

Questions and Answers



Pediatric Providers Webinar

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"COVID-19 Pediatric Update: Epidemiology, Newborn, MIS-C, and Moving to Yellow Status"
presentation by Emily Thorell, MD, Primary Children's Hospital Epidemiologist

1. **A lot of physicians have asked how we can support the school districts in reopening in a safe way, sensitive to what happens with the virus throughout the upcoming school year. Do you have advice on how we can promote evidence-based approaches to re-opening?**

Answer: Look at CDC guidance about schools to think about how to re-open safely. Consider and ask about procedures in place. State also providing some guidance about moving to yellow, and "Tiered Guidelines for General Public" on their website. School resources listed below. Just a note that counseling families of how to decide for their own family is suggested. Also look for social media groups. We find some of our most current information on Twitter.

2. **Has the breast milk been tested on positive mom?**

Answer: Quite a bit of testing on breast milk. One article in pre-release that shares one case of possible transmission but question that it was contamination. We have not seen any infections from breast milk, and moms are encouraged to breast feed. No concerns at this point.

3. **Is the clinical course timing for sick infants and children similar to adults (sickest in 2nd week)?**

Answer: Yes, we have seen this in older teens, especially with pre-existing conditions e.g. obesity.

4. **Are only patients admitted to PCH included in this study or are patients admitted to community hospitals included?**

Answer: Depends on the study. Might be able to submit information and get a child enrolled. Please let us know about these cases and we can work to enroll if appropriate. Feel free to contact Emily.

5. **Are the cases of MIS-C also more prominent in the communities that are more affected, like Latinos, African Americans, Pacific Islander?**

Answer: Probably, though we do not yet know the data as numbers are generally small and specifically for those groups. Time will tell. We continue to watch for disparities. Encourage all to continue to advocate for those in your practice that are in our highest risk groups.

Presentation Resources:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-day-camps.html>
- https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Health/Phased_Health_Guidelines_V4.5.3_05262020.pdf
- Utah Board of Education: <https://www.schools.utah.gov/coronavirus>
- Catholic Schools Plan: Leading with Hope;
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10pAmrhH53ROJOj9VVmkBRVnFOhCto1X/view>
- Facebook: COVID 19 School Physicians Group