## VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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## Overview

□ Celebrating Mary Ann Shadd Cary (https://www.nps.gov/people/mary-ann-shadd-cary.htm)

John Lennon's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday – celebrate by watching James Corden's "Maybe I'm Immune" Paul McCartney parody <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5C76XMCJCVs</u>

Scrubs 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: VDH Immunization Program Weekly Update
- □ 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





- 25 days until the election! #VoteKids
- □ U.S.: 7.6 million+; 212,778 deaths
  - https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-uscases.html (updated 10/9/20)
  - 1.0 million+ deaths worldwide
- New England Journal of Medicine editorial: "Dying in a Leadership Vacuum (October 7, 2020)

https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMe2029812

#### □ VDH Weekly Data Summary (10/9/20):

- Overview, demographics, clinical, outbreaks, surveillance. <u>https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/</u> pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-10-9-2020.pdf
- Weekly Spotlight Percent Positivity: used to determine community current transmission levels of COVID-19

VERMONT https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/current-activity-vermont#dashboard

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# Situation update



UNDERSITY OF VERMONT LARNER COLLEGE OF WEDGINE

### 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 207<sup>th</sup> Annual & Collaborative Meeting

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



#### 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: <u>VMS Annual Business Meeting</u> 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-relatedpoisonings
- 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-attemptsin-vermont





- 9/11/20: Commissioner Levine advised as long as existing health precautions followed, VTers can likely still look forward to Halloween.
   Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, keep groups small, consider leaving treats outside on a table.
- Commissioner Levine to Shelburne Community School middle school class: trick or treating can be done w/appropriate measures in place (not parties).
- □ SEE VDH **social media** re: safe celebrations
  - @healthvermont



VT Dept of Health @healthvermont · Oct 6 Halloween may look different this year, but we can still celebrate while taking safety precautions. Stay 6-feet away from others who don't live in your home, keep celebrations outdoors & wear a face mask ow.ly/T22O50BLfRb #Vermont #Halloween2020 #MasksOnVT #StayHomeWhenSick





# Holiday Guidance (Halloween)

#### □ CDC: "Holiday Celebrations"

- Virus spread risk (lower, moderate, higher risk), gatherings, holiday travel
- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html
- Halloween, Día de los Muertos
- $\square$  Halloween AAP:



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WHAT ABOUT

Use cloth face coverings as part

of a costume (think Superhero)!

American Academy of Pediatrics

Do **not** paint them, though Paints may contain toxins.

And wash hands

frequently!

TRIGK-OR-TREAT

Look for outdoor events.

safe distances.

But avoid crowds, wear masks, & keep

 Give out individual treat bags & if your child collects treats, wipe them down

healthy children.org

or let them sit a couple of days

- https://services.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/health--safetytips/american-academy-of-pediatrics-offers-tips-for-a-safe-halloweenduring-pandemic/
- https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/allaround/Pages/Halloween-Safety-Tips.aspx







COVID-19 Information for Families Return to School Following Illness

September 2020

Strong and Healthy Start (School Reopening) Task Force Update

- □ Key issues (selected):
  - Health screening/temps continue school-only
  - Travel screening seeking greater public engagement and buy-in
  - Bus transport in winter: good new info on how to ventilate buses
  - Physical distancing pre-K grade 6 now and middle school/high school
  - To be discussed: music education, PE/Equipment; field trips—indoor- to be discussed; and seeking other areas for clarification (last rev. for a while!)
- □ **Updated** parent guidance to align with algorithm (child care/sch age)
  - https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/CYF\_VT%20BacktoSch oolAfterIllness10.6.pdf

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# Today's Media Briefing

#### **Governor Phil Scott**

- Commented on news from Michigan re: alleged plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer & overthrow several state governments
  - All of us need to find a way to heal the deep divisions in our country
  - Words (from officials) matter. "We're reaching a boiling point in this country, and it's up to all of us to lower the temperature."
  - Reminder of importance of public safety & law enforcement
- One month into the school year: thank you to school board members, staff, bus drivers, facilities staff, parents, students, state & local leaders.
- Have had a few cases in schools school leaders & VDH worked quickly & closely to prevent transmission.
- □ More schools increasing amount of in-person instruction; AOE survey out.





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# Today's Media Briefing (cont'd.)

#### Agency of Education Secretary French

- □ Case count remains low; no transmission in schools.
- Schools moving to more in-person instruction
- □ Burlington SD: 4d./week in-person at elementary level.
- Mill River: had been completely remote; moving to phased 5d./wk.
   IP for preK-grade 4, then grades 5-6; grades 7-12 remain hybrid.
- Call w/N. Country Supt. Castle (one of largest districts) teacher said "it almost feels normal."
- Even w/vaccine, will operate w/precautions for some time possibly even to end of school year.







Agency of Education Secretary French

Safety & Health Guidance Task Force reconvening



Expanded 3 – 6 ft. distancing recommendation to Grade 6

# Sports Task Force

- Winter sports indoors, so "may be more complex, problematic."
- Anticipate publishing guidance at end of October
- Practices will likely start after TG & games after January 1.
- "Not optimistic" re: ability to allow wrestling, indoor track.
   Working on basketball & hockey(risk mitigation)







# Today's Media Briefing (cont'd.)

**Commissioner Levine** 

- Regional & Midwest data: states w/incr. cases/hospitalizations
   <u>https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/modeling</u>
- □ Special note re: Boston, NY, CT, RI, NJ cases and hospitalizations
- Very successful experience w/K-12; only small # college cases across
   VT (~50 vs. 178K across U.S.)
- Outbreak among seasonal workers at Champlain Orchards remains contained to this site (total cases = 28). No known risk to public.
- Most workers in isolation: live & work together as long as feeling well. All tested negative on day 7 (two others quarantined separately).





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# Today's Media Briefing (cont'd.)

**Commissioner Levine** 

- Continued focus on meeting basic needs of workers
- □ Access to paid sick leave (Families 1<sup>st</sup> Coronavirus Relief Fund) or by owners.
- Orchard using state funding to purchase food, cell phones (to contact home & access telemedicine consults w/Open Door Clinic).
- Coverage available for <u>all</u> Vermonters with concern re: exposure/illness regardless of insurance or immigration status.
- □ Federal program for HCPs and hospitals to submit claims for uninsured.
- Some H2A workers coming for decades; community response (food/donations) a testimony to longevity.
- □ More testing today orchard may reopen as early as Saturday, October 10..





# Practice Issues

## **VDH Immunization Program: Weekly Update**

Christine Finley, – VDH Immunization Program Manager



https://www.healthvermont.gov/immunizations-infectious-disease/immunization/parents



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# Staffing Practice-Based Immunization Clinics (thank you, Jessa Barnard, VMS & Meredith Plumpton, VDH)

- □ Medical assistants in Vermont not licensed, do not need certification.
- □ Statute re: delegation to unlicensed personnel updated this session:
  - 26 VSA § 1444. LIABILITY FOR ACTIONS OF AGENT (a) A physician may delegate to a medical technician or other assistant or employee certain activities related to medical care and treatment that the individual is qualified to perform by training, education, experience, or a combination of these when the activities are under the control of the physician. The physician delegating the activities to the individual shall be legally liable for the individual's performance of those activities, and in this relationship, the individual shall be the physician's agent.
- Vaccine administration can be delegated per above language (physician delegating should be comfortable w/liability).
- Delegation from nurses to MAs different (OPR).





## **COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM INTERIM PLAYBOOK FOR JURISDICTION OPERATIONS**

#### Purpose of the Playbook:

- To assist state, territorial and local public health programs and their partners with planning and operationalizing a vaccination response to COVID-19"
- To inform CDC Awardees of required and recommended activities and provide guidance for the COVID-19 vaccine plan development and implementation

Released 9/16, comprehensive plan is due to CDC on 10/16

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/downloads/COVID-19-Vaccination-Program-Interim\_Playbook.pdf

#### **CDC COVID-19 Vaccines: Enrollment**

There are 3 sections of the COVID-19 Provider Enrollment

- Section A: <u>COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Requirements and Legal</u> <u>Agreement</u>
  - Forms are signed by the organizations Chief Medical Officer and Chief Fiduciary Officer, or equivalents and are responsible for all vaccination sites
- Section B: <u>CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Profile Information</u>
  - Provide estimates of the # of patients routinely served by location (<18, 18-64, 65+)
  - Flu vaccine capacity doses administered during the peak week of the 2019-20 season
  - Storage capacity for MDV's during peak periods
- <u>CDC Supplemental COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution Agreement</u>

#### **COVID-19 Vaccination Program - Enrollment**

- Enrollment forms will be sent via Survey Gizmo in the next 2 weeks
- They will be sent to hospitals, pharmacies, all facilities that have signed a closed POD MOU, LTCF's\* and currently enrolled practices
- All jurisdictions are required to report on the sites enrolled in the COVID-19 vaccination program twice/week.
- Enrollment of those facilities that can vaccinate critical populations will be prioritized
- Within 24 hours after administration, all practices/organizations enrolled in the COVID-19 vaccination program must submit vaccine administration data through the state Immunization Registry or another system designed by CDC

#### The COVID-19 Vaccination Program will require a phased approach



\*Planning should consider that there may be initial age restrictions for vaccine products.

#### **COVID-19 vaccine priority group comparison**

Group	Johns Hopkins	National Academies	WHO	
Healthcare personnel	Tier 1: Frontline healthcare personnel including LTCF providers; EMS Tier 2: HCP & staff with direct, non-COVID patient contact; pharmacy workers	<ul> <li>Phase 1a: Frontline healthcare personnel including LTCF providers; EMS</li> <li>Phase 2: Other healthcare personnel</li> </ul>		
Other essential workers	<ul> <li>Tier 1: Public transport, food supply workers; teachers &amp; school workers. Workers necessary for pandemic support: (e.g. vaccine manufacturers; public health workers/support)</li> <li>Tier 2: Frontline infrastructure; warehouse/delivery/postal; deployed military; police &amp; fire; TSA and border security; high-density or high-contact jobs</li> </ul>	Phase 1a: Police, fire Phase 2: Critical infrastructure at risk of exposure; teachers and school staff incl childcare workers	Priority groups unranked	
Underlying medical conditions	<b>Tier 1</b> : Those with elevated risk of serious disease; members of social groups experiencing disproportionately high fatality rates	<ul> <li>Phase 1b: Significantly higher risk         (≥2 CDC designated conditions)</li> <li>Phase 2: Moderately higher risk         (1 CDC condition)</li> </ul>		
Adults ≥65 years of age	Tier 1: Adults <u>&gt;65</u> years including those living with or providing care to them	<ul> <li>Phase 1b: Older adults in congregate settings</li> <li>Phase 2: All older adults not in Phase 1</li> </ul>		

#### **Ordering, Allocation and Distribution**

- Work is underway to define/describe priority populations and subgroups for review
- Initial allocations of vaccine may be very limited based on COVID-19 rates, size of priority populations
- The current vaccine ordering system (VIMS) will be used
- Vaccine usage will be closely monitored; redistribution may be necessary

# The Health Department is working to prepare for COVID-19 vaccine – but we need to work together will all our health care partners in order to succeed!

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Workgroup**

- IT/Immunization Registry address clinic planning and reporting issues
- Logistics planning to support mass vaccination efforts
- Communication

#### VDH Health Operations Center (HOC) / State Emergency Operations Center

# <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Committee</u> being formed by the Commissioner's Office

# Flu vaccination outreach

- Off-site Clinics
  - 38 practices have completed the CDC req'd off-site addendums for 85 clinics to be held in schools and other locations
- AAP-VT Grant Registration
  - 61 practices have submitted applications
  - Wide geographic spread of practices with an emphasis on rural locations
  - Additional funds are still available, registration ends 10/23
  - Download application at <u>www.aapvt.org</u>

# Immunization Registry Updates

- School nurses now able to enter immunization into IMR on behalf of medical practice conducting a school-based clinic.
  - IMR@vermont.gov or call (888)688-4667 for access
- For flu (and eventually COVID) vaccine, practice association in the IMR will not change when patient is immunized off-site
  - Enables practices to conduct off-site clinics without associating all patients as their own
- New Report in IMR
  - Coverage report to assess flu coverage for any age group of patients
  - Also available for HPV, MMR, or any vaccine group (and COVID when available)
  - How To guide available here: <u>https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/IMR\_QuickGuide%20Vaccine%20C</u> <u>overage%20Report.pdf</u>

# **Immunization Program Flu Updates**

- As of 10/8, 73,200 flu vaccine doses distributed to enrolled practices
- Starting 10/15, practices will be able to order flu with only reconciling flu inventory in VIMS
  - Training materials will be made available



# **Questions?**

#### Christine.finley@vermont.gov

Email: ahs.vdhimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov
 Web: https://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/immunization
 Social: @healthvermont

#### 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
- 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



For questions, reach out to the CHAMP Team at vchip.champ@uvm.edu 30



- Vision
- Strabismus
- Developmental Screening

# 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: <u>mcrossman@buildingbrightfutures.org</u>



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# **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: <u>vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu</u>

Federal and state COVID-19 financial relief

In 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: <u>vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu</u>
  - What do <u>you</u> need how can we be helpful (specific guidance)?
- VCHIP CHAMP VDH COVID-19 website: <u>https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip\_champ\_vdh\_covid-19\_updates</u>
- Next CHAMP call: Monday, October 12, 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=VkVuNTJ1ZFQ2R3diSVdqdlJ2ZG4yQT09

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