



## **Communicable Disease Branch Local Health Department Monthly Webinar Key Points – July 9, 2024**

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 07 09 2024.pdf

**Video recording:** <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/981558540/5a7991fcec>

### **Epi Section Update**

Participants are encouraged to sign up for the [Heat Health Alert System](#) and share this and other heat health tools with people in their organizations and jurisdictions. The NC Climate and Health team sends out heat alerts via email when the forecast is projected to reach unhealthy levels.

### **MCU Update**

The HPAI H5N1 Update for Clinicians and Healthcare Centers COCA Call will be on Tuesday July 16 at 2pm: [https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2024/callinfo\\_071624.asp](https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2024/callinfo_071624.asp)

### **Question & Answers**

**Q.** Why hasn't the NC Reportable Data & Dashboards (<https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/figures.html#vpd>) been updated with 2023 data yet? When can we expect this?

**A.** 2023 data were just closed out and submitted to CDC. Quarterly data are now available at <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/dashboards/quarterly.html> so you can see more current data and trends.

**Q.** What are the recommendations for MPox vaccinations after someone has been infected.

**A.** Per CDC: "Vaccination given after the onset of signs or symptoms of mpox, after a diagnosis of mpox, or after recovery from mpox is not expected to provide benefit. At this time, naturally acquired mpox is believed to confer immune protection, although duration of immunity is unknown."

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/mpox/interim-considerations/overview.html#recommendations>

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 8/13/2024

1:00 pm