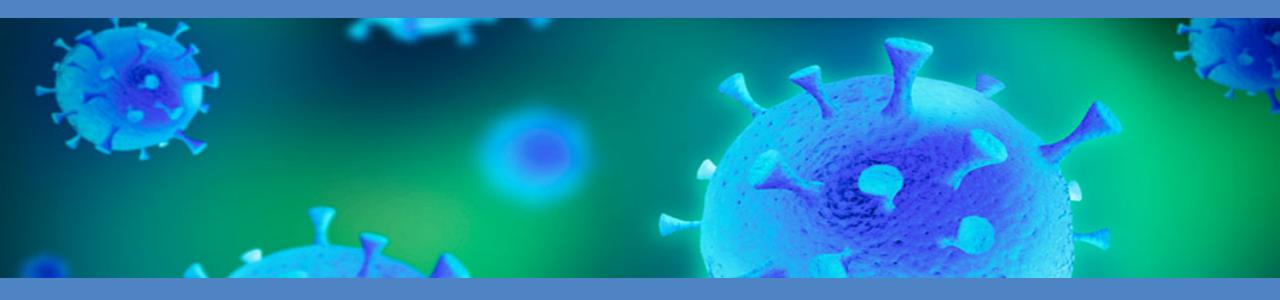
#### VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Senior Faculty, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH October 16, 2020









### **Technology Notes**

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

If you dialed in or out, unmute by pressing #6 to ask a question (and press \*6 to mute).

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

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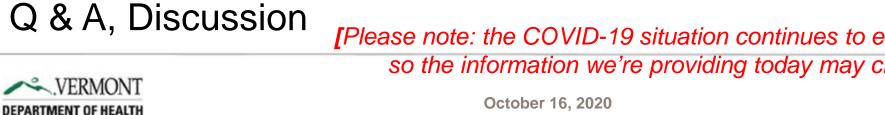




#### Overview

- Celebrating World Food Day (#WorldFoodDay)
  - Commemorating founding of UN Food & Agriculture Org., 1945
  - World Food Programme (@WFP) awarded Nobel Peace Prize 2020 (October 9, 2020) SDG 2: Zero Hunger by 2030
- 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 updates; today's media briefing
- Practice Issues: Friday Potpourri (vaccines, schools)
- 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



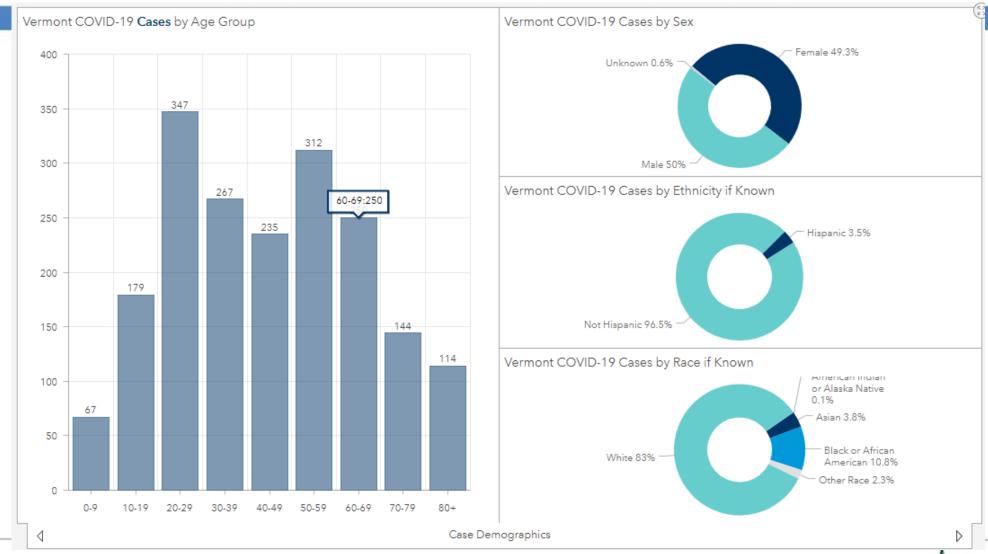
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1,915
13 New
Currently Hospitalized
0
Hospitalized Under Investigation
1
Total People Recovered
1,687
Deaths
58
People Tested
176,605
Travelers Monitored
670
Contacts Monitored
61
People Completed Monitoring
9,531
Last Updated: 10/16/2020, 11:32:48 AM

18 days until Election Day! #VoteKids

- U.S.: 8.0 million+; 217,585 deaths
  - Average 54,373 case/d. past wk. (25% incr. vs. 2 wks. ago)
  - https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-uscases.html (updated 10/16/20)
  - 1.0 million+ deaths worldwide
  - Seeking your feedback re: useful epi/surveillance data
- □ VDH Weekly Data Summary (10/16/20):
  - https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-10-16-2020.pdf
  - Overview, demographics, clinical, outbreaks, surveillance.
  - Weekly Spotlight Tests Per Positive Case tells us how much testing is being done for each positive case of COVID-19.



### Situation update





### Special Message for Vermont Voters

- Vermont Secretary of State's video/ad starring the former
   "World's Most Interesting Man" (Jonathan Goldsmith) & his dog!
  - https://www.facebook.com/SecretaryOfStateJimCondos/videos/2614 79291906510
- □ "Vote early, my friends!"



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### **AAP Updates**

From *Pediatrics* (SEE COVID-19 Collection: <a href="https://www.aappublications.org/cc/covid-19">https://www.aappublications.org/cc/covid-19</a>)

- □ This week: COVID-19 Transmission in U.S. Child Care Centers (pre-pub.)
  - https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/early/2020/10/12/peds.2020 -031971.full.pdf
- □ October 2020 issue:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Racial and/or Ethnic and Socioeconomic Disparities of SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Children
- Well-being of Parents and Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A National Survey
- COVID-19 and Parent-Child Psychological Well-being
- COVID-19 Disease Severity Risk Factors for Pediatric Patients in Italy
- Early Experience of COVID-19 in a US Children's Hospital



# Just Released: Blueprint for Children

#### A Child Health Policy Agenda for 2020 and Beyond

- Addresses the State of Children in 2020
- Highlights impact of the pandemic and racism on child health
- Includes high-level policy recommendations for healthy children, secure families, strong communities, and a leading nation
- If there will be a presidential transition, will be supplemented with detailed policy recommendations for a new administration





### VDH and Other Updates

- □ Translations now available: COVID-19: Information for Families: Return to Child Care or Out of School Care Program Following Illness: <a href="https://www.healthvermont.gov/media/translation/covid-19-translations">https://www.healthvermont.gov/media/translation/covid-19-translations</a>
  - English, Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, French, Karen, Kirundi, Nepali, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Vietnamese
  - Many other COVID-19 documents also available in these languages:
    - For Families: Return to School Following Illness
    - Face Coverings for Children
- MMWR early release: Race, Ethnicity, and Age Trends in Persons Who Died from COVID-19 — United States, May– August 2020 (October 16, 2020)





### COVID-19 and Ice Hockey

- MMWR: An Outbreak of COVID-19 Associated with a Recreational Hockey Game — Florida, June 2020 (Oct. 16, 2020)
  - https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/pdfs/mm6941a4-H.pdf
  - □ During 5 days post-game, 15/22 persons ill; 13/15 pos. test results (asymptomatic players did not seek testing). Hypothesis: index pt. as source of infection while presymptomatic.
  - Ice hockey: "vigorous physical exertion; deep heavy respiration, frequent movement ice surface to bench; variable on-ice face protection and <u>no</u> cloth face mask use on ice or in locker room."
- New Hampshire suspended hockey rink operations
  - Any VT case links to NH? Some VT hockey players have traveled out-of-state, but don't know if any relationship to VT. MANY potential risk factors that may contribute to spread.
- Maine outbreak associated w/hockey official who worked at multiple rinks.





### COVID-19 and Ice Hockey

#### **Vermont**

- VDH investigating outbreak among Central VT youth/rec hockey & broomball teams
  - To date 18 confirmed cases: most among adults; VDH has informed schools if cases in school while infectious.
  - Contact tracing under way.
  - □ Pop-up test clinic tomorrow (Oct. 17) Barre Auditorium, 9 am 3 pm
  - Testing rec. if link to teams, Civic Ctr. and their close contacts.
  - Commissioner Levine has expressed appreciation for cooperation of players, leagues and officials at the Civic Center.
- Expecting (school-based) winter sports guidance at end of October



## Today's Media Briefing (October 16, 2020)

#### Governor Phil Scott

- State of Emergency extended to November 15
- Outbreak associated with hockey, Central Vermont:
  - "Considering a number of steps to strengthen guidance"
  - Need all players & families to abide by current strict guidance
  - Contact tracing team on top of this "don't let current success lull you into complacency." Outbreaks help us improve our understanding.
- Suggestions for safe Halloween
- New offering to assist displaced workers w/career training/jobs
  - Working with CCV President Joyce Judy





#### **CCV** President Joyce Judy

- VT State College system will use Coronavirus relief funds (w/Gov. Scott support) to offer free college courses/training for next 2 months (originated in House Committee on Commerce/Econ. Dev.
  - Open to all Vermonters whose work/household situation affected by pandemic (laid off, decreased hours, self-employed, impacted by day care closure). ONLY available this fall; sign up quickly.
  - https://ccv.edu/2020/10/12/training-for-vermonters-impacted-by-covid-19/
- Most courses avail on line w/flexible schedule targeting "high demand jobs" (child care, business, manufacturing).
- Funding also available for computers, child care, transportation.



#### Agency of Education Deputy Secretary Heather Boucher

- Still seeing relatively small # cases in schools
- 2021 Vermont Teacher of the Year Susan Rosato (English language students, Colchester HS)
- National School Lunch Week
  - USDA has extended school meal waivers
- 1st cycle data collection re: trends in instruction modes complete (through end September); results will be posted to AOE web site.
- □ Holiday travel implications = "issue of concern" for staff, teachers





Vermont State Epidemiologist Patsy Kelso, PhD (Dr. Levine taking first few days off since February!)



- □ Case data: went from few new daily to ≥10 daily; "a bit concerning, but no different from forecasting" (factors: cold weather, cont'd. reopening)
- Outbreak of COVID-19 among hockey: link came case to attention thanks to contact tracing
  - Players using Central VT Civic Center for practice or play; players & close contacts only; no community spread
  - 18 cases as of this am; contact tracing continues. Pop-up testing tomorrow.
- □ 2 cases in Union Elem in Montpelier: 1<sup>st</sup> two w/school transmission (not assoc. w/hockey) i.e., someone transmitted inside school.





#### Vermont State Epidemiologist Patsy Kelso, PhD

- Travel concerns: latest map not showing many green counties beyond borders
  - □ If you travel, will likely need to quarantine upon return (as will visitors)
  - Tests before or upon arrival reflect only one moment in time
- "Virus doesn't watch the calendar need to work these precautions into our daily lives."
- Rapid Ag testing available at BTV Airport
  - Limited utility (one point in time; may depend upon exposure; pos. result in asymptomatic traveler may be useful)





#### Vermont State Epidemiologist Patsy Kelso, PhD

- Halloween: can still celebrate safely
- □ Things to keep in mind:
  - 6 ft. distance from those not in your household
  - Candy: have bags ready to grab (good & extravagant ideas on-line!)
  - Wearing masks incorporate into costumes
  - How crowded is the place you're going? Outside always safer inside.
  - Stay home if sick!
- Balance pandemic concerns with fun!





### Request Your Assistance: Youth E-Cigarette Use

- Please look for and complete a survey to inform VCHIP's
   Quality Improvement Project to Address E-Cigarette Use in Vermont Youth
- https://redcap.med.uvm.edu/surveys/?s=PHXPWHDFED
- Goal: assess primary care providers' knowledge and attitudes about youth vaping
- SEE: email from Stephanie Winters Oct. 13 open to ANY health care professional who provides primary care for adolescents and young adults, including NPs and PAs
- Thank you from VCHIP's Non-Vaping Team





## Coming Soon!

 Revised: A Strong and Healthy Start: Safety and Health Guidance for Reopening Schools, Fall 2020

Adult algorithm

"Best of" the VCHIP CHAMP learning session: "Strengthening Vermont's System of High-Performing Medical Homes"





### Practice Issues

### Friday Potpourri (weekly vaccine update, schools)

Merideth Plumpton, RN - Nurse Program Coordinator

**VDH Immunization Program** 







### VDH Immunization Program Weekly Update (cont'd.)

#### Thank you, Merideth Plumpton, RN!

- VDH is working to finalize the interim operational plan for COVID-19 vaccination will share with partners upon completion.
  - Comment on NPR report today: "like the frame for a house starting to build the structure."
- □ Enrollment for COVID-19 vaccine will go out by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Separate process from current enrollment
- COVID-19 vaccine storage and handling
  - Some vaccines currently in development require ultra-cold storage (-90C to -60C), but will only be shipped to fill large orders (≥1K doses). Will use dry ice, so ultra-cold freezer not required.





### VDH Immunization Program Weekly Update

- □ Flu orders continue to come in and supply is adequate have distributed >81K doses to date this season
  - FluMist is available, we have not had many orders yet. About 6K doses available.
  - We have distributed mostly prefilled syringes so far, will be moving to single dose vials soon.
  - Health Department has needles and syringes available to help with flu clinics if your offices are not able to order enough through your normal suppliers.
    Please e-mail us at <a href="mailto:ahs.vdhimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov">ahs.vdhimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov</a>
- 67 Practices have applied to AAP-VT for funds to increase coverage (deadline to be extended). Funds still available – please apply!





September 2020

#### 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%20BacktoSchoolAfter Illness10.6.pdf
  - https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/CYF\_VT%20BacktoChildCareA





### Communication tool: school nurses, medical home, family

Please return this completed form to the school nurse via secure fax or hand delivery to school.						
-	DOB:					
School:	Phone Number:			_		
School Nurse:		Fax #:				
Symptom	Onset Date	-7	Onset Date	2		
☐ Contact with an individual who is COVID-19+		☐ Diarrhea (defined as frequent loose or watery stools compared to child's normal pattern)				
☐ High Risk Travel		☐ Nausea/vomiting				
☐ Fever (100.4 or greater)		☐ Muscle pain or body aches	ı	<del></del>		
☐ Cough		☐ Loss of taste or smell		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 <u>and</u> symptoms have improved.  ☐ Covid Test - positive result - Patient may return to school after <u>more than</u> 10 days have passed since		
☐ Shortness of breath		☐ Congestion or runny nose				
☐ Fatigue		☐ Headache				
☐ Sore Throat		☐ Other:		symptoms first appeared <u>and</u> 24 hours without a fever o		
School Nurse Signature: Date:  Parent/Guardian Signature: Phone Number: Date:				<ul> <li>have improved.</li> <li>Alternative diagnosis - Patient may return to school after 24 hours without a fever or use of fever reducing medication and symptoms have improved.</li> <li>No test and no alternative diagnosis - Patient may return to school after more than 10 days have passed sin</li> </ul>		
Signatures on this form signify parent/guardian understands the plan and gives permission for medical providers to communicate with so nurses regarding student health.				symptoms first appeared <u>and</u> 24 hours without a fever and without the use of fever reducing medication <u>all</u> symptoms have improved.		
				Alternative Diagnosis:		
				Medical Provider Name (Printed)	Practice Phone Number:	
				Medical Provider Signature:	Date:	





#### Benjamin Lee, MD – Pediatric Infectious Disease, UVM CH

### 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: <u>blee7@uvm.edu</u>
  - No need to contact if you have already reached out during initial request this past summer





#### Happening Soon:

### Vermont Medical Society 207th Annual & Collaborative Meeting

#### https://vtmd.org/annual-meeting





#### 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: <u>Creating an Organizational Culture Through Equity</u> 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





#### 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
  - What do <u>you</u> 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
- □ Next CHAMP call: *Monday, October 19 12:15-12:45* (current schedule: M-W-F)
- □ Please tune in to VMS call: **special call next week Legislative Wrap-up** *Thursday, October 22, 12:30-1:00 p.m.* **Zoom platform & call information**:
- Join Zoom Meeting:
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJ1ZFQ2R3diSVdqdlJ2ZG4yQT09
  - Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
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