

January 27, 2022

QTIP Overview (Martin)

- Pavi Sreekumar to everyone: Thanks so much to QTIP, Dr.Brackbill, & Dr.Amati for all the support with the Lifestyle Medicine project, we have learned so much!

COVID Update (Bragg)

- from Ramkumar: is the first day of symptoms or day of testing Day 0 and then you count 5 days? Lots of parents are confused about this!
 - from Leigh Bragg : The day 0 start date is from the start of symptoms if present, or if Asymptomatic the test day
- from Deborah Greenhouse: What about the daycares and schools that are still requiring a negative test to return to school or to sports?
 - from Leigh Bragg : the childcare centers and schools should not required a negative test from some with COVID; We do strongly recommend testing on day 5 of quarantine
- from Jamie Singleton: how are the schools getting this information? there is a lot of variation in what parents are saying the school requires to return
 - Leigh Bragg: Parents likely get their information from our website. We have several communications pathways from DHEC to schools. We communicate directly with the dept of Ed, post everything on our dhac website; present at nursing meetings, we have town halls. We have a schools team at DHEC that is constantly answering any questions.
- from Lillianne Lewis Debnam: Any recommendations managing meal time for those returning to school/daycare during the Day 6-10 with mask period?
 - from Leigh Bragg : Yes. Is recommended to space children out, stagger lunch times. There are all kinds of ways to "get creative" with spacing. If there is no way to separate then the shortened quarantine option may not be good for that school
- from ElizaVaradi : Leigh - the Daycares are grossly misinterpreting thr guidelines telling families their babies can return on day 6 - can there be some sort of mass message to all the daycares - stating that babies who cannot mask cannot return on day 6 - parents are mad at us for telling them this
 - from Leigh Bragg: I see this too, we have communicated this with daycares and they shouldn't be allowing children back. We also send the exclusion list and guidance to DSS who regulates childcare centers.
- from Tristian Douglass: what about if one child is positive in the house but another sib is not ... some parents are having troubles understanding this
 - from Leigh Bragg: Yes, this has been a huge issue from the beginning of the pandemic. We are releasing some simple graphics to help people better understand household contacts. We work with schools also to communicate this message
- from Deborah Greenhouse : We are now definitely seeing kids with a second case of covid within 90 days now. Completely well in between. Makes me wonder about the 90 day assumption of immunity from previous infection.
 - From Leigh Bragg: Agreed, I meet with CDC every other week. I have this on my list to bring up next week! In practice I feel this may be happening more frequently as well. I'm not sure there are any studies at this time, so I'm not sure it will change during the Omicron wave
- from Katy Smathers: there also seems to be continued parental/individual school confusion regarding the requirement for a physicians note before the child can return to school and/or to excuse days missed due to illness..

- From Leigh Bragg: I would point anyone with these issues to the Exclusion list.
<https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/2022-Revisions-School-Childcare-Exclusion-List-2021-1.15.22.pdf>
- from Ranya Chakra : Along with Debbie's question, I'm seeing a few cases of reinfection with symptoms and positive rapid antigen testing in office within 30 days. I know pcr can be positive for some time but rapid antigen? Could it be Delta vs omicron
 - from Leigh Bragg: I think this could be the case and I will be asking the CDC about this, not sure there are any studies now but good to know others are seeing this too.
- from Deborah Greenhouse: Great presentation. Thank you!
- from Katy Smathers : New DHEC testing site opening at the Grove Rd old K-mart parking lot in Greenville tomorrow or Monday
- from Beth O'Brien : Wonderful Presentation! Very Informative!
- from Beth Thelan : How do we stop daycare from requiring a negative test for child to return?
- from ElizaVaradi : ? Leigh - daycares are telling parents babies who clearly cant mask can return on day 5 - can there be some sort of memo to all the daycares? We have lost patients over this - telling them babies cannot return after day 5 "BUT DAYCARE SAID they COULD"
- from Leigh Bragg : If you have any other questions/issues with COVID in childcares or schools, please email me BraggL@dhec.sc.gov or Lbragg@tigerpeds.com I'm always here to help everyone.
- from Deborah Greenhouse :It is definitely for covid pos kids. Everything from day cares to a few public high schools.
- from Beth Thelan : Charleston area also requesting negative test for COVID +
- from Ann Beardsley : We have had that requirement for positive cases in our school district, as well.
- from Tristian Douglass : some schools in georgetown city schools are as well
- from ElizaVaradi : Leigh - special needs child who cant fully mask - tested positive with minimal symptoms. Cannot mask well- has missed so much school therefore therapy due to multiple quarantines - is 2 back to back negative tests after day 5 an option for him?

This is how it works for us

- from Martha Edwards : Great presentation Nan!!
- from Beth O'Brien : Nice presentation! Congrats to Beaufort Pediatrics for great work

Team Tooth:

- from William Basco : Congrats, Jeff and Alden!
- from Deborah Greenhouse : Great project and great plans going forward. Thanks!
- from Martha Edwards : Great job both of you!
- from Lillianne Lewis Debnam :Very Timely -- February is National Children's Dental Health Month