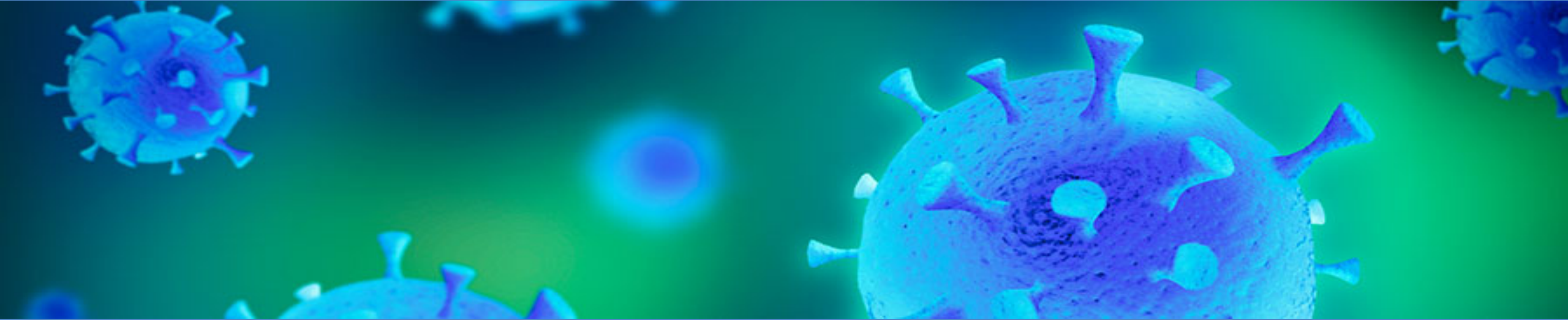


VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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November 16, 2020

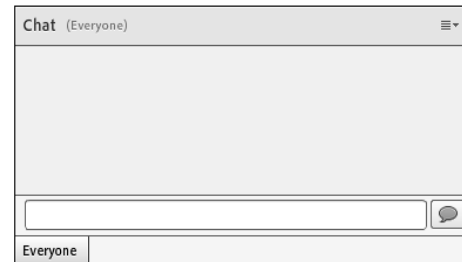
Technology Notes

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

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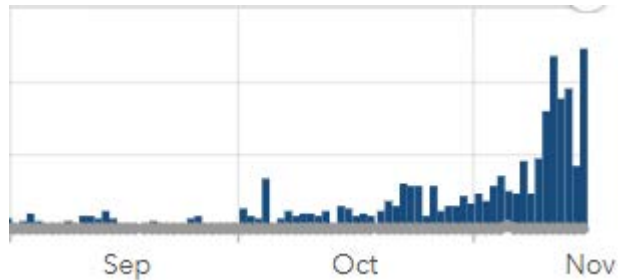
Overview

- ❑ **Celebrating International Education Week**
 - ❑ Joint initiative US Depts. of State & Education
 - ❑ Also: **International Day for Tolerance (UNESCO)**
 - ❑ <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000151830>
- ❑ *Reminder: weekly event schedule*
 - ❑ **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Mon/Wed/Fridays**; Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with Comm. Levine **Thursday**
- ❑ Situation, VDH, AAP, UVM HN updates
- ❑ Practice Issues: ***Caring for Pregnant Women & Newborns During the COVID-19 Pandemic***
- ❑ 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

New Cases	122
3,008 Total	
Currently Hospitalized	19
Hospitalized In ICU	1
Hospitalized Under Investigation	1
Percent Positive 7-day Avg.	1.6%
People Tested	201,176
Total Tests	477,590
Recovered	2,050
68.2% of Cases	
Deaths	59
2% of Cases	
Travelers Monitored	200
Contacts Monitored	181
People Completed Monitoring	10,723
Last Updated: 11/16/2020, 10:59:08 AM	



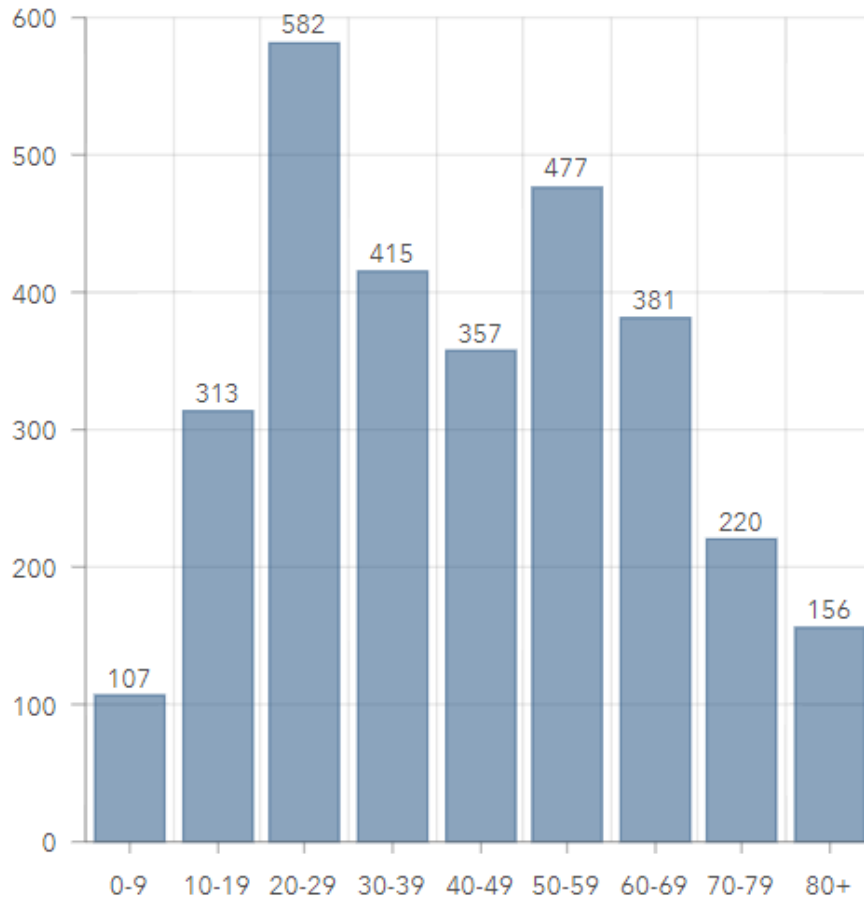
VDH New Cases/Deaths

- Election Day +13 (Ladies & Gentlemen: we appear to have a winner...306 to 232)
- U.S. 11.1 million+ cases; 246,083
 - ▣ <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 11/16/20)
 - ▣ 11/15/20: **135,187 new cases & 623 deaths**
 - ▣ Past week: average 150,265 cases/day (increase of 81% from average 2 weeks ago)
 - ▣ **1.3 million+ deaths worldwide** (54.6million+ cases)
- **VDH Weekly Data Summary (11/13/20):**
 - ▣ <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary>
 - ▣ **Weekly Spotlight** – Travel Reported Among Cases

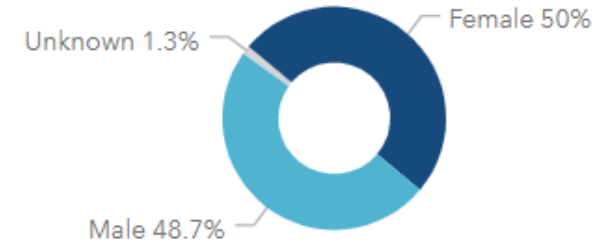
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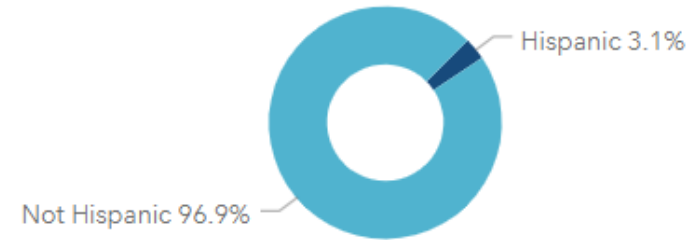
Vermont COVID-19 **Cases** by Age Group



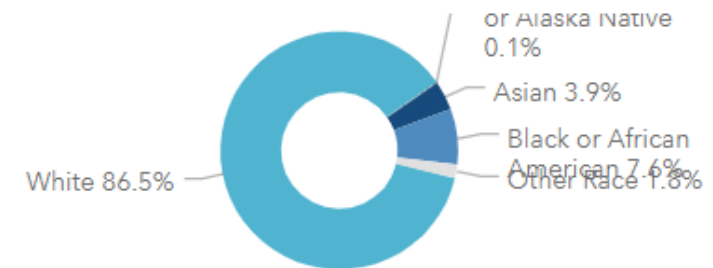
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Race if Known



Case Demographics

COVID-19 Cases in VT K-12 Learning Communities (While Infectious)

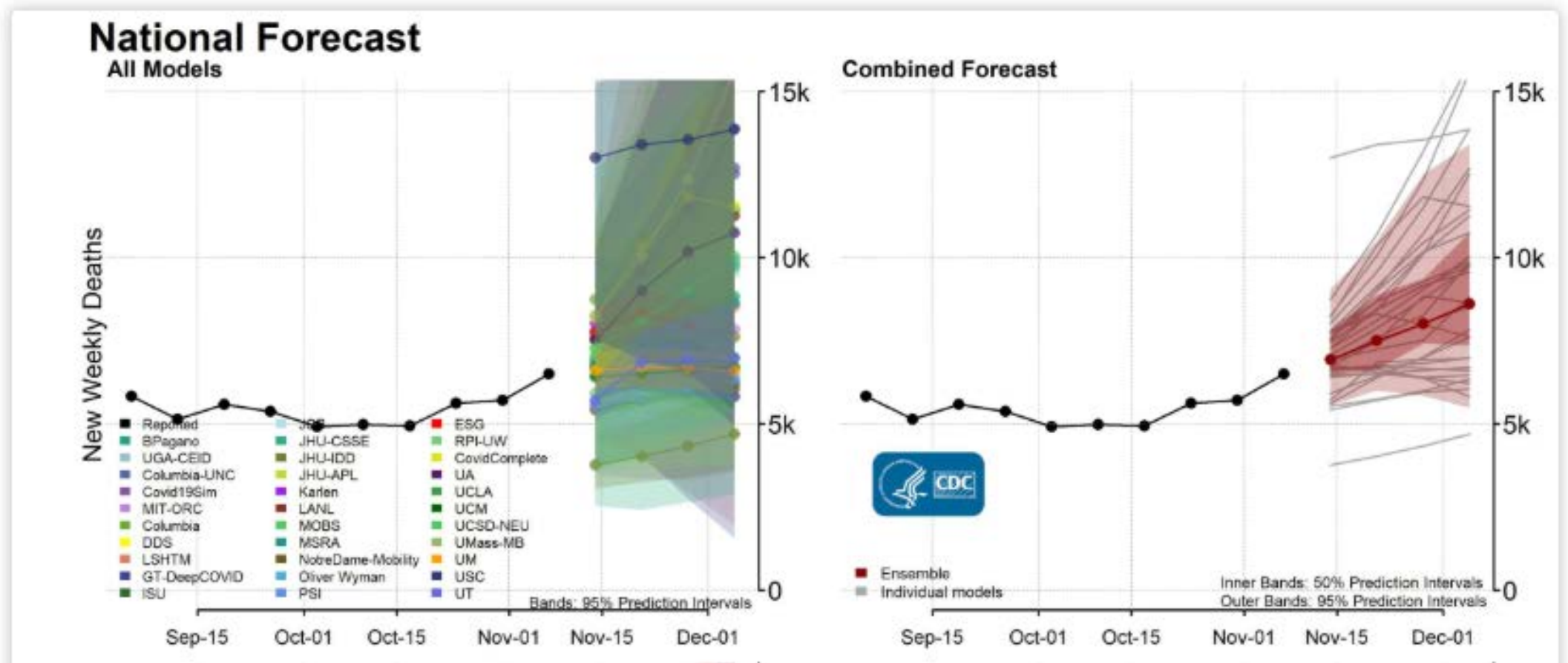
- COVID-19 Cases in Vermont K-12 Learning Communities While Infectious (dashboard)
 - ▣ <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Transmission-Schools.pdf>
 - ▣ Table updated **Tuesday** w/data through previous Sunday: as posted 11/10/20: 54 total cases; 15 cases reported in preceding 7 days (up from 39 total & 11 past 7d.)

Cases in Vermont K-12 Learning Communities While Infectious

Learning Community	Cases Reported In the Past 7 Days	Total Cases
Schools with less than 25 students are reported in the "Total for all Suppressed Schools" row at the end of the table.		
TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS	15	54

- VT College & University dashboards:
 - ▣ <https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/school-reopening>
 - ▣ St. Michael's College outbreak (part of ice sports): **76 cases** as of media briefing 11/10/20

In the News: CDC Forecast



As of November 9, national forecasts predict that 5,500 to 13,400 new COVID-19 deaths will be reported during the week ending December 5. These forecasts predict 260,000 to 282,000 total COVID-19 deaths in the United States by December 5.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/forecasting-us.html>

In the News: From the New York Times

- **This Just In: *Early Data Show Moderna's Coronavirus Vaccine Is 94.5% Effective*** (11/16/20)
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/16/health/Covid-moderna-vaccine.html>
 - Pfizer and Moderna 1st to announce early data on large studies; 10 other cos. also conducting Phase 3 trials (incl. Australia, Britain, China, India and Russia); >50 other candidates are in earlier stages of testing. FDA goal \geq effectiveness for approval.
 - Moderna: longer shelf life under refrigeration/at room temp. than previously reported; should make it easier to store and use.
- ***Doctors Are Calling It Quits Under Stress of the Pandemic***
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/15/health/Covid-doctors-nurses-quitting.html>
 - Independent MN pediatrician opened 2 yrs. ago; closed in Aug.
 - Thousands closed, per July survey of 3,500 doctors by the Physicians Foundation; ~8% closed recent mos. (~16K practices). Another 4% plan to close w/in next year.
 - Other MDs/RNs retiring early; some worry about health due to age/medical condition that puts them at high risk.

VDH Update: Schools

- National reports of many schools suspending in-person education
- Vermont goal: ***keep children and youth in school!***
- **VDH Process Change** (issued by AOE Secretary Dan French, 11/13/20): school administrators to communicate directly w/teachers, staff & families (VDH will provide template language, details re: day 0 start, day 14 end of quarantine & day 7 testing options).
 - ▣ Some confusion re: implementation.
- VDH-trained case investigators will continue to conduct thorough interview w/all positives & meet w/school administration to identify close contacts & make recommendations.

VDH: At the intersection of schools and *testing*

- At a critical inflection point – advocacy planned to maintain in-person education and your assistance requested!
- Please continue to test in your practices and/or refer to testing sites.
 - ▣ For symptomatic AND asymptomatic individuals – especially important as college students return home for (extended) breaks.
- If you are ***not*** currently offering practice-based testing, please consider doing so.
- Teacher testing (surveillance) begins ***today***.

VDH Update – Expanded Testing via CIC Sites Launching *Now*

- 25 – 35 hours/week; detailed hrs. available. Walk-in except Porter.
 - Anterior nares testing: lower age limit = 1 y.o. **Results available in VITL.**
- Brattleboro
 - Brattleboro Memorial Hospital
- Burlington
 - Garnet Care, 108 Cherry St. (VDH Central Office)
- Middlebury
 - Garnet Care, Porter Medical Center (**DRIVE THROUGH**)
- Rutland
 - RRMC
- Waterbury
 - Waterbury Ambulance Service: at their site, Guptil Road.

VDH Update: Testing Recommendations

From VDH – HAN to follow:

- ❑ **Near and Close Contacts for households**, worksites, and events where there is a case: ask all individuals to be tested immediately in addition to at 7 days (previously, contacts were not advised to get tested immediately)
- ❑ **Index Case:** individuals who were in contact (not close contacts) of a case within the 14 day period prior to them being a case
- ❑ **Gatherings:** Anyone who plans to participate in a gathering; or anyone who has attended a social or mass gathering
- ❑ **Travel:** Anyone traveling out of state (not just testing to end quarantine); anyone who has a visitor from out of state in their home; or college students returning to Vermont
- ❑ **Social Activity:** If socially active, seek a test weekly.

COVID-19 Food Resources *(thank you, Melissa Kaufold)*

- ❑ The **Farmers to Families food box program extended** – but will likely **end at the end of December**.
 - ❑ Starting November 16th, Farmers to Families food boxes available at multiple daily food distributions throughout the state.
 - ❑ Reservations **required** for the distributions. To register and see the dates and locations, please visit <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help> or call 802-476-0316 for assistance.
 - ❑ Each reservation will receive 1 box with about 30 lbs. of food, including fresh produce, dairy products, and meat.
- ❑ Opportunity to pick up food for other families who are not able to travel to pickup site; must make separate reservation for each household you would like to pick up for. Each reservation is for one set of food.
- ❑ Additional food resource info: <https://www.vtfoodbank.org/gethelp>

COVID Support: Mental Health & Wellness

- ❑ COVID Support VT: grant funded program offering mental health and wellness supports during the pandemic, now has three Support Counselors, available Mondays-Fridays, 8am-8pm, to provide emotional support, connections to community resources and to be a listening ear. Support Counselors are available by calling 2-1-1. All supports are confidential and free.
- ❑ Also: Weekly Wellness Group, Tuesdays at 1pm or 5pm, to learn self-care strategies for coping and relaxing.
- ❑ Resources available at Media Center: self-serve and download wellness resources, available in many languages.
- ❑ Printed materials & monthly newsletter also available.

Practice Issues

Caring for Pregnant Women & Newborns During COVID-19

Karin Gray, MD – Pediatric Hospitalist, UVM CH

Marjorie Meyer, MD - Vice Chair, OB & Director,

Div. of MFM & UVM MC Birthing Center



CHAMP Learning Session (10/13/20) Materials Now Posted!

- ***Thank you, Avery Rasmussen and Angela Zinno!***
- Learning session website with recordings and slide decks: http://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/champ/champ_2020_learning_session
- Link directly to Dr. Berwick's keynote recording: <https://uvm-vchip.adobeconnect.com/champ2020learningsessionmoraldeterminantsofthealth/event/registration.html>
- Link directly to Dr. Berwick's keynote slide deck (NOTE – this will be removed from the website 30 days from the date posted): http://contentmanager.med.uvm.edu/docs/keynote_berwick/vchip-documents/keynote_berwick.pdf?sfvrsn=5b9b1922_2

AAP COVID-19 Town Hall Series

- **Next Session: Resiliency in the Time of COVID-19**
 - ▣ Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm CT, 8:00 pm Eastern
- Town Hall Web Page
 - ▣ Access past session recordings and register for future sessions
 - ▣ Recorded sessions include questions discussed and time stamp

AAP Updates



AAP National

- ***New this week*** – [Transition Plan: Advancing Child Health in the Biden-Harris Administration](#)
 - Outlines specific policy recommendations to support our children
 - Offers comprehensive steps to address wide range of pressing child health issues: COVID-19 pandemic, vaccinations, immigration, health equity and racism, environmental health and more! (**26 child health issues; >140 recommendations**). Builds on AAP [Blueprint for Children](#) (October)
- Gearing up to address vaccine hesitancy

AAP Vermont

- Leah Costello – interview on WCAX

VDH Update: Opening for State School Nurse Consultant

Announcing with mixed feelings . . .

- Position currently held by Sharonlee Trefry, MSN RN NCSN (MCH/VDH)
- **Nurse Program Coordinator I: State School Nurse Consultant**
- Link to the job posting: <https://careers.vermont.gov/job/Burlington-Nurse-Program-Coordinator-I-Limited-Service-State-School-Nurse-Consultant-VT-05401/691168800/>
- Support Vermont's School Nursing community of practice; provide nursing leadership to ensure effective school health services within the state; act as liaison to Vermont's School Nurse (SN) community; develop/promote quality standards for school health services programs.

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: **Wednesday, November 18, 12:15-12:45** (current schedule: M-W-F)
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:
Thursday, November 19, 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdJlJ2ZG4yQT09>
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