

LEPC Meeting Minutes

Date: June 3, 2021

Time: 9:00 am

Held: Virtually via Zoom

Attendees **(28): Signed in**

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"> ▪ Phil Hysell invited to present from National Weather Service regarding upcoming seasonal weather information. Slides are available via email
Vaccine Process Updates	
Virginia Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 55.2% vaccinated with first dose in Virginia ▪ Target is 70% by July, currently tracking to meet that goal ▪ >14,500 vaccines at the Peebles site alone thus far ▪ Access to vaccines greatly increased at locations everywhere ▪ Starting July 6, moving out of Peebles and into Health Department, distributing all three vaccine options weekly (Tuesdays)
Carilion Rockbridge Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volumes have dramatically increased. As of this meeting, only one patient ▪ Visitation policy has relaxed ▪ No longer doing weekly clinics, will still do sporadic clinics in the community, such as Hulls Drive in
Rockbridge Area Health Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuing community testing ▪ Will continue mobile vaccination clinics throughout the community ▪ Vaccines administered on site Thursdays and Fridays ▪ 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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 ▪ Planning on closing down Peebles facility at end of the month, down to administering vaccines one day a week at time of meeting. ▪ Vaccines given to manufacturing facilities, local correctional center, schools, etc. ▪ Signup for vaccines available at vaccineappointments.virginia.gov
Law Enforcement	
Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Many compliments received regarding Vaccination Site ▪ Looking forward to September in-person meeting
Buena Vista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Buena Vista Fire Department Carnival June 2-5 ▪ National Night Out- August 7th, can set up a table, give out flyers, etc. Vaccine clinic will be provided ▪ Waylon Miller promoted to Captain
Fire/EMS/Public Safety	
Lexington City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Glad to be returning to normal activities and leaning back from COVID-19 focus
VDH/VDEM/VDOT/NWRHC/DEQ/USDA	
Virginia Department of Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Largely transitioning back from all hazards, will still be active with planning and recovery as needed ▪ Continuing to maintain assistance and coordination role with local task forces, VDH, etc. ▪ Still responding to other events such as severe weather
Northwest Region Healthcare Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan to start reducing requirement to report COVID statistics ▪ Currently in a hurricane exercise at time of meeting ▪ Continuing to push out situational awareness updates as they become available ▪ Passing along information on vaccine clinics as they receive it
Local Government	
Rockbridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Back to normal operations ▪ Mask requirement lifted for vaccinated

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> employees ▪ Budget has been adopted for FY2022 ▪ Looking at potential uses from American Rescue funding ▪ Part-Time lifeguard jobs available for the summer
Buena Vista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome to new City Manager Jason Tyree ▪ Budget has been adopted for FY2022 ▪ In process of American Rescue fund planning
University/College & K-12	
Virginia Military Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Successfully completed out academic year ▪ Summer Academic programs outgoing, including many youth athletic camps ▪ Implementing COVID-19 prevention measures to on campus attendees ▪ Planning for fall return, currently in discussion of vaccine mandates ▪ Tracking positive cases on site, but no longer updating on websites ▪ Moved to bi-weekly IHE calls
Lexington City Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finished school year strong- 90% of students on site 4 days a week ▪ Planning 5-day schedule in the fall, with 100% of students ▪ Thank you to LEPC for pandemic assistance
Rockbridge County Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Today is last in-person day of school ▪ Graduation is June 4th, 5:00pm at football stadium ▪ Summer School begins Monday, June 7th ▪ Summer school will be for middle and high school students, held at Maury River Middle School ▪ 2021-2022 school year begins August 17th
Other Organizations	
Rockbridge Area Community Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uptick in Mental Health cases ▪ Currently operating 24/7 with Full-Time staff ▪ In the process of hiring more staff ▪ Active part of Children's Mobile Crisis program, Monday to Friday 12p,-7:30pm ▪ Beginning stages of Adult Mobile Crisis and regional call center ▪ CIT- 40 Hour Training happening next week
Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning for congregate shelters ▪ Smoke detector program is back up and running

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looking for more red cross volunteers
State Park Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Back to normal operations
Amateur Radio Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installed new laptop at Carilion, software has been integrated with modems and radios, full capabilities ▪ Currently training many new members ▪ Upcoming Field Day Event at 911 Center on June 26,2021, offering Lexington Exams, walk ins are welcome
US Department of Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to be without dedicated law enforcement officer in district, appreciates continued support from Sheriff's Office ▪ Recreational use remains at high levels ▪ Uptick in Appalachian Trail hikers ▪ Appreciation to F/R and VA Dept of Forestry for wildfire assistance
Meeting Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10:11 am
Next LEPC Meeting	<p>Thursday, September 2, 2021</p> <p>9:00 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In-person, TBD
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