

doesn't ask about pt vaccine information in bi-weekly hospital meetings.

b) EDS risk messaging updates:

[MassNotify](#) is available as another tool to help with contact tracing. When enabled, the service uses smartphones' Bluetooth to log when two phones come close to each other. If a user tests positive for COVID, it notifies people who have been in close proximity to the positive person. The location is not recorded so people are only notified that they have been close to a positive person but not where the close contact occurred. Ness asked for confirmation that Vax busses are being phased out and asked how the county will be serviced with vaccines. Walker confirmed that only the Baystate vaccine busses are being phased out. She recommended looking at the state's website (link available on the FRCOG COVID vaccine webpage) if communities would like to get a vax bus. Solomon asked EDSes to check-in about promoting vaccine booster opportunities in and around their communities. Hillman asked for more information about Vax busses and whether they are just at schools. He asked why EDSes would switch to providing their own clinics rather than continuing to use busses. Walker explained that Franklin County health offices are too overwhelmed to provide vaccines and wanted to work with vax busses. She spoke with Senator Commerford who got the State to prioritize vax busses for Franklin County school nurses. Hillman asked for clarification about why EDSes would need to step in. Walker clarified that the reason for the vax bus is to fill the gap of healthcare settings being overwhelmed. The vax bus could continue to provide vaccines or the EDSes could choose to step in and fill that role if they do not want the busses.

c. Solomon asked EDS representatives to check in about the surge.

- Zamojski checked in that the town of Montague has put out some signage but that the EDS isn't doing anything as a group.
- Pease noted that Shutesbury has done some minor messaging about the holidays to raise awareness of how to have safe holidays. Their BOH has authorized their nurse practitioner to make decisions with the school without calling a special BOH meeting.
- Ness said that in their EDS, individual towns make decisions about activities like health promotion rather than as an EDS. She said Deerfield is promoting how to have safe holiday gatherings.
- Solomon noted that, during focus group interviews, EDSes said there were partnerships that would have been helpful to a more successful pandemic response. She asked if EDSes are working on those relationships so they will be able to respond to the rest of the pandemic or a completely new type of event.
- Ness said the group has been talking about providing vaccine clinics. She has been talking with Pease about how they're going to build vaccine capacity up again and noted they do not have the capacity to staff the medical volunteers independently.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solomon noted that she thought MAPHCO steering committee meetings were the place to have those conversations so that all sites know what conversations are being had around the county. • Ness asked Walker how CPHS is handling making EDSes ready to deliver shots. • Walker said that CPHS is working to identify special and vulnerable populations who may have difficulty going to larger clinics and providing services to them. For the majority of Franklin County residents, CPHS is promoting area vax bus clinics as well as pharmacies like Walgreens and CVS. • Ness noted that EDSes (MAPHCO) can't discuss what they're going to do about vaccinating Franklin County residents because they cannot stand up their own clinics. • Walker said that the conversation should be about what EDSes think they're capable of and whether vaccine delivery is the best role for EDSes or even CPHS. She noted that, in a previous conversation with Ness, the two agreed that it's not hard for people in Deerfield to go to Greenfield for a vaccine. Walker noted that the role of public health is to determine who is left out by general services because, in this case, some residents have difficulty traveling. CPHS is keeping lists of who those vulnerable people are and checking in about how to get them boosters. They are not feeling that large-scale clinics are the best use of public health efforts with limited resources. • Ness said people do not want to go outside of the county borders to Holyoke and the Eastfield mall for vaccinations. (Northampton and Amherst have public clinics). Ness believes that CPHS's role has to be more than targeting homebound people and EDSes have to be able to serve their communities but that medical support from CPHS is limiting their ability to meet the needs of EDS communities. • Walker noted that the vax busses have done a good job of getting to people and CPHS is getting to people who cannot wait in line for a shot or go to the pharmacies around the county and in neighboring communities. • Rogers reminded the group that time was running short and that the group had not yet talked about non-CPHS towns. • Conversation tabled - Discussion of whether MAPHCO meetings are the appropriate place for EDSes to share about COVID efforts or whether another group is a more appropriate place.
<p>4. New business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Situation report from each EDS b) REPC meeting in place of January MAPHCO meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Solomon recommended that MAPHCO meetings be announced by HHAN to get members more familiar with the system. It was agreed this was a good idea but expressed some reservations about using HHAN to retrieve meeting materials. b. Group discussed MAPHCO/REPC meeting to look at vaccine clinics as a concrete issue to discuss what it might look like to bring public health and public safety together. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided that the REPC is too poorly attended to have the conversation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ness brought up Orange and New Salem’s affiliation with an EDS coalition. She believes they should be affiliated with MAPHCO (they are currently aligned with towns in Worcester County). • Chief Wonkka and Hillman volunteered to speak with a contact to discuss the towns joining MAPHCO. • Shores Ness noted that there’s no representation on the committee from the Hawlemont and Mohawk EDSes. She believes EDSes will have to provide vaccines because local pharmacies do not have the capacity to serve the needs of Franklin County. Ness believes lacking Hawlemont and Mohawk steering committee representation will prevent MAPHCO from providing clinics in the future. She said EDSes, other than Hawlemont, Mohawk, Greenfield, and Frontier, need to begin offering COVID shots to meet the needs of the county. • Chief Wonkka said the Greater Montague EDS would be best served by partnering with the Greenfield EDS. He does not believe every EDS has the capacity to host clinics. He believes that the hill towns need a public vaccine clinic because of the distance they would have to travel to Greenfield or other EDS towns that do not have a pharmacy close by. • Ness noted that not all towns, Shutesbury included, will be able to stand up their own clinic but other EDSes such as Deerfield and Greenfield should assess their volunteer pool and advise volunteers from smaller EDSes where they might be needed. • Pease noted that it would be helpful to invite boards of health to the 1/4/22 REPC meeting separate from making a decision on merging the two groups.
<p>5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>a. Solomon asked the group if they wanted to swear in Mae Tanner as the Hawlemont EDS representative. Pease made a motion to accept, Gibson seconded, the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>b. Solomon clarified whether it is EDS representatives who should forward EDS information to others at their site rather than asking her to forward emails/correspondence to someone else other than the representative. Members confirmed that that is the case and affirmed Solomon’s right to get herself out of the middle of any situations where she is being asked to communicate with an EDS member who is not the steering committee member.</p>
<p>6. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>a. Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 and passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • DRAFT November meeting Minutes • COVID update slides