



Communicable Disease Branch Local Health Department Monthly Webinar Key Points – July 8, 2025

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://www.ncdhhs.gov/ncdhhs-manuals/other-diseases-of-public-health-significance)
- **New:** NCDHHS LHD Monthly Webinar 07-08-2025

Video recording: <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/1099798864/e288481263>

Important Links

- **Measles memo and specimen collection guidance:**
<https://www.dph.ncdhhs.gov/state-lab/ncslph-measles-specimen-handoutpdf/open>
<https://www.dph.ncdhhs.gov/epidemiology/immunization/measles-provider-memo-062625/open>
- **CDC COVID Modeling and Forecasting:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/cfa-modeling-and-forecasting/rt-estimates/index.html>

Questions & Answers

Q. Would it be reasonable to certify staff at animal rescue organizations (not county staff) to administer rabies vaccines?

A. Per the state law, the LH Director can appoint anyone. But our recommendation would be to restrict those appointments to city/county employees. Animal rescue staff should be able to have animals in their care vaccinated by the veterinary clinic they work with.

Q. Are we able to share the invite to community providers for the Measles provider update tomorrow? Private practice peds/family medicine/urgent care?

A. Yes, please share the registration link with any community providers in your counties.

Q. Will the slides be shared with us so we can access the links shown?

A. Key points, slides, and video recording will be posted to the CD manual:
https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/cd/other_diseases.html

Q. Any updated standing orders on covid vaccines coming soon ?

A. Statewide standing orders for COVID-19 vaccines stopped a while ago. LHDs will need to use their own SOs.

Q. Are these multidose vials?

A. They are both single dose vials.

Q. Is GamaStan a multi-dose or single use vial?

A. They are both single dose vials.

Q. Should we anticipate that any adults or older children greater than 66lbs will automatically need IVIG?

A. Yes

Q. How long is shelf life?

A. Shelf life is 3 years from the date of manufacture.

Q. I see hit or miss Vaccine Info emails last one was several months ago- who do we reach out to ensure that I am on it.

A. Please reach out to juliette.pailin@dhhs.nc.gov

Q. I just want to confirm that giving IG does not reduce quarantine for anyone.

A. IG increases quarantine from 21 days to 28 days.

Q. Do people receiving IMIG/IVIG need to be isolated or would they not be considered contagious yet

A. People are considered potentially contagious from 5 days after their first exposure to 21 days after their last exposure (or 28 days if they receive IG).

Q. Can you share the link to the provider measles overview in the chat?

A. NC DPH will be holding a webinar for clinical providers on Wednesday, July 9 at noon. In this webinar, we will review the epidemiology of measles in the U.S. and the current status of measles in North Carolina. We will also cover the clinical presentation and assessment of possible cases, laboratory testing, immunizations, and post-exposure prophylaxis. This webinar is meant for healthcare providers in North Carolina.

Please register for Measles Update for Clinical Providers on Jul 9, 2025 12:00 PM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1228405625275708504>

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 8/12/2025

1:00 p.m.