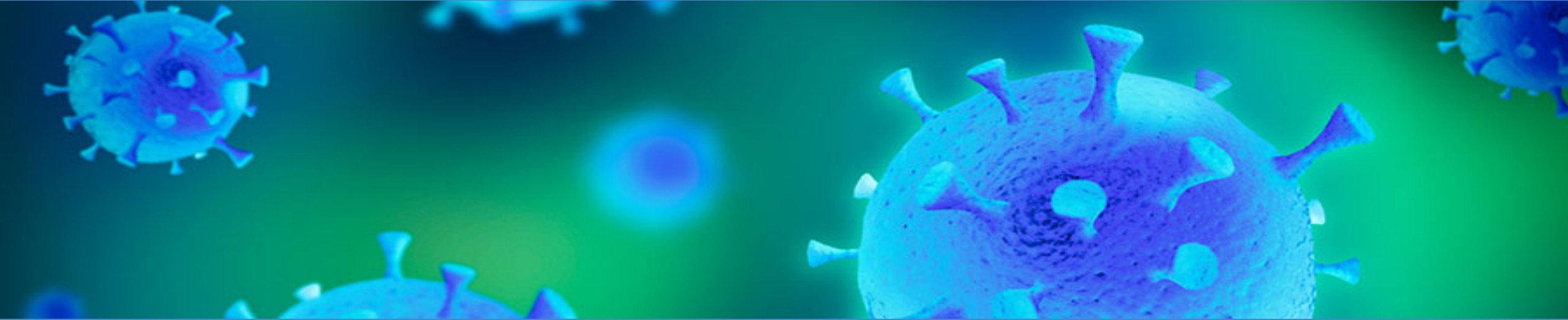


# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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*October 12, 2020*




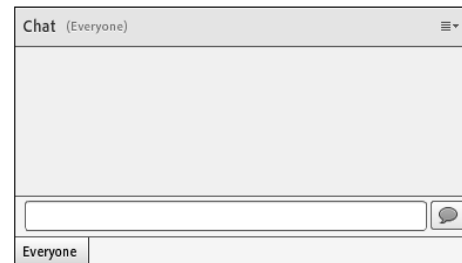
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**1) All participants will be muted upon joining the call.**

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Presenters: Please avoid the use of speakerphone and make sure your computer speaker is muted if you dialed in via phone.

**2) To ask or respond to a question using the *Chat* box, type your question and click the  icon or press Enter to send.**



# Overview

- Celebrating **Indigenous Peoples' Day**
  - ▣ Adopted by Vermont Legislature, 2019
  - ▣ **Canadian Thanksgiving**
  - ▣ **October 11: National Coming Out Day**
- *Reminder: weekly event schedule*
  - ▣ **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Mon/Wed/Fridays**; Governor's Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with Commissioner Levine **Thursday**
- Situation, VDH, AAP, school guidance updates
- Practice Issues: ***School Reopening Updates***
- Q & A, Discussion



*[Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve very rapidly – so the information we're providing today may change quickly]*

# Situation update

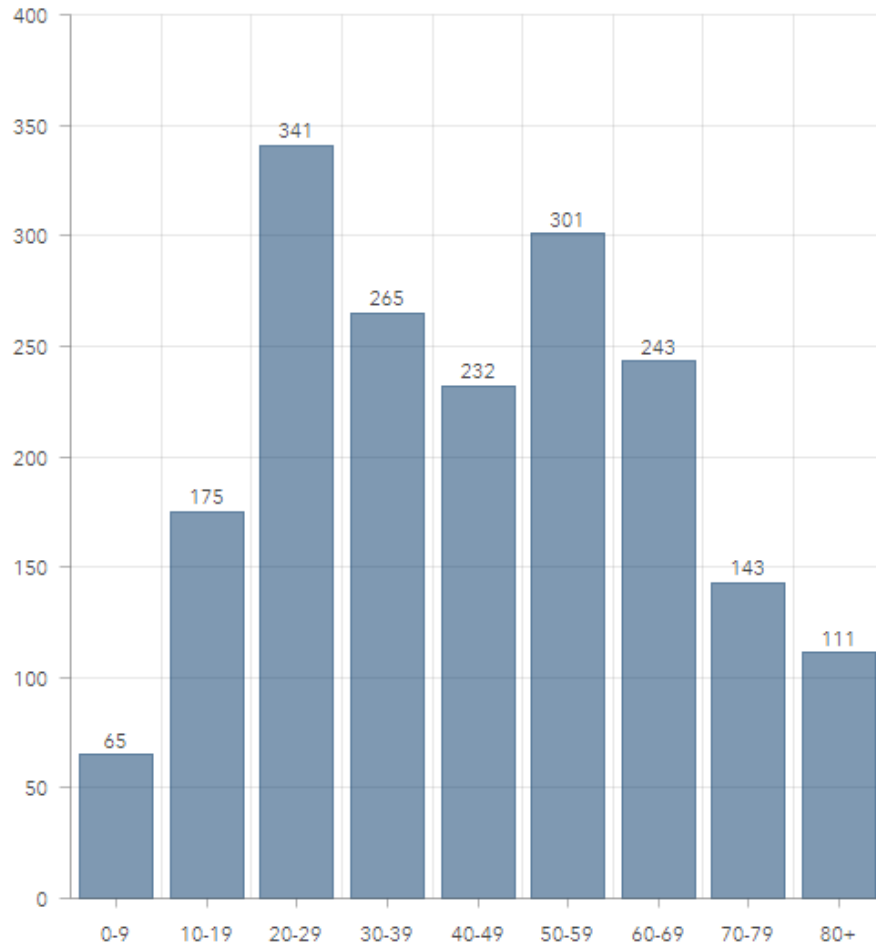


Total Cases	<b>1,876</b> 9 New
Currently Hospitalized	<b>0</b>
Hospitalized Under Investigation	<b>0</b>
Total People Recovered	<b>1,664</b>
Deaths	<b>58</b>
People Tested	<b>173,715</b>
Travelers Monitored	<b>647</b>
Contacts Monitored	<b>54</b>
People Completed Monitoring	<b>9,393</b>
Last Updated: 10/12/2020, 10:55:47 AM	

- **22 days** until the election! **#VoteKids**
- U.S.: 7.7 million+; 214,604 deaths
  - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 10/12/20)
  - **1.0 million+ deaths worldwide**
- **VDH Weekly Data Summary (10/9/20):**
  - Overview, demographics, clinical, outbreaks, surveillance. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-10-9-2020.pdf>
  - Weekly Spotlight – **Percent Positivity**: used to determine community current transmission levels of COVID-19

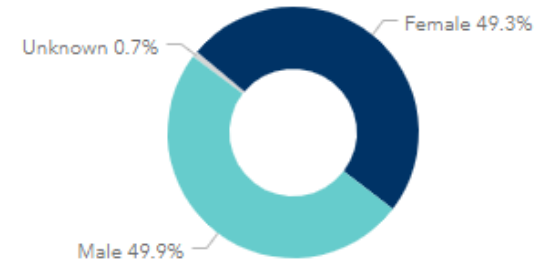
# Situation update

Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group

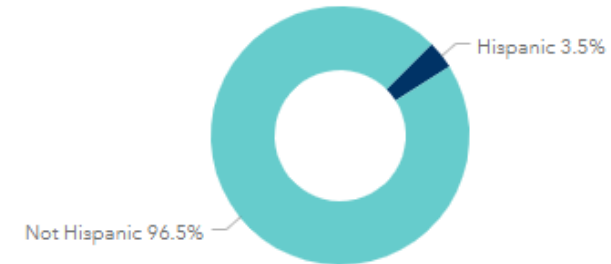


Case Demographics

Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Race if Known



# AAP & Other Updates



- AAP Capital Checkup (10/9/20)
  - Phase 3 (DHHS) General Distribution/CARES Provider Relief Fund (\$20b. to pediatricians/other providers w/revenue loss); apply until **11/6/20**.
  - If already rec'd. payment of ~2% of annual patient care revenue, can submit addl. information to be considered for an additional payment.
- Let's Grow Kids “**Child Care is Essential**” campaign materials
  - Posters, window clings and stickers available for all volunteers/ supporters; signs for yard/windows
  - Help share this message with legislators and Vermonters who care about families with young children.
  - Request your action pack at: <https://letsgrowkids.org/action-pack-sign-up/>

# Recent Publications

- MMWR Early Release (10/9/20)
  - ▣ **Transmission Dynamics by Age Group in COVID-19 Hotspot Counties – United States, April-September 2020**
- MMWR Early Release (10/9/20)
  - ▣ **Factors Influencing Risk for COVID-19 Exposure Among Young Adults Aged 12-23 Years – Winnebago Co., WI, March-July 2020**
- The Atlantic (10/9/20): **Schools Aren't Super-Spreaders**
  - ▣ Emily Oster (Brown U.) & Qualtrics: data on almost 200K students in 47 states (infection rate of 0.13% in students, 0.24% in staff)
  - ▣ Subscribe to Emily Oster's newsletter at: <https://emilyoster.substack.com/>
- Science: Epi. & transmission dynamics of COVID-19 in two Indian states  
<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2020/09/29/science.abd7672>

## Testing

- Continued exploration to facilitate office-based testing – ***thank you, Timber Lane Pediatrics***
- Request feedback on testing capacity & patient/provider experience throughout Vermont – ***how's is going?***



# Practice Issues

## *School Reopening Updates*

*Breena Holmes, MD FAAP & All*



# Communication tool: school nurses, medical home, family

Please return this completed form to the school nurse via secure fax or hand delivery to school.

Patient/Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Symptom	Onset Date	Symptom	Onset Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact with an individual who is COVID-19+		<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea (defined as frequent loose or watery stools compared to child's normal pattern)	
<input type="checkbox"/> High Risk Travel		<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100.4 or greater)		<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain or body aches	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cough		<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath		<input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue		<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sore Throat		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

School Nurse Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures on this form signify parent/guardian understands the plan and gives permission for medical providers to communicate with school nurses regarding student health.

Plan for return to school based on the Pediatric Patient's algorithm:

- Covid Test - negative result - Patient may return to school after 24 hours without a fever or use of fever reducing medication and symptoms have improved.
- Covid Test - positive result - Patient may return to school after more than 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and 24 hours without a fever or use of fever reducing medication and symptoms have improved.
- Alternative diagnosis - Patient may return to school after 24 hours without a fever or use of fever reducing medication and symptoms have improved.
- No test and no alternative diagnosis - Patient may return to school after more than 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and 24 hours without a fever and without the use of fever reducing medication and symptoms have improved.

Alternative Diagnosis:

Medical Provider Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Practice Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Provider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Strong and Healthy Start (School Reopening) Task Force Update

- Revision in final review – anticipate distribution within one week.
  - ▣ Waiting on Secretary French’s decision about FAQ regarding distancing that includes plexiglass barrier allowance
- Key issues (selected): health screening/temps; travel screening; bus transport in winter; physical distancing – pre-K grade 6, and middle school/ high school; music education; PE/Equipment; field trips.
- **Updated** parent guidance to align with algorithm (child care/sch age)
  - ▣ [https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/CYF\\_VT%20BacktoSchoolAfterIllness10.6.pdf](https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/CYF_VT%20BacktoSchoolAfterIllness10.6.pdf)
  - ▣ [https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/CYF\\_VT%20BacktoChildCareAfterIllness10.6.pdf](https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/CYF_VT%20BacktoChildCareAfterIllness10.6.pdf)

# School Reopening

- Epidemiology: a few school cases reported over this past weekend (10/10-11/20)
  - ▣ Minimal contact identified in most due to distancing, masks and minimizing prolonged exposure. No in school transmission to date.
- Hearing from school leadership that primary care (mostly adult but some pediatric) advising teachers/staff/students on their own about quarantining which is **not aligned with contact tracing advice.**
  - ▣ Please rely on VDH team to determine who should quarantine.
- **Adult algorithm:** anticipate out for pilot review to adult PCPs soon.

# Volunteers needed for Pediatric SARS-CoV-2 serostudy

- What (volunteers are needed to perform the following tasks)
  - ▣ Blood draw by finger prick
  - ▣ Crowd control
  - ▣ General logistical support (organizing specimen tubes, labels, etc.)
- Where
  - ▣ Colchester High School parking lot
- When (subject to change)
  - ▣ Wednesdays and Saturdays in early Nov
  - ▣ Start Wed, 11/4
  - ▣ End Sat, 11/14
- Why
  - ▣ To generate data on local pediatric seroprevalence
  - ▣ Bonus—Lunch is on me!
- How
  - ▣ Contact Benjamin Lee: [blee7@uvm.edu](mailto:blee7@uvm.edu)
  - ▣ No need to contact if you have already reached out during initial request this past summer

# **Tomorrow!** VCHIP CHAMP 2020 Learning Session

## **Strengthening Vermont's System of High-Performing Medical Homes**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Zoom**

- Improving screening & follow-up for family centered preventive services and well child visits\*
  - Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)
  - Blood lead level testing
  - Oral health  
\*12-24 months and 3-6 years
  - Vision
  - Strabismus
  - Developmental Screening
- Racial and health equity in delivery of care
- Maximizing the use of practice-based care coordination resources
- Connecting families to needed support programs
- Keynote: **Pediatrician Donald Berwick, MD MPP FRCP KBE – “*The Moral Determinants of Health*”**

**Register at <http://go.uvm.edu/champ2020learningsession>**

Happening Soon:

# Vermont Medical Society 207<sup>th</sup> Annual & Collaborative Meeting

□ <https://vtmd.org/annual-meeting>

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## AGENDA: 2020 VIRTUAL VMS ANNUAL MEETING & COLLABORATIVE MEETING WITH VTAFP, VPA & AAPVT

### A.M. SESSION

- 8:00: Zoom Opens!
- 8:15: Welcome
- 8:30-10:30: VMS Annual Business Meeting
- 10:45-12:15: Awards Presentations

### P.M. SESSION

- 12:25-12:45: Welcome
- 12:45-1:45: Creating an Organizational Culture Through Equity w/ Marie-Elizabeth Ramas, M.D., FAAFP
- 1:45-2:30: Impacts of Delayed Care on Health Care Outcomes w/ Fan Tait, M.D., FAAP
- 2:45-3:45: Family Detention, COVID, and the Ethical Duties of Doctors in Immigration Detention w/ Scott Allen, M.D., FACP
- 3:45-4:45: What Does the Next Year in Healthcare Look Like in Vermont? w/ Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D., Secretary Michael Schirling, & Commissioner Michael Pieciak
- 4:45- 5:00: Wrap-Up

# News from the Northern New England Poison Center

*Thank you, Gayle Finkelstein*

- NNEPC has developed a short recorded webinar presentation on COVID-19 and home safety
  - ▣ <https://www.nnepc.org/poison-prevention-education/covid-related-poisonings>
- COVID prevention fact sheet
- Youth suicide self-poisonings in Vermont: podcast recorded with Dr. Rebecca Bell and Dr. Thomas Delaney from UVMMC:
- <https://www.nnepc.org/regional-news/podcast-suicide-attempts-in-vermont>



# Calling VT General Pediatricians!

- **What: Building Bright Futures (BBF)**, Vermont nonprofit working to improve the well-being of young children and families in Vermont . . . by monitoring VT's early care, health, and education systems to inform policy.
- **Who:** BBF is seeking a **general pediatrician** for appointment to Vermont's Early Childhood State Advisory Council (SAC); primary advisory to the Governor and Legislature on status of children & families (prenatal – age 8)
  - ▣ SAC meets 8-12 times/yr., sets annual policy priorities & makes formal recs.
- **Why:** including pediatric health leadership is critical to ensuring the SAC addresses diverse topics related to child health and well-being
- **How to apply:** contact BBF Executive Director, **Dr. Morgan Crossman**, at: [mcrossman@buildingbrightfutures.org](mailto:mcrossman@buildingbrightfutures.org)

# Topics We Are Following

- ❑ School (K-12), college/university reopening, return to sports guidance
- ❑ School and recreational sports
- ❑ AAP-VT Task Force on Race and Health Equity
- ❑ Immunization strategies/policy: catch-up, flu, COVID-19 (?)
- ❑ Pediatric health care delivery: innovations & best practices
- ❑ Ideas? Questions?) – please email: [vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu](mailto:vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu)
  - ❑ Federal and state COVID-19 financial relief
- ❑ MIS-C (Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children)
- ❑ OneCare Vermont all-payer model adjustments

# Questions/Discussion

- Q & A Goal: monitor/respond in real time; record/disseminate/revisit later as needed.
- **For additional questions, please e-mail: [vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu](mailto:vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu)**
  - ▣ **What do you need** – how can we be helpful (specific guidance)?
- **VCHIP CHAMP VDH COVID-19 website:**  
[https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip\\_champ\\_vdh\\_covid-19\\_updates](https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip_champ_vdh_covid-19_updates)
- Next CHAMP call: **Wednesday, October 14, 12:15-12:45** (current schedule: M-W-F)
- Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:  
**Thursday, October 15, 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:**
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdJl2ZG4yQT09>
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