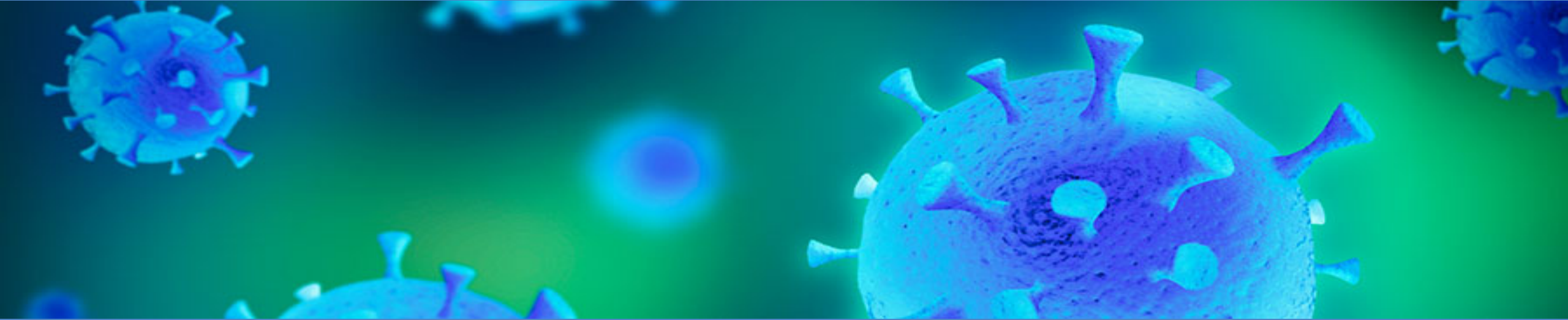


VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH
November 30, 2020




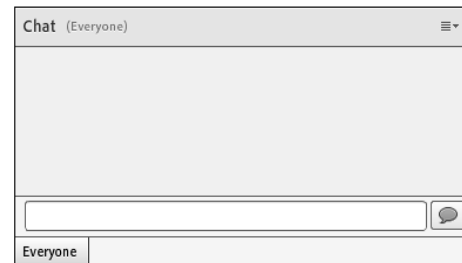
Technology Notes

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

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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  icon or press Enter to send.



Overview

- Did you catch **the penumbral lunar eclipse?**
- **#VermontLightsTheWay**
- Also: **Stay Home Because You're Well Day**
(wait, WHA-AA-TTT???)
- *Reminder:* weekly event schedule
 - ▣ **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Mon/Wed/Fridays;** Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with Comm. Levine **Thursday**
- Situation, VDH, CDC updates; Friday media briefing
- Practice Issues: **School and Child Care Updates**
- Q & A, Discussion



Photo courtesy Greg Danford



Situation update

New Cases	68
4,172 Total	
Currently Hospitalized	21
Hospitalized In ICU	5
Hospitalized Under Investigation	4
Percent Positive 7-day Avg.	1.4%
People Tested	224,284
Total Tests	552,954
Recovered	2,523
60.5% of Cases	
Deaths	69
1.7% of Cases	
Travelers Monitored	231
Contacts Monitored	138
People Completed Monitoring	11,076
Last Updated: 11/30/2020, 10:48:24 AM	

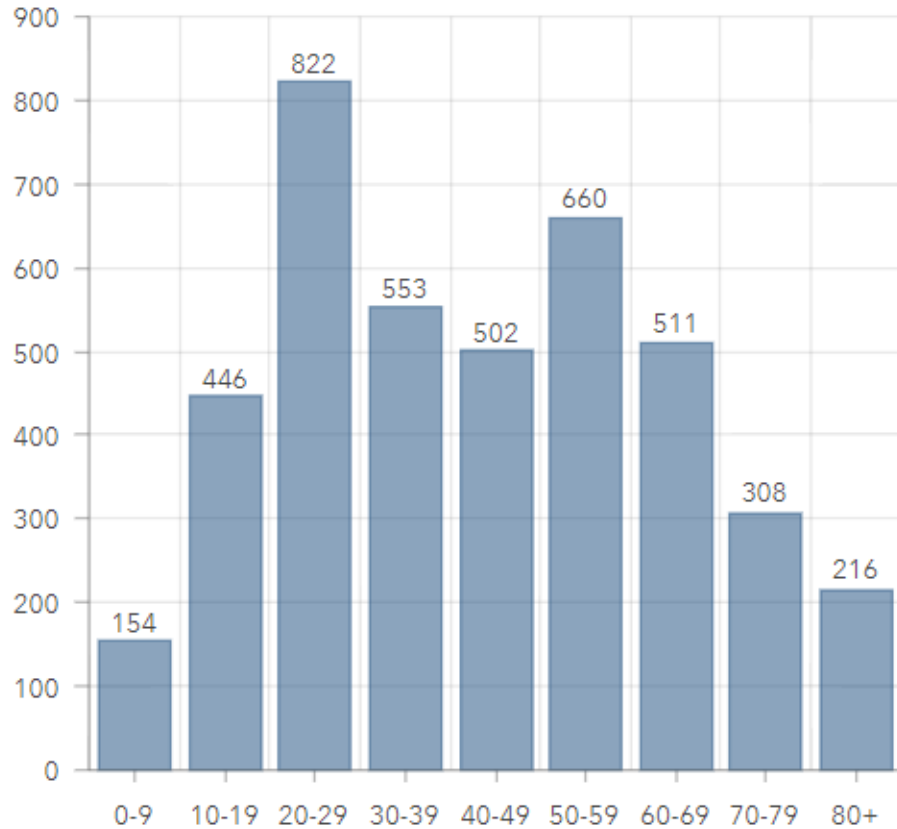


VT New Cases/Deaths

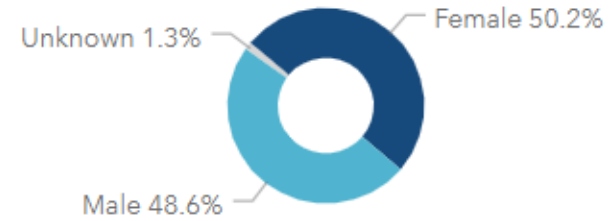
- U.S. 13.4 million+ cases; 266,758 deaths
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 11/30/20)
 - 11/29/20: **136,313 new cases; 818 deaths; 93,219 hospitalized**
 - Past week: average 162,007 cases/day (increase of 8% from average 2 weeks ago)
 - **1.4 million+ deaths worldwide** (62.8 million+ cases)
- **VDH Weekly Data Summary – no summary published on 11/27/20**
- Find previous summaries at:
 - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary>

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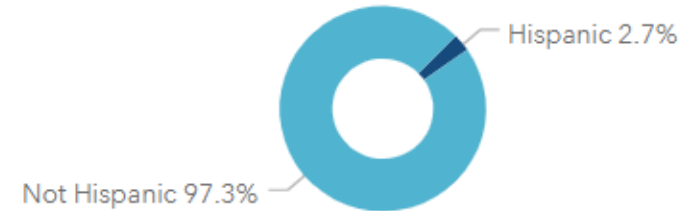
Vermont COVID-19 **Cases** by Age Group



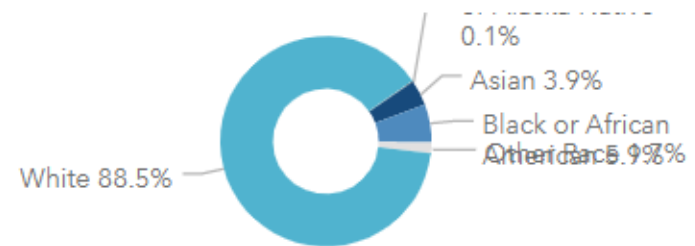
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



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 11/24/20: **110** total cases; 35 cases reported in preceding 7 days (up from 74 total & 19 previous week)

Cases in Vermont K-12 Learning Communities While Infectious

Learning Community	Cases Reported In the Past 7 Days	Total Cases
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TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS	35	110

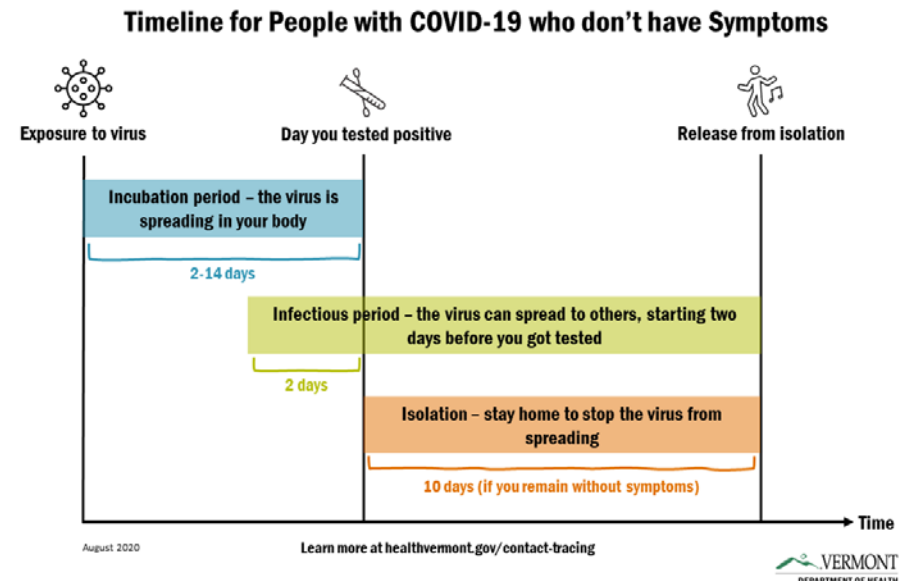
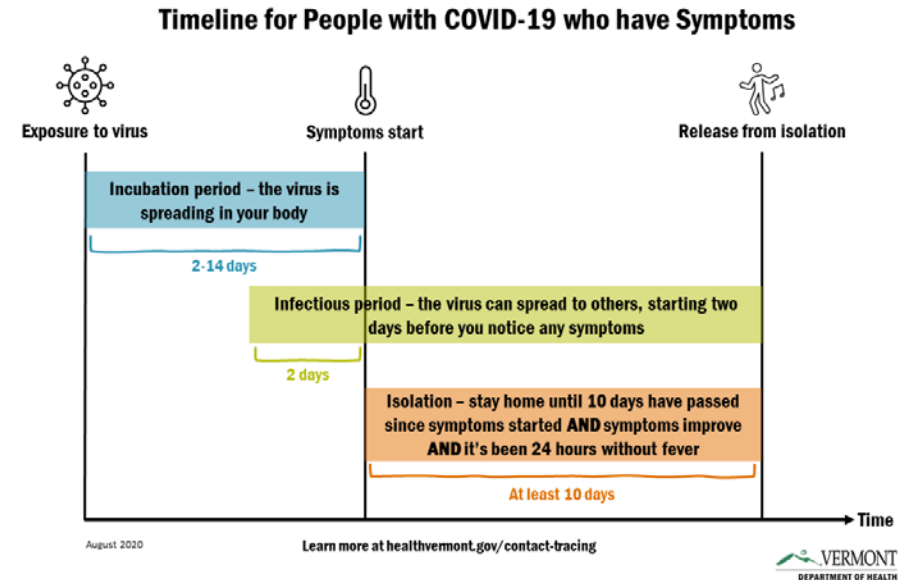
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- VT College & University dashboards:
 - ▣ <https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/school-reopening>
 - ▣ St. Michael's College: **79 total cases** as of 11/24/20; UVM **107** cumulative total cases (11/24/20)

VDH Update: Isolation Guidance

- Feedback: **incorrect calculation of time/date for isolation guidance**
 - 10-day isolation depends upon whether symptoms present
 - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/symptoms-sickness/close-contacts-contact-tracing>
- **For people who test positive:**
 - Symptom onset date = first day sx's noticed (used to det. timeline). If no sx's, contact tracers use **testing date**.



Vaccine News

- **Today:** Moderna announces FDA application for EUA for their vaccine*
 - ▣ Est. **94.1% efficacy rate** based upon preliminary data; 196 cases among trial volunteers: 185 in pbo group; 11 in vax group (**no severe disease in latter**)
- **Tomorrow** (Dec. 1): Emergency ACIP meeting to finalize risk-eligibility categories for COVID vaccine
 - ▣ <https://www.ustream.tv/channel/VWBXKBR8af4>
 - ▣ Reminder MMWR: ACIP Ethical Principles for Allocating Initial Supplies of COVID-19 vaccine (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6947e3.htm>)
- Paul Offit, UCSF VuMedi Series:
 - ▣ Moderna & Pfizer COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine: Does It Prevent Asymptomatic Transmission?...How Will the Distribution Look Like? (8+ mins.)
- **Join us Friday for VDH Immunization Program update!**

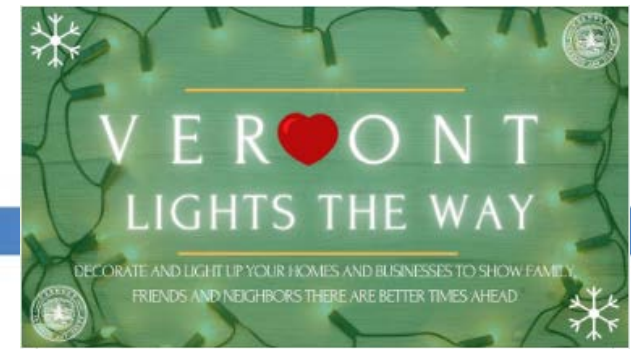
Pediatricians in the News



□ Jack Mayer: *Poems from the Wilderness*

- Composed while walking alone in the woods over 40 years – a collection about his “love of the backcountry, trail-walking, camping & the ‘wilderness effect’ – a unique sensation of aliveness & deep connection.”
- One of 2 winners of Proverse Prize 2019 (intl. literary competition)
- Virtual Zoom reading and discussion: Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at 7 pm (sponsored by Middlebury’s Vermont Book Shop)
 - Fundraiser for Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT), stewards of the Trail Around Middlebury (TAM) <https://www.maltvt.org>.
 - Connect through Vermont Book shop at: <https://www.vermontbookshop.com>.
 - Revolutionary Press: limited-run letterpress print of one of Jack’s poems, available at the Vermont Book Shop – proceeds donated to Outright Vermont/Camp Outright.

Friday Media Briefing (11/27/20)



Governor Phil Scott

- Asking Vermonters to “light the way” – if able, decorate homes/businesses with holiday decorations & lights, starting this WE.
- “In celebration of the coming holiday season, I think it’s time to lift our spirits. Let’s get creative and show the world that Vermonters are here for each other and that even through these dark and difficult times, Vermont Lights the Way.”
- Share pictures of displays or community favorites on social media using the hashtag: **#VTLightsTheWay** (allows those unable to physically tour the lights to take part)
- The Vermont Association of Broadcasters and Vermont businesses and organizations are supporting this effort

Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



AOE Secretary Dan French

- ❑ Completed first round of surveillance testing for school staff
- ❑ Administered 9,389 tests – yielded 21 positive results.
- ❑ Complex logistics: AOE, VDH, AOT, DPS, VNG
- ❑ Anecdotal reports of success: from Supt. Michael Clark Grand Isle SU:
 - ▣ Small SU with “geographic challenges”; with District RN, conducted clinics in 4 buildings with only “minor glitches – overall, a great success.”
- ❑ Next phase begins **this week**
 - ▣ Apply lessons learned from first round
 - ▣ Plan to survey 25% of districts weekly with geographically diverse sampling.

Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



AOE Secretary Dan French

- Reminder that updated “health screening” guidance allows question re: participation in multi-household gatherings and “allows” exclusion if positive response.
- Current focus = assuring safety of in-person instruction.
- Turning attention to instructional assessment: Natl. Assessment Educational Progress (NAEP) cancelled this year; awaiting federal transition to understand approach to Smarter Balanced Assessments
 - ▣ SBAC helps identify equity gaps – “but the last 8 mos. have been far from nl.”
 - ▣ Assessment must include academics, S-E well-being, & overall healthy dev.
- “Planning will begin in earnest after the holiday period.”

Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



VDH Commissioner Mark Levine

- Holiday potential impact on VT's future cases: NYT survey: only 27% planned to dine w/people outside household (sl. < other surveys which est. ~1/3; surveys prob. underestimate reality). DC, WA state & VT lowest at ~20%.
 - ▣ Recommend to those who may have traveled or joined multi-household gatherings: please quarantine at home & get tested now & in 7 days.
 - ▣ **Still awaiting Testing HAN**
- VT (latest) 3 additional deaths: 76, 81, 94 yo; 1 each at home, hosp., LTC
- Concerned re: increased cases in nursing homes & LTC facilities.
- Staff illness & req. quarantines create staff shortages
- Elderwood (BTV) = most recent: 11/29 pos. test results incl. 14 res., 2 staff.
- Often enters via staff member w/no sxs or works while presymptomatic.

Practice Issues

School and Child Care Updates



(<https://vtdigger.org/2020/11/22/if-students-go-to-a-party-can-they-then-go-to-school-state-mulls-a-policy-decision/>; photo by Glenn Russell)

School Health Screenings

- Timeline of recent changes to guidance
 - 11/20/20: Gov. EO prohibits multiple households from participating in same social gathering
 - AOE: school districts **may** include participation in multi-household social gatherings as condition in required daily Health Screenings
 - *“Please note that, for the purpose of clarity, gathering in pre-established “pods” related to education and/or childcare remains allowable. Pods related to social activity or informal play groups are prohibited at this time. New pods of any kind are discouraged.”*
 - <https://education.vermont.gov/documents/guidance-for-schools-related-to-limits-on-multi-household-social-gatherings>

School Health Screenings (cont'd.)

- 11/24/20: updated VDH FAQ
 - ▣ <https://apps.health.vermont.gov/COVID/faq/#4761>
- **How can children stay safe & prevent the spread of COVID-19?**
 - ▣ *“As of November 14, 2020, you are not allowed to gather with people you don’t live with. This includes all inside and outside social, recreational and entertainment gatherings, and in public and private spaces.” Stay home if you are sick.*
 - ▣ *“Gathering in groups or “pods” related to education or child care that are already formed can continue. Gathering in pods related to social activity, informal play groups, play dates, or sleepovers are not allowed at this time. New pods of any kind are discouraged.”*

School Health Screenings (cont'd.)

- 11/24/20: Subject of discussion on VCHIP call 11/24/20:
- 11/24/20: VCHIP sought clarification from VDH
- (Delayed) response: *“While pods may be allowed for childcare or education, individuals even those in educational or care pods are prohibited from social gatherings outside their household as defined in the executive order and guidance.”*
- From DCF: continuing to follow published VDH guidance that does not include new screening question. Current TA includes advising that a provider **may** include additional questions, including a question about multi-family gatherings, if administered equally among families/children.

School Health Screenings (cont'd.)

- **Today** – WCAX story re: schools responding variably to addition of screening question. Examples:
- CVSD & MAUSD **do not** plan to ask students if they attended multi-household gathering; both districts expect families to do the right thing & keep students home if they traveled or attended a social gathering.
 - ▣ MAUSD: by sending student to school, you are “verifying that you are in compliance with the Governor’s order.” Not including the question b/c they do not wish to “place the burden of investigating on our teachers/support staff.”
- All Rutland City Public Schools and Williamstown Middle and High School moving remote for the week.
 - ▣ Many Williamstown faculty/staff members quarantining due to gatherings; unable to offer quality education due to high # adults out of the building.

VCHIP-CHAMP Email Update

- ❑ Had received inquiries re: post-call emails were not received last week (unclear if related to cyber attack)
- ❑ Worked with LCOM Information Systems (COMIS) to removed (automatic) block due to large percentage of messages marked as spam by many recipients originating from our VCHIP-CHAMP mailbox
- ❑ Continuing to investigate & send test emails; please continue to let us know if you are NOT receiving emails.
- ❑ This week: updating postings from last week to VCHIP COVID web pages.
 - ❑ *Thank you, Avery Rasmussen & Angela Zinno!*



Strengthening Vermont's System of High-Performing Medical Homes

- **Please join our CHAMP QI project: Strengthening VT's High-Performing Medical Homes**
 - Provide reliable, comprehensive, family-centered preventive services & well child visits based on Bright Futures. Use a 2-generation approach with families.
 - Provide care coordination & case management at appropriate levels.
 - Use community services & supports for healthy development.
 - Use QI to constantly adapt and improve.
- 2 measurement/improvement options to choose from (12/24 month or 3/6 year)
- Monthly collaborative call topics include: Promoting Family Strengths; Screening and Coordination in Early Childhood; Clinician Wellness; Developmental Assessments
- ***It's not too late to enroll – please let us know by December 8, 2020!***



Contact the VCHIP CHAMP Team at vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu with questions about participation.

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):
zackj@bcbsvt.com
- *Thank you, Erica Gibson, MD*

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/champ2020learningsessionmoraldeterminantsofhealth/event/registration.html>

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, December 2, 12:15-12:45** (current schedule: M-W-F)
- 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=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdJlJ2ZG4yQT09>
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