

COVID-19 Vaccine for Children: Science & School Nurses Experiences Karen Rufo, MS PPCNP-BC

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## Background Data

- Demographics
  - Suburban school district- 13 miles outside Boston
  - 6900 students
  - 1,000 staff
- School Nurse Staffing
  - 10 schools PreK, 6 elementary, 2 middle and one high school
  - School Nurse Staffing- 18 nurses and one Director of Health Services
  - At least one nurse in every school
  - Currently recruiting for 4 more positions, including a COVID Compliance Coordinator RN
- Communication
  - Weekly Superintendents Email to Community
  - Nurse Emails to Specific School Community and/or targeted population
  - Direct emails to those who signed up
  - Twitter, Posters, Handouts
  - · FAQ to families and staff

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## Vaccine Clinics

Fall 2020

11 Flu Vaccine Clinics

May/June 2021

6 COVID-19 vaccine clinics- 2,000 vaccines administered

This school year:

10 Flu/COVID-19 Clinics at Schools One Community Clinic

November 19th

Starts our 5-11 yo vaccine clinics (1,000 scheduled Fri/Mon) 6 clinics scheduled between now and December 23<sup>rd</sup> COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics scheduled every 3-4 weeks until June

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## Setting Up of Clinics

- We have partnered with pharmaceutical companies
- Support of key stakeholders

Nurses School/District Administrators Administrative Assistants

Local BOH Lexington Fire Department School Staff

Students Families Local Pediatricians

Custodians

- Clarity of roles
  - The Pharmaceutical Company will....
  - The School will......
  - Staff and Families will....
- Choosing Location and Dates
- Staging of Location

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## Lessons Learned

- Feedback from everyone Google Doc
  - Developed better signage
  - Clear definition of roles
  - Set-up Area
  - Distractors- "Diamond Drummers" Poster Sign
    - Therapy Dogs
    - Water timers
    - Fidget toys to hold and take with them
    - Posters Where's Waldo? Something to look at
  - School Counselors on hand to assist with calming/debriefing
  - Greeters
  - Supplies

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