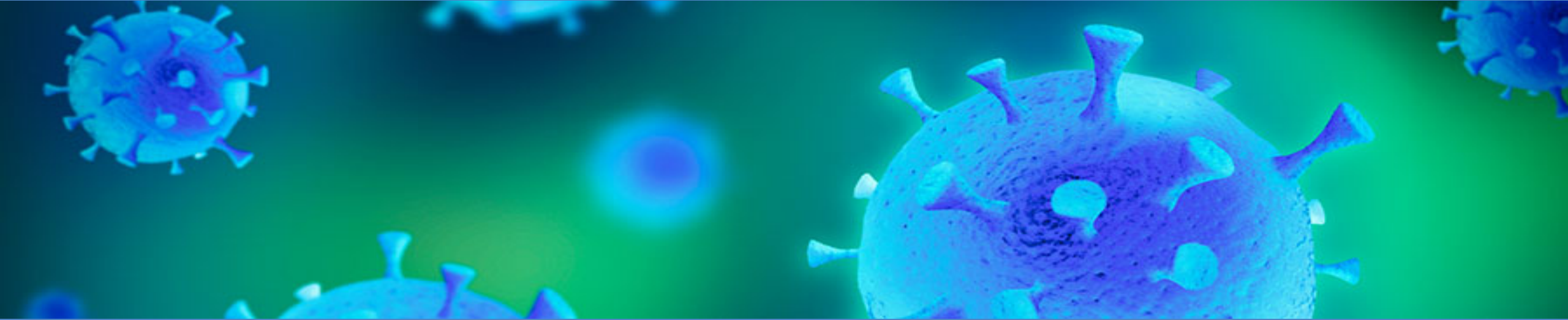


VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES




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Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH
October 21, 2020

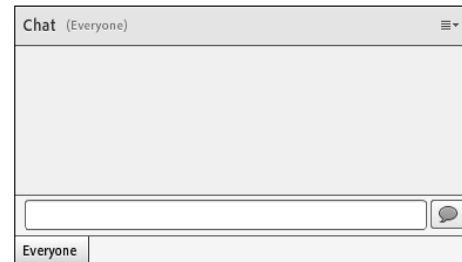
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Overview

- Celebrating **Apple Day**
 - ▣ **Medical Assistants Recognition Day**
 - ▣ **Check Your Meds Day** (Natl. Prescription Drug Take Back Day, 10/24/20 <https://www.healthvermont.gov/alcohol-drugs/services/prescription-drug-disposal>)
- *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 (testing, outbreaks) updates; media briefing
- Practice Issues: ***Home-Based Service Delivery Guidance***
- Q & A, Discussion



Series: The Apple Pickers
<http://www.brettsimison.com/>

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

Situation update

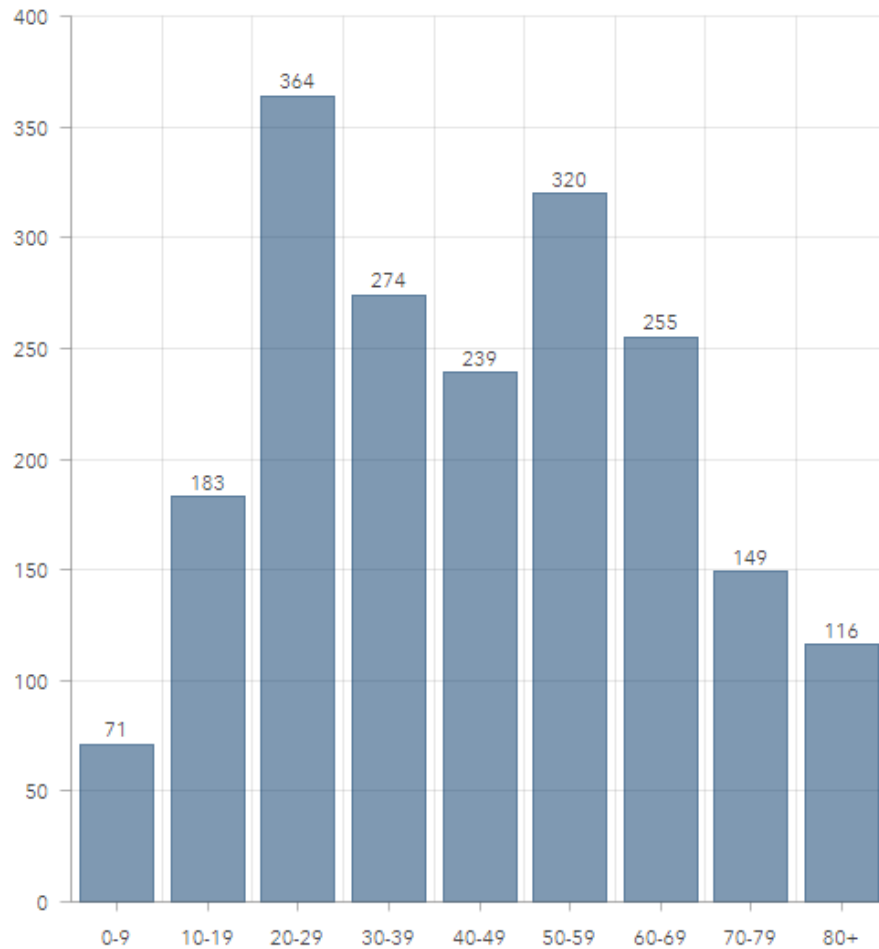


Total Cases	1,971 16 New
Currently Hospitalized	1
Hospitalized Under Investigation	3
Total People Recovered	1,708
Deaths	58
People Tested	180,694
Travelers Monitored	536
Contacts Monitored	82
People Completed Monitoring	9,849
Last Updated: 10/21/2020, 10:47:13 AM	

- **13 days** until Election Day! **#VoteKids**
- U.S.: 8.3 million+; 220,987 deaths
 - Average 60,160 case/d. past wk. (36% incr. vs. 2 wks. ago)
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 10/21/20)
 - **1.1 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.

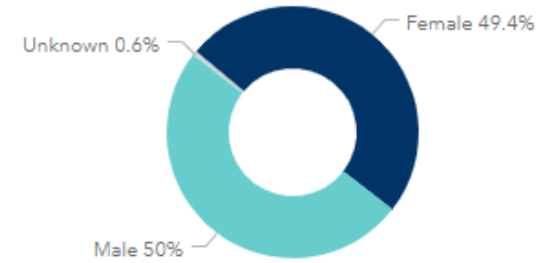
Situation update

Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group

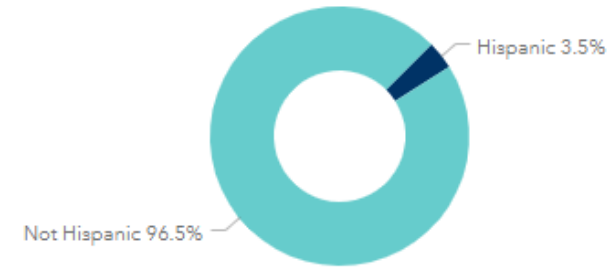


Case Demographics

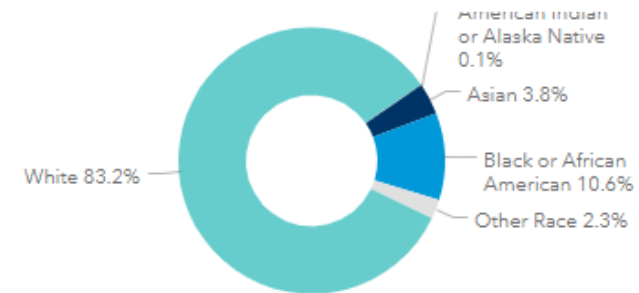
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Race if Known



VDH Update: Developmental Referrals

- **All** referrals to VDH Child Development Clinic (CDC) should now be directed to **central intake** for Vermont's Developmental Evaluation Programs
 - ▣ Single, integrated point of referral for CDC, UVMMC Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, & Autism Assessment Clinic at VCCYF.
 - ▣ All incoming referrals are reviewed by the intake team to consider the best steps for the evaluation of the child's developmental needs.
- *Please direct referrals to:*
 - ▣ The Intake Team, Developmental Evaluation Programs
 - ▣ Phone: 802-847-2007; fax: 802-847-3358.

Tuesday Media Briefing (10/20/20)



Governor Phil Scott

- New round of small business/non-profit grants (76m.)
 - ▣ Focus on those w/greatest need (tourism/hospitality sector)
- “What we’ve done thus far won’t be enough” – need Congress & the White House to put new package forward.
- Thank you to Legislature/House & Senate committees (Act 154)
- Implementation will reflect collaboration among ACCD, Depts. of Economic Development & Taxes

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

VT Dept. of Economic Development Comm. Joan Goldstein

- ACCD, Depts. of Economic Dev. & Taxes, digital services collaborating to issue next round of recovery grants
- Applying lessons learned from 1st round:
 - ▣ Legislature gave broad discretion
 - ▣ NOT 1st come, 1st served – application window will be opened by ACCD Monday (10/26/20) X 2 weeks.
- All details re: eligibility/process on web at ACCD.Vermont.gov
- Webinars today and Friday for those interested

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



Modeling – Commissioner Pieciak:

- National: passed 8m. cases (20d. to go from 7 to 8m. vs. 27d. to go from 6m. to 7m.). U. S. peaks:
 - ▣ April – focused on Northeast; 2nd peak (July) more spread out across S, W, TX, CA (**not** Northeast)
 - ▣ Developing 3rd peak – cases ticking up across geographically diverse areas: Great Plains, Midwest, S, “even back in Northeast.”
- Regional: case #s up ~5.35% week/week (but slope is slower, steadier)
- Cases increasing upstate NY/cap. region, NYC, CT, RI, Boston, NH, ME

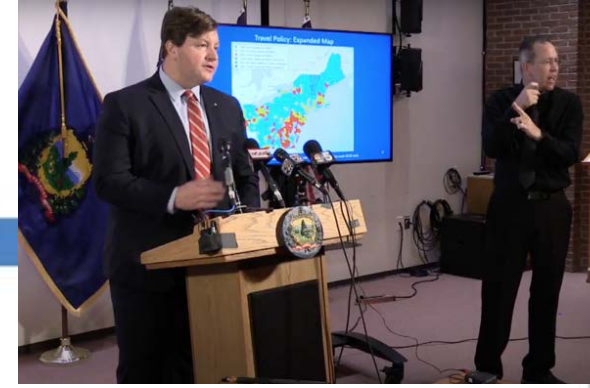
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Modeling – Commissioner Pieciak:

- Vermont: 71 new cases; cumulative last 3 weeks (201 cases) higher than any point since mid-April.
 - Scattered across Vermont; many in Washington Co. connected to outbreak.
- All restart metrics trending favorably – VT continues to have the lowest 7d. infection rate & one of the lowest positivity rates in U.S.
- Forecast: anticipate increased cases over next 5-6 wks. (but not large increases). All jurisdictions near us also project incr. case growth, incl. Quebec
- Travel map: quar. not needed for 1.6m. If our travel method applied to entire country, only 3.3% of entire pop. in “green” counties.

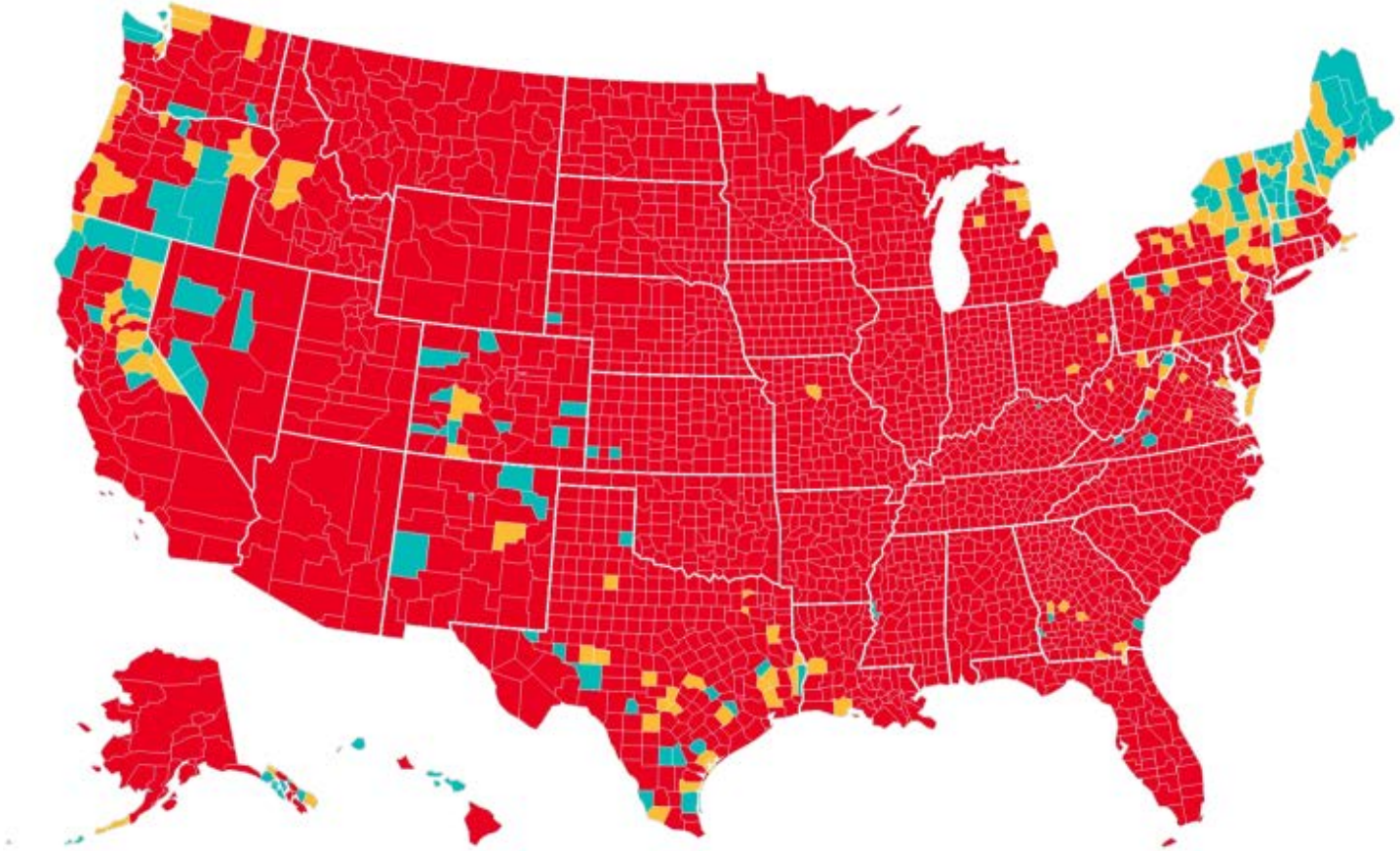
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- ❑ Flu vaccine: 90K doses given – up 13.8% vs. last year.
- ❑ Favorable across many age groups; even 20-30 y.o. age group better than last week but still down vs. 2019.
- ❑ School case update – VT favorable vs.
 - ▣ NH: 230 cases (125 active); ME up ~60 school cases (total = 128)
 - ▣ VT: 13 cases, 2 active
- ❑ Higher education: 2 additional VT cases this wk. w/~15K new tests.
 - ▣ Note: removed 6 early cases UVM – 3 were pre-arrival & 3 pre-college restart. 51 cases total for college restart in VT)

VT Travel Restrictions applied across the U.S.

Travel Map: National View



https://dfr.vermont.gov/sites/finreg/files/doc_library/dfr-covid19-modeling-102020.pdf

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Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



- Commissioner Levine
- This Saturday, Oct. 24 = Prescription Drug Takeback Day:
 - Dispose of leftover Rx & OTC drugs safely. Original (April) day cancelled
 - More than half who misuse drugs get from friend/relative; COVID taking toll on Vermonters re: SUD; increased fatal overdoses.
 - Many disposal sites are permanent; may also request mail-in envelope from VDH.
- Central VT hockey-associated outbreak (rink closed to date):
 - 34 cases; 1/2 primary infection related to events at arena. Other are 2nd or 3rd generation (elementary & HS; work site).
- Cases most likely due to activities teams do before & after ice time – carpooling, social events, possibly travel.

Special Testing in response to Hockey Outbreak

- VDH pop-up testing clinic: Thursday, October 22, Barre Aud. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration requested; walk-ins will be accommodated (asymptomatic; recommended for people with **direct links** to the teams and their close contacts). To register: healthvermont.gov/covid19-testing.
- Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC) special testing clinics this Tuesday through Friday from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Acute Respiratory Clinic at 1311 Montpelier-Barre Road, Berlin; also for asymptomatic. **Appts. required.** CVMC will continue its regular clinics for symptomatic and pre-op patients that run seven days per week from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Also contact Kinney Drugs and ClearChoiceMD in Berlin to check availability and make an appointment for testing:

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



Commissioner Levine – other topics:

- “Pandemic fatigue” (seasonal and COVID-related depression)
- Concerns re: holiday travel
- COVID-19 Vaccine – prelim. plan & responses to questions submitted on time.

AOE Secretary French:

- Responded to question re: possible school staff shortages (e.g., post-holiday travel)
 - ▣ “Actively engaged in conversation - too early to tell.”
 - ▣ Do you see schools going to remote during that period? Will review in coming weeks.

VDH Update: Testing and PPE

- Find resources on VDH “Health Care Professionals” page
 - ▣ <https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-health-care-professionals>
- **PPE** and test specimen collection:
 - ▣ More comprehensive guidance under development by CERC (Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication)

	Less than 6 feet from patient during collection	Greater than 6 feet from patient during collection
Collection of SARS-CoV-2 sample. Application of this table is appropriate for both indoor and outdoor environments along with drive-through/drive-up clinics.	Maintain proper infection control. Recommended PPE include an N95 filtering <u>facepiece</u> or higher-level respirator, eye protection(face shield or goggles), gloves, and a gown.	Follow Standard Precautions. Recommended PPE include gloves. Note that healthcare personnel must wear a form of source control (facemask or cloth face covering) at all times while in the healthcare facility. PPE use can be minimized through patient self-collection while the healthcare provider maintains at least 6 feet of separation.

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. Results will inform educational webinar content.
- 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!

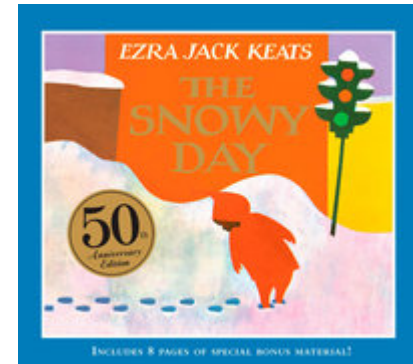
Coming Attractions!

Vermont (VDH, AOE)

- Revised: ***A Strong and Healthy Start: Safety and Health Guidance for Reopening Schools, Fall 2020***
- **Primary Care COVID-19 Checklist for Testing Symptomatic Patients**
- Adult algorithm

In the News

- NPR's 100 Best Children's Books *(thank you, Melissa Kaufold)*
 - ▣ <https://www.npr.org/2020/08/31/905804301/welcome-to-story-hour-100-favorite-books-for-young-readers>



- CNN: Why we cover COVID-19 *(thank you, Stephanie Winters)*
 - ▣ <https://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2020/10/20/keilar-why-we-cover-covid-response-trump-rally-sot-vpx-nr.cnn>

Practice Issues

Update: Home-Based Service Delivery Guidance

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<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/parents/states.html>

Home-Based Service Delivery for Children & Families

May 2020

Participants: CIS/Early-Intervention, Early/Head Start, Strong Families Vermont, WIC, Children with Special Health Needs, DAIL Disability Services, DMH, DCF Family Services

Key Points:

1. Services related to safety and medical necessity for in-person services should be prioritized.
2. If desired outcome can be achieved remotely via telehealth agencies/programs are encouraged to use those options as long as possible.
3. Coordination amongst providers is necessary to maintain awareness of which services are being provided in the home and how/if collaboration can occur to best limit the spread of COVID-19.
4. Home-based service providers **must** strictly adhere to **all** health and safety guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19, in accordance with the Vermont Department of Health and Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration (VOSHA), including the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), hand hygiene, and disinfectant. PPE Guidance is available for a variety of home visiting scenarios.

Current Status of Home-Based Service Delivery

- Most programs still offering remote services
- Engagement has improved for some families with remote option
- Housing/food insecurity issues are being identified during in-person services and then the visit focuses on those immediate needs → Causing some interruption to the services that are intended to be delivered
- Concerns about moving in-person visits indoors with changing weather
- Prioritizing in-person visits when concerns for **health, safety, crisis** and **communication barriers**

Opportunity - Improved collaboration and communication between care teams

- Sharing of information
- Partnering with in-home providers
- Identifying common themes in required data and information between programs

Home-Based Service Delivery Guidance

Service providers should work with their funder to determine how services should best be carried out in accordance with funding requirements and state/federal regulations.

- [Re-start guidance for home-based service delivery](#), including Children's Integrated Services, home health visits, home visiting and other Agency of Human services programs
- NEW Infographic: [COVID-19 Personal Protective Conducting with Home Based Services - What to Expect and Staying Safe](#)
- [Administration of home-based services: FAQ for hospital birthing floor nurses and providers](#)
- [Equipment Guidance \(link is external\)](#)(Vermont Department of Health)
- [Guidance for Strong Families VT Nurse Home Visiting Program](#)

Strong and Healthy Start (School Reopening) Task Force Update

- ❑ Revision in final review – anticipate distribution soon (this week?)
- ❑ 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%20BacktoChildCareAfterIllness10.6.pdf

Happening Soon:

Vermont Medical Society 207th Annual & Collaborative Meeting

□ <https://vtmd.org/annual-meeting>

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VTAFP

Vermont Psychiatric Association

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

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
 - ▣ No need to contact if you have already reached out during initial request this past summer

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/261479291906510>
- ***"Vote early, my friends!"***



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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 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
- Next CHAMP call: ***Friday, October 23 12:15-12:45*** (current schedule: M-W-F)
- Please tune in to VMS call: **special call this 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=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdJl2ZG4yQT09>
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