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Thanks, Jayme –nice of you to say – it’s been intense. Every time I think it can’t get any crazier, it does!!

You raise an interesting question – what data do we have to support evidence based in youth sports transmission. At this point, there isn’t much . We have data on the number of cases in youth who said they played sports in the 14 days prior to their symptom onset, or specimen collection date. But we haven’t been able to dig into the cases to see if we can figure out if transmission occurred by the sport, or by social connections, or both. We know of a couple of outbreaks that point to sports transmission (a couple of these we got involved with at the start of the outbreaks so we worked closely with the coaches to help us get good info. from the cases to see if they had any social connections).

At some point we’re hoping to have some time to dig into outbreaks mo

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Hey Jayne,

I can’t imagine the stress you’re under right now. I really admire you’re ability to stay calm and professional on the emails I’m copied on. I understand that the conversation around a shutdown as a state or sports is most likely being had at the Capital right now and I’m sure there are some differing opinions of the correct path forward.

I’m emailing you now as a facility operator. Without new state policies I’m wondering how I can be more evidence-based in our policy making. Do you have a resource or could briefly share what the largest 3-5 drivers of spread are in the youth sports world? I realize I could be making policies that sound good but aren’t rooted in the data and want to make sure that I verify with the experts as yourself.

Thank you!
Jayme