COVID-19 Vaccine for Children: Science & School Nurses Experiences
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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
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 23rd
  COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics scheduled every 3-4 weeks until June

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
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