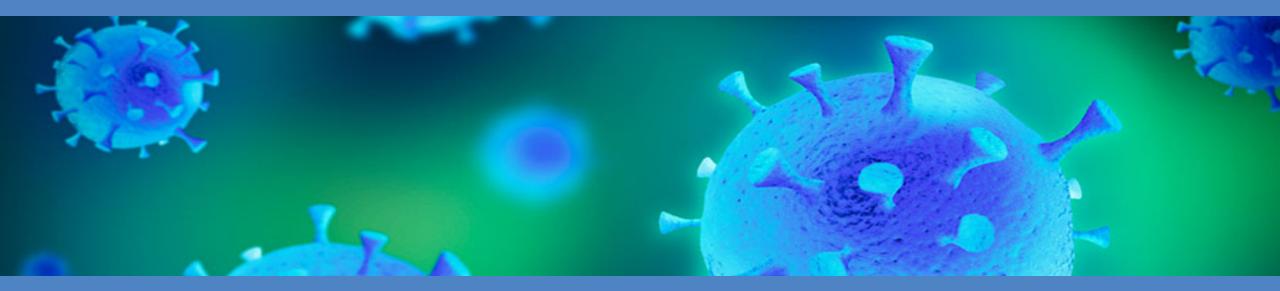
VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Senior Faculty, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH November 20, 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.

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

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Overview

Celebrating Future Teachers of America Day!

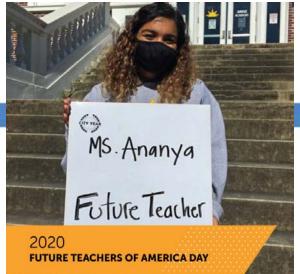
- Also: World Children's Day
- Honoring Transgender Day of Remembrance in memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.
- Reminder: weekly event schedule
 - VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Mon/Wed/Fridays; Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with Comm. Levine Thursday
 - Next week: VCHIP-VDH calls Monday & Wednesday ONLY
- □ Situation, VDH, AAP, UVM HN updates; media briefing
- Practice Issues: Friday Potpourri

Q & A, Discussion

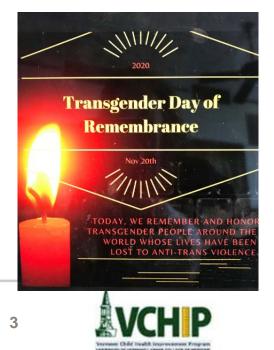


[Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve very rapidly – so the information we're providing today may change quickly]





https://www.cityyear.org/neworleans/stories/our-alumni/celebratingfuture-teachers-of-america-day/



Situation update



\Box Vermont new cases 11/19 = 148

\Box U.S. 11.8 million+ cases; 252,373 deaths

- https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirusus-cases.html (updated 11/20/20)
- 11/19/20: 187,428 new cases & 1,962 deaths
- Past week: average 166, 58,265 cases/day (increase of 73% from average 2 weeks ago)
- **1.3 million+ deaths worldwide** (55.7 million+ cases)
- VDH Weekly Data Summary (11/20/20):
 - https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/currentactivity/weekly-data-summary
 - Weekly Spotlight No Spotlight topic this week



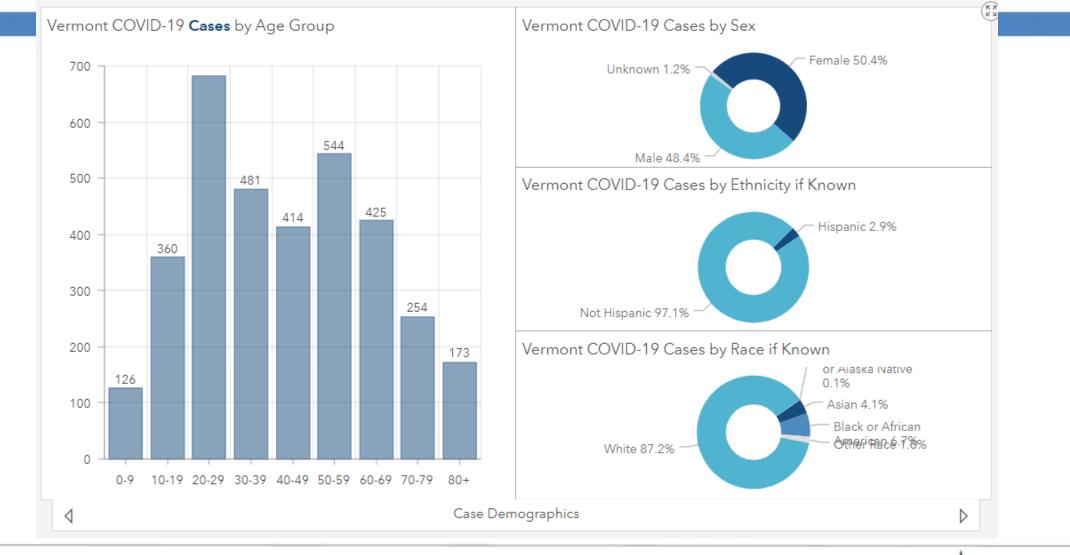
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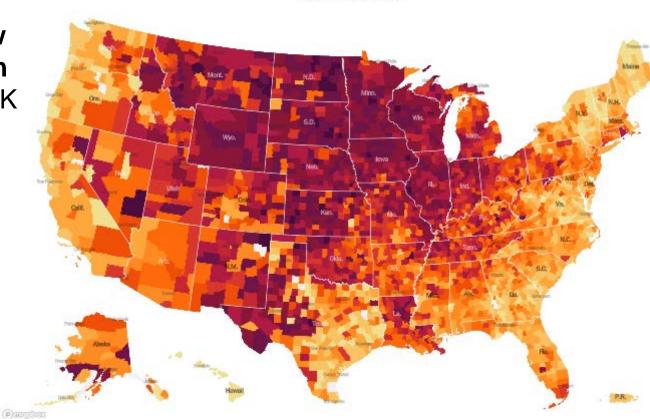
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NYT Hot Spots Map

On Nov. 19, the color scale on the hot spots map was expanded to reflect the new record rates of infection. The map was also changed so that areas with very low population density are now shaded.



Nov. 18: color scale expanded to reflect new record rates of infection (average daily cases/100K past week).



Sources: State and local health agencies. Population and demographic data from Cenaus Bureau.



https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html November 20, 2020

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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 11/17/20: 74 total cases; 19 cases reported in preceding 7 days (up from 54 total & 15 previous week)

Cases in Vermont K-12 Learning Communities While Infectious

Learning Community Schools with less than 25 students are reported in the "Total for all Suppressed Schools" row at the end of the table.	Cases Reported In the Past 7 Days	Total Cases
TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS	19	74

VT College & University dashboards:

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- https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/school-reopening
- St. Michael's College: 79 total cases as of 11/16/20; UVM 71 cumulative total cases (11/15/20)





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Five communities this week:

- 7d.week; 2/3 Vermonters will be w/in 30 minute drive to a center; 25-35 hrs./ week per site; detailed hrs. available. All walk-in except Porter (drive-thru).
 - 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.







In the News: School Advocacy

□ VTDigger Commentary by Leah Costello, MD:

- "I'm amazed at how teachers/staff/administrators are bending over backwards to keep our children safe at school – that is incredible; thank you, schools! Parents/ guardians: now our turn to step up & show same level of commitment...it's our job to keep Covid-19 out of schools – clear that social gatherings, not schools, are causing the surge in cases. Need seriously think about upcoming holidays & how we keep children/teachers/schools safe & healthy – means not traveling or having extended family gatherings for holidays."
- https://vtdigger.org/2020/11/18/leah-costello-keeping-schools-open-ismore-important-than-ever/?fbclid=IwAR2et2NRfLfkm5kJDERAMfn0KnnLuhaIQG8eP_vY1x_Z-YUm5kgnU5PIOw



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In the News: School Advocacy (cont'd.)

AAPVT, AAFP, VMS Press Release 11/19/20: Vermont Physician Groups Call on Vermonters to Prioritize Their Communities and Protect Schools for our Children

- Pods which have already been established for education/care of children are allowable (incl. car-pooling & formal/informal child care)...Keeping schools open is crucial b/c kids need consistent in-person learning...schools are not a main driver...Please do your part to keep COVID-19 out of schools so we can keep our kids in school and our communities healthy."
- https://vtdigger.org/liveblog/doctors-encourage-vermont-families-to-sociallyisolate/?fbclid=IwAR1I_Y3KHQEYGF3sE15FEu-FiTOZq2NyuM4zIfESvse4mgLcJaYMB-Jip3o
- □ Letter to Twinfield School Community from Supt. Mark Mooney
- □ Letter to Christ the King School Community:
 - Drs. Monica Fiorenza and Julie Vieth
 - <u>https://cksvt.org/a-letter-to-our-cks-community</u>





 Canada – U.S. border closure to non-essential travel extended to at least December 21, 2020 (Mexico also affected)

□ VT Natl. Guard rebuilding field hospital at Champlain Valley Expo

- 250 patients with 50-bed pods (each walled off & equipped w/nurse's station and supply closet); one pod = separate, isolated wing for COVID patients w/ 50 ICU beds. These walls, swathed in white plastic, had been left standing since March. DPS Commissioner Schirling: "a precautionary step."
- □ *Vaccine news*: Pfizer expected to file for EUA by day's end
 - ACIP meets Monday information only (probably not to vote).
 - Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC FDA advisory) meets 2nd week December; then ACIP again.





Vermont Community Foundation Con Hogan Award 2020

- Con Hogan Award for Creative, Entrepreneurial, Community Leadership
- Usual process/cash prize suspended: Award Committee will recognize the Vermont Department of Health: "for their commitment to Vermonters' safety in this perilous time; their steady, data-driven leadership; and their tenacity in the face of chaos and their exemplary performance during this pandemic."
- □ Virtual Award Ceremony: December 9th, 2020, 12:00 12:45 pm

https://vermontcf.wufoo.com/forms/zkevw581octi91/





AAP Updates

- From WI AAP chapter: WI Office of Children's Mental Health flyers/posters re: healthy activities during holidays despite restrictions on activities during the pandemic.
- Received permission use/redesign no references to their office or logo.
- Find PDF versions for download on their website at: <u>https://children.wi.gov/Pages/DifferentSafeHolidays2020.aspx</u>

From **AAP National**:

- Updated pediatric data in the news this week
 - Vaccine advocacy: including children in COVID-19 vaccine trials & addressing vaccine hesitancy.







Friday Media Briefing (11/20/20)

Governor Phil Scott

- □ Marking 8 mos. since VT's 1st death; 4 more in past 2 weeks
 - Deaths increase as virus increases, including in LTC facilities.
- □ Need to follow restrictions reviewed/clarified latest updates:
 - If in a dangerous/unhealthy situation, may take shelter w/another household.
 - Individuals who live alone may gather w/one other household but otherwise limit contacts.
 - Outdoor fitness activities allowed that involve <u>2</u> people maintain distance, wear a mask.
- □ Rec. sports still on hold; all other actions remain in place.









- Presentation by students Sabina Brochu (CVU) & Angelita Pena (MAUHS) discussing why they're grateful to be in school & results of survey conducted 10/5-10/15; 1077 responses from 8+ VT HS
 - Conducted in v. different time: Oct. av. 11 new cases/d., vs. 104 this past wk.
 - Over half feel protected observing proper mask wearing, hand sanitizer use, cleaning, outdoor classrooms when possible. If feel only "somewhat protected," is b/c observing improper mask usage & social distancing.
 - On-line learning: now better than spring, but not the same as in-person.
 - Perceived work load quite variable. Challenges in accessing guidance.
 - "If you go out w/o mask, gathering you are putting your kids at risk."
 - "To people who say 'we just want to be with our families' we say, 'we just want to be in school in-person." - "I'm scared to go to school after break."









AOE Secretary Dan French:



- Schools cont. to operate safely "d/w Dr. Raszka" data from U.S. & Europe supports keeping schools open.
- Yesterday AAP-VT issued statement supporting this perspective
- CHaD statement: recommends keep schools open even as case cts.
 Increase schools may be among the safest settings for students/staff
- First round surveillance testing: 1st week ~45% all school staff statewide (~9500 tests); results update next week.
- □ Next phase: week of November 30 (25%/week); mixed geog. sample





AOE Secretary Dan French:

- □ Continuing monthly survey re: in-person (IP) vs. hybrid learning
- This week reviewed data through end of October: amount of IP instruction has doubled (before case counts increased significantly) – most of this occurred in elementary schools.
- Independent schools: ~50% IP instruction (only 40% response rate many are very small)
- CTE Centers: cont. hybrid learning moved academic & business learning to on-line & keeping IP for lab, shop.







- Case counts continue to reach new heights
- \square Yesterday: highest daily # (148); today = 146. 15 in hosp.



- 7d. average % positivity = 1.87% (compare to NJ 6-10%; Midwest 10-20%; SD close to 50%)
- Recent "slight blip" in syndromic surveillance (UCC, ED) has decreased a little – watching closely.
- Central VT Ice Teams outbreak (early Oct.) since Nov. 6, only 2 cases at SMC outbreak "truly decaying."
- 11/19: 24 outbreaks & 123 situations (latter = poss. exp. in a facility that warrants f/u beyond contact notification); most are

one-few cases (schools, health care facility).

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- Cont. to see significant proportion cases in Washington Co.
 some town office & school closures (staffing impact)
- Most recent deaths include residents of LTC facilities.
- "Not a runaway train yet picking up speed." Too soon to see impact from latest restrictions (announced 11/13/20)
- □ Training new contact tracers.
- Anecdotally hearing fewer people on the street, in restaurants (although latter not prohibited – earlier closure).
- □ "Reality check": web site info on "COVID Talk"
- □ Vaccine (Pfizer): earliest limited # doses to VT mid-Dec.)







COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

New York Times COVID Vaccine Tracker:

- https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/science/coronavirusvaccine-tracker.html
- □ CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Resources page:
 - https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccination-resources.html
 - Operational guidance: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/covid19-vaccination-guidance.html</u>
- VDH Executive Summary:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/vermontjurisdiction-executive-summary.pdf





Practice Issues

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BCBS VT Connectivity Care Packages Pilot Program

- □ Coordinated by VPQHC (50+ organizations participating)
- Support equitable access to telehealth services, esp. for those who are digitally & medically underserved.
- □ 20 iPads to distribute to BCBSVT members by mid-December
 - Must have access to service connect
 - iPad may be kept; may add other apps.
- To refer, email Julie Zack (Director, Integrated Health): <u>zackj@bcbsvt.com</u>
- □ Thank you, Erica Gibson, MD





Updates from VDH Immunization Program (cont'd.)

COVID-19 Vaccine:

What are your concerns?

What are you hearing about COVID-19 vaccine?







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

□ Thank you, Avery Rasmussen and Angela Zinno!

- Learning session website with recordings and slide decks: <u>http://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/champ/champ_2020_learning_session</u>
- Link directly to Dr. Berwick's keynote recording: <u>https://uvm-vchip.adobeconnect.com/champ2020learningsessionmoraldeterminantsofhealth/event/registration.html</u>
- Link directly to Dr. Berwick's keynote slide deck (NOTE this will be removed from the website 30 days from the date posted): <u>http://contentmanager.med.uvm.edu/docs/keynote_berwick/vchip-</u> <u>documents/keynote_berwick.pdf?sfvrsn=5b9b1922_2</u>





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: <u>https://careers.vermont.gov/job/Burlington-Nurse-Program-Coordinator-I-Limited-Service-State-School-Nurse-Consultant-VT-05401/691168800/</u>
- 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: <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, November 23, 12:15-12:45 (current schedule: M-W-F)
 - Next Week: Monday and Wednesday only <u>no call Friday</u>, November 27.
- □ Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:

Thursday, December 3, 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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