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CSTE COVID-19 Workplace Investigation and Outbreak Definitions Workgroup Meeting Notes

Date:	Monday September 12, 2022
Start/End Time:	1-2PM EDT

Attendees

X	Name	Organization	X	Name	Organization
Meeting Participants					
	Karla Armenti	NH DOH	X	Cher Levenson	Washington State DOH
X	Marija Borjan	NJ DOH	X	Ketki Patel	TX DOH
X	Tish Davis	Occ. Health - MA		Ken Rosenman	MI DOH
X	Fran Lendacki	Chicago DPH	X	Kerry Souza	NIOSH
	Megan Toe	CSTE (OH)	X	Christopher Hsu	CDC
X	Cailyn Lingwall	CSTE (OH)	X	Brad Hutton	HHC
X	Marci Layton	CSTE (CMO/Preparedness)	X	Elizabeth Dufort	HHC
X	Andrew Adams	CSTE (Preparedness)			

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1.	WG Orientation	30 mins	- Welcome to the WG from CSTE from Marci Layton and Cailyn Lingwall and explanation of charge to the WG and need to review the guidance document. - Introduction of co-lead, Tish Davis - Introduction to Hutton Health Consulting, Brad Hutton, and Elizabeth Dufort - Member introductions - Liz Dufort to review proposed meeting norms and workgroup charge, timeline, and tentative plan - Liz explained that there are two CSTE COVID-19 related occupational health workgroups that are meeting in parallel. This one is focused on the investigation and outbreak definitions in workplaces and a second WG focusing on importance of <i>reporting</i> of workplace (industry and occupation data). There is overlap of content and membership between the two WGs and we will work to coordinate their efforts. - Liz reviewed the timeline and tentative plan for this WG including the schedule of meetings. Next meeting will be in one week on 9/19/22 and then will meet biweekly on 10/3/22 and 10/17/22. - Review of changes or developments since the original guidance document was finalized including shift away from universal CI/CT, new variants that are highly infectious, increased use of at-home tests and impact on reduced reporting to public health, and higher rates of immunity in the population.
2.	Review of Original Guidance Document	5 mins	- Review existing document Proposed Investigation Criteria and Outbreak Definition for COVID-19 in Non-Residential, Non-Healthcare Workplace Settings (July 14, 2020) - Criteria to Consider for Further Investigation - Is workplace part of a critical infrastructure sector? - Workplace where potential for transmission is high? - Total number of workers testing positive - Greater case rate in workplace relative to the community.

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			▪ Size and characteristics of workforce employed ○ Outbreak Definition ▪ Outbreak Definition (2 or more lab confirmed cases among workers within 14-day period who are epi-linked), Outbreak-Associated Cases, Outbreak Resolution (no new cases in 28 days or two incubation periods) ○ Public Reporting
3.	Key Topic for Review		• Discussion about whether need to revise guidance document currently. Is there a need for whole-scale rewrite or revisions? There are some things we should revisit. Most jurisdictions are no longer doing contact tracing. Consensus that updates/revisions needed. • Are there reporting requirements for employers, as with CAL-OSHA, that workgroup members are aware of that we should consider in the revised document? ○ Federal OSHA now has reporting requirements for employers to report hospitalizations of workplace-associated cases, so CAL-OSHA is not the only one. There were no reporting requirements for employers at the time of the initial document. ○ Emergency Temporary Standard (which is no longer in effect) created OSHA requirements that were not in place at the time of the initial guidance – employers were required to record all COVID-19 cases of which they were aware regardless of work relatedness. ○ Hospitalization and death reporting requires making a determination that the cases are <u>workplace-related hospitalizations and deaths</u> (as with all work-related hospitalizations and deaths reporting). ○ Some states have now introduced statutes to require employers to report <u>workplace outbreaks (e.g., 3 or more cases)</u>. ○ Some jurisdictions mandate employer reporting of <u>cases, not just workplace-related cases</u> (e.g., Virginia and California both mandate reporting of all cases and Michigan, Hawaii, and Massachusetts have modified their reporting requirements to expand to implement COVID-19 reporting into existing requirements of 'reporters'). ○ Does this WG want to make a list of all those states that have a reporting requirement? Or build on or review previously produced list? • Are there studies on workplace transmission of SARS-CoV-2 by sector that we should obtain and review? ○ Wisconsin paper with COVID-19 case rates by industry and occupation ○ Recent MMWR on California on outbreak in public transportation. ○ Document by the National Governor's Association on COVID-19 outbreaks - state reporting by setting. https://www.nga.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NGA_Covid-19-Outbreaks_State-Reporting.pdf ○ OSHA is in process of updating their Guidance for Employers and Businesses on Mitigating and Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in the Workplace. It may be helpful to check with someone at OSHA on if there is anything that may influence/align with CSTE outbreak definition and reporting documents. https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus. • Potential questions to be addressed: ○ One jurisdiction shared that they previously revised their criteria to increase from 2 to 5 cases the number that would comprise a workplace outbreak. We have had similar discussions with our school associated COVID-19 guidance document. We should be able to share the school associated document with this WG soon. We will include this as a key topic in an upcoming meeting - outbreak definition: 'two or more cases, onset within 14 days period, epidemiologically linked, not linked outside of work' ○ How to address lack of occupational health and epidemiologic data without CI/CT? ○ Address at-home OTC testing (include suspect cases)? ○ Emphasize the importance of improvements on collection and standardization of occupational health data reporting

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			- Other questions or issues to be addressed? - Efforts to <u>define vulnerable populations</u>, including whether there are some settings that should be prioritized.

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