

LEPC Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2021

Time: 9:00 am

Held: Virtually via Zoom

Attendees (22): Signed in (on file Emergency Management/CSJH)

Topic	Discussion
Welcome & Introductions	Welcome new members and/or guests LEPC portion of meeting led by Vice Chair Nathan Ramsey
Vice Chair Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As our capacity to give vaccines increases, VDH and the EM Task Force may be calling on LEPC members by email to help with vaccine events if available ▪ Volunteer roles may include directing traffic, registration, helping community members schedule their second vaccine dose, etc.
Vaccine Process Updates	
Virginia Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Primary focus in the past two-three months has been receiving and distributing vaccine ▪ >25,000 in CSHD administered so far, with anticipated 500- person event(s) at least weekly going forward ▪ Currently vaccinating 1A, 1B 1-3: ages 65+, essential workers, K-12, daycare/childcare staff, 60+ with underlying conditions ▪ Getting J&J vaccine in- starting next week. Will be a one- time allotment to start. ▪ Any vaccine is a great vaccine. All efficacy rates are tremendous ▪ Pfizer vaccine has EUA for ages 16+, and teenagers are welcome to register at vaccinate.virginia.gov, but we're not reaching out to folks in the general population who are attending school at this time
Carilion Rockbridge Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CRBH has given a total of 2268 COVID vaccines from 12/2020 through 2/2021 ▪ December clinics were smaller and mainly 1st doses for Carilion staff and community partners ▪ January included 2nd dose clinics and 2 larger clinics for non- Carilion health care providers and public safety personnel. ▪ February clinics focused on 2nd dose for 1A & 1B, as well as 1st doses for ages 65+.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CRBH will have weekly 300- dose clinics for the next six weeks (3 x 1st dose clinics, followed by 3x 2nd dose clinics).
Rockbridge Area Health Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snapshot of 2020 (below) ▪ January- started giving staff vaccinations and partnered with VDH to help other groups (e.g. dental offices, VPAS, Project Horizon, preschools, etc.) ▪ Giving vaccines weekly, Tuesday through Friday ~280 doses/week ▪ To date, RAHC has given 1350 vaccines with 460 being fully vaccinated, and 890 receiving their 1st dose ▪ Have been referring people to Vaccinate Virginia website and call center to register for the vaccine
EM Coordinators	
Local EM Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Task force is still pretty busy- maintaining regular communications with each other ▪ Priorities include COVID vaccine planning/support, testing, helping community members sign up for the vaccine list, and obtaining PPE for emergency distribution ▪ CERT is helping with vaccine clinics ▪ Providing information to media as needed ▪ Continuing to participate in regular planning/informational meetings with VDEM and VDH ▪ City of Lexington HR just received a large supply of hand sanitizer in gallon containers- contact Robby Bailey (rbailey@lexingtonva.gov) if you need some
Law Enforcement	
Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crisis intervention training will start back up in the spring.
Buena Vista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No major updates
Fire/EMS/Public Safety	
Lexington City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thank you to the task force and to the LEPC for all that you're doing
Rockbridge County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 pm burn ban in effect right now ▪ Fire season is around the corner ▪ US Forest Service planning some burns in Alleghany and Nelson/Augusta Counties ▪ Be prepared when going out to do outdoor activities such as kayaking- be aware of

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	<p>conditions and take appropriate supplies (e.g. phone, water, extra clothing, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don't forget to change smoke detector batteries
VDH/VDEM/VDOT/NWRHC/DEQ/USDA	
Virginia Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working to mitigate press concerns about the J&J vaccine- stressing that it is safe and effective, and working to dispel the notion that a less effective vaccine is being given to certain groups ▪ An advantage to using J&J is that it's a one-dose vaccine ▪ J&J has some logistical storage and administration benefits as well ▪ The best vaccine to get is the one that's available to you
Virginia Department of Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuing to maintain assistance and coordination role with local task forces, VDH, etc. ▪ Continuing to assist the Virginia National Guard and VDH to stand up testing sites ▪ Still responding to other events such as severe weather ▪ Virginia National Guard pods are training in Roanoke to assist with vaccine clinics ▪ Prioritizing health equity inclusion data to be able to get vaccines to communities
Northwest Region Healthcare Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuing to push out situational awareness updates as they become available ▪ Have distributed a lot of PPE over the past few months ▪ Anticipating an increase in PPE requests as people try to stay ahead of the variants ▪ Passing along information on vaccine clinics as they receive it
Health Care	
Carilion Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carilion Clinic is helping run an 8,000-dose vaccine clinic at the Berglund Center in Roanoke this weekend, with a goal of 4,000 doses each day. ▪ All Carilion facilities are preparing for Joint Commission accreditation this year ▪ CRBH completed their Hazard Vulnerability Assessment at the end of February, with community stakeholders participating ▪ Participating in the weekly IHE calls

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CRBH is at a red level for visitation, with other Carilion facilities at yellow ▪ The visitation level for Carilion facilities is determined on a weekly basis, and is based on local case numbers and other data
Rockbridge Area Health Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2020 snapshot given, including participation in EM stakeholder calls, community COVID testing in August, weekly institutes of higher education calls in the fall.
Local Government	
Rockbridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thank you to everyone for your efforts as we've navigated through the pandemic over the past year ▪ LEPC positioned us to be able to respond in a collaborative way to this challenge ▪ Rockbridge County has been working on staggered shifts and telework, with the goal of bringing everyone back with safety precautions in place on Monday
Buena Vista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Buena Vista City Manager Jason Tyree starts March 15, 2021
University/College & K-12	
Virginia Military Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10 cadets are currently in isolation, 44 in quarantine ▪ Much improved from 262 in isolation 21 days ago, 198 in isolation 15 days ago ▪ 5 faculty/staff/employees in isolation, 1 in quarantine ▪ May see cadets in town Saturday and Sunday this weekend (allowing general permits) ▪ NCAA sports off to a good start ▪ Classes are a hybrid format ▪ Weekly IHE calls continue. This Friday will be the 36th meeting
Washington and Lee University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Classes are also hybrid ▪ PCR testing done at least weekly, with athletes tested up to 3x/week ▪ Currently 31 active cases with 67 students in quarantine ▪ Also doing rapid antigen testing of close contacts any anyone with symptoms through the student health center ▪ Picking up cases very early- spreading in residential, dining, and social settings, possibly sports as opposed to the classroom ▪ Cases not as significant in employees

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Dabney S. Lancaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Very few reports of symptoms or positive cases so far this semester ▪ Most classes remain virtual, except for labs
Lexington City Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently no active cases, with 1 student in quarantine ▪ So far during the pandemic, there have been zero cases that have been transmitted in Lexington schools ▪ In- person classes 4 days/week- 75% in-person, 25% remain virtual ▪ Maxed out with space- researching 6 ft vs 3 ft social distancing ▪ Starting to plan for fall with school board ▪ 90% of staff have received the vaccine so far, with more to be getting them shortly
Rockbridge County Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MRMS is wanting to put on a “spring fling” field day at the end of April and needs funds for this event ▪ Masks, buttons, hand sanitizers, other small trinkets/gifts are also needed ▪ Still hybrid schedule with in- person two days a week, several students remaining virtual ▪ Staff have all had an opportunity to get the vaccine
LTC/Hospice	
Rockbridge Area Hospice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community memorial service with Rockbridge Interfaith Group in April to acknowledge COVID- related deaths ▪ Susan will share information when she has more details
Other Organizations	
Rockbridge Area Community Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff are teleworking until Monday, with a planned, staggered return two days a week, and a goal to have most staff back in the office by April 1 ▪ Still able to do telehealth ▪ There were a couple of outbreaks in the same group home, had some trouble contact tracing to determine source ▪ The outbreaks affected five people plus staff, and all have recovered and are doing well ▪ Eagles Nest is up and running, and the developmental disability day program is currently open to RACSB group home residents only

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Lexington- Rockbridge Chamber of Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Some businesses slowly moving toward more normal indoor capacity, with some others remaining open for takeout only▪ Looking forward to warmer weather and the ability to have more outside seating for outdoor events
Meeting Adjourned	9: 53 am
Next LEPC Meeting	Thursday, June 3, 2020 <u>9:00 am</u> Zoom
Recorded by:	Shelby Ruley

Participants: Susan Bedell, Craig Bryant, Ty Dickerson, Hugh Ferguson, Keith Hartman, Jane Horton, Ethan Kipnes, Tracy Lyons, Kevin Moore, Janine Owens, Bobby Parker, Nathan Ramsey, Mark Riley, Trent Roberts, Kim Shaw, Jonathan Simmons, Justan Slagle, Spencer Suter, Jason White, Angela Williams, Jay Williams