



Communicable Disease Branch Local Health Department Monthly Webinar Key Points – March 11, 2025

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 [NC Communicable Disease Manual - Other Diseases of Public Health Significance \(ncdhhs.gov\)](https://ncdhhs.gov)
- **New:** NCDHHS LHD Monthly Webinar 03-11-2025.pdf

Video recording: <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/1064820154/1e8fc5f111>

Questions & Answers

Q. Where can a copy of the slides be printed/shared w/ coworkers?

A. Slides are available following each meeting in the CD manual.

Q. For school communities (both students/staff) - would you recommend proactively advising families now to check their immunization status and make sure they are up-to-date? Students' vaccine status is tracked, but staff in public schools are not required to submit vaccine status. (Lisa Pursell-Morris)

A. Absolutely!

Q. The meeting re measles you mentioned earlier....is that just for HD staff?

A. This webinar occurred on Thursday and was for LHD CD nurses.

Q. in what section of the cd manual are slides

A. Link: https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/cd/other_diseases.html

Q. Are there any shortages anticipated of MMR vaccine? Should we titer first before vaccine for folks born after 1957 who are uncertain about immunity and vaccine history?

A. There is no known shortage of MMR so it is up to the patient preferences on whether to get titers first (which can be costly) or to just go ahead and immunize if eligible.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mmr/hcp/recommendations.html>

Q. Can you discuss updates coming to NCIR

A. We have secured a vendor for a new NCIR which is still planned to launch in 2025. More information for providers should be coming shortly. This website is where we will post the most recent updates:

<https://www.dph.ncdhhs.gov/programs/epidemiology/immunization/providers/ncir/coming-soon>

Q. For individuals with unknown measles immunity, it is recommended to draw titers, rather than give a booster, to preserve quantities of MMR for those who truly need it?

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Q. I would love more info regarding being prepared for possible measles cases in the school setting.

A. A webinar for school nurses is being planned.

Q. What if an individual had just one measles and Rubella vaccine approx 1970. Do we give MMR? and if so one or two doses?

A. If they have only had one dose of measles vaccine they would need a 2nd MMR to complete the 2 dose series. For protection for mumps they would need a 2nd MMR, call 919-707-5575 if you need more info.

Q. STI update?

A. The NC Annual STI Update (originally scheduled for March19) has been postponed. The PTC and NWAHEC are working to reschedule it for later this year. Once a date is determined, NWAHEC will announce that, and TATP will share with our LHD contacts.