days,
  • If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever-free for 24 hours, they may return to programming after Day 5, provided:
    • Mask through Day 10, or
    • No mask? Needs negative test on Day 5 or later to return prior to Day 11.
  • Still positive? Must isolate until negative test or Day 11.
EEC’s Childcare Updates

• Classroom closure is not recommended and there is no exclusion/quarantine recommended for an exposed cohort.

• EEC’s Testing for Childcare document was updated May 24, 2022. Will be phased out June 30, 2022.
  • Update notes the replacement of their old Protocols Document with the new joint page I&Q Guidance for Children in Certain Settings.
    • Still outlines testing program options through Neighborhood Villages:
      • Symptomatic Rapid Testing
      • Rapid Cohort Testing: Daily testing for 5 days following an exposure.
      • Weekly Surveillance PCR Testing
    • EEC will continue providing tests to EEC-licensed providers through at least December 2022.

• NOTE: EEC strongly encourages providers to update their own quarantine and isolation practices for children and families in accordance with new joint I&Q guidance.
EEC’s Childcare COVID-19 Resources

• Isolation and Quarantine for **Children** in Childcare Programs: Joint I&Q Guidance for Children in Certain Settings.

• Isolation and Quarantine for **Staff** in Childcare Programs: Utilize the EEC Guidance for Providers Page.

• EEC COVID-19 Testing Program:
  • Updated EEC COVID-19 Testing for Child Care Programs Protocols
  • Neighborhood Villages: https://www.maearyedtesting.com/
  • EEC will phase out the Testing For Child Care protocols effective June 30, 2022.

• EEC Covid-19 Healthline: 857-488-4418 or via email at EEChealthline@primary.health - Available through August 2022.
Recreational Camps


- COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for Staff in Recreational Camp Settings: Use General Population Guidance

- For More information on Recreational Camps for Children (beyond COVID-19):
  - Website for guidance documents, sample forms, annual immunization letter, and memos to assist in complying with 430.

More questions?
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- Community Sanitation Program
- Bureau of Environmental Health
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health