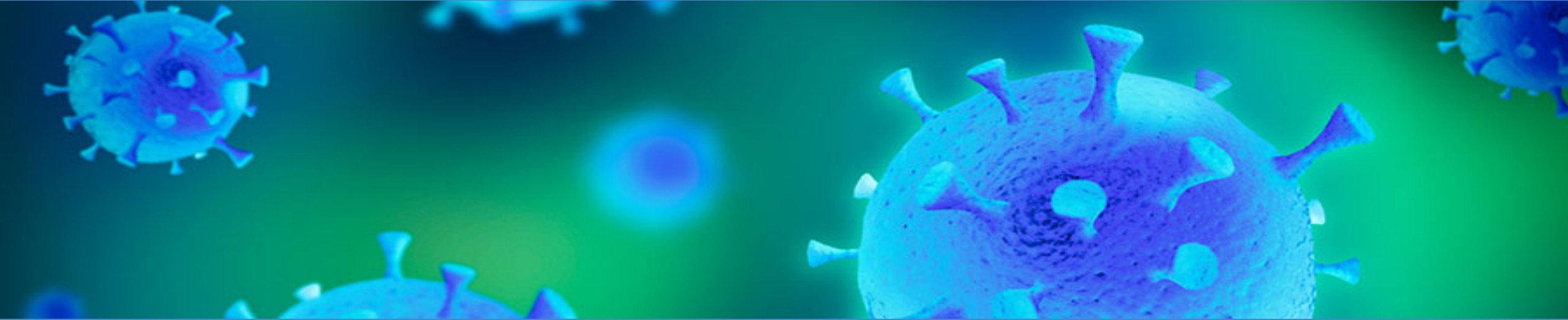


VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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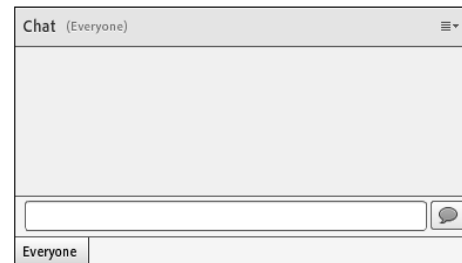
Technology Notes

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Overview

- *Hanukkah Sameach!- Celebrating Hanukkah beginning sunset December 10*
- *Reminder: weekly event schedule*
 - ▣ **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Mon/Wed/Fridays; Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with Comm. Levine Thursday**
- Situation, VDH updates, Dr Raszka and vaccines
- Practice Issues: Update from Becca Bell, MD on AAP Taskforce on Race and Equity
- Q & A, Discussion

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

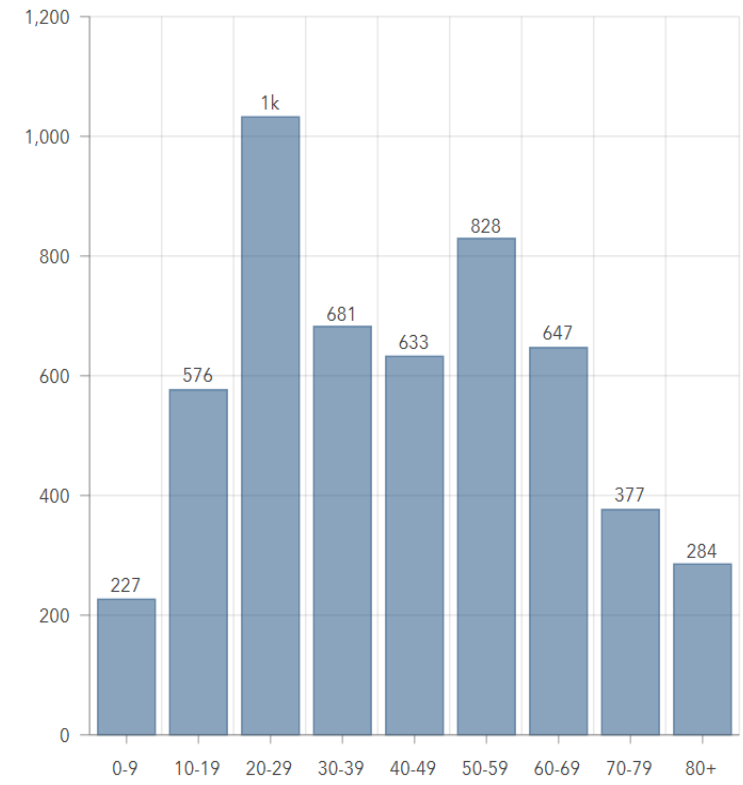
Reminder: Data Dashboard Change (effective 12/2/20)

- Vermont COVID-19 cases now includes ***probable cases*** reported to VDH since September 6, 2020.
- Definition:
 - ▣ Person tested positive on **antigen test** and has symptoms of COVID-19 or epidemiologic evidence, **OR**
 - ▣ Person has symptoms of COVID-19 and is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case of COVID-19.

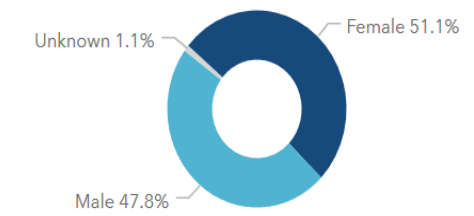
Situation update

New Cases
105
 5,285 Total
 Currently Hospitalized
25
 Hospitalized In ICU
2
 Hospitalized Under Investigation
1
 Percent Positive 7-day Avg.
2.8%
 People Tested
236,486
 Total Tests
593,651
 Recovered
3,148
 59.6% of Cases
 Deaths
86
 1.6% of Cases
 Travelers Monitored
168
 Contacts Monitored

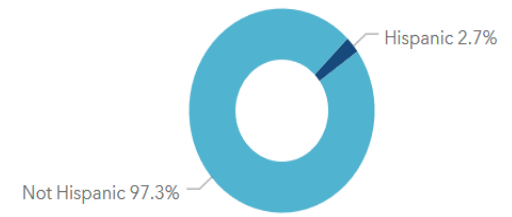
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group



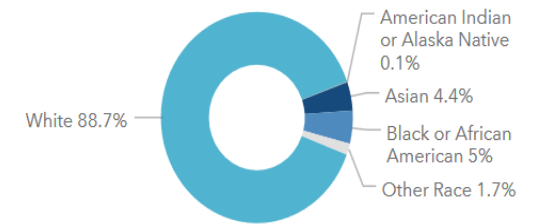
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Race if Known



Case Demographics

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/vermont-dashboard>

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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 12/8/20: **158** total cases; 20 cases reported in preceding 7 days (up from 18 reported previous week)

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 | 20 | 158 |

- VT College & University dashboards:
 - ▣ Now on break from on-campus learning: <https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/school-reopening>

VDH Updates

□ **Text to Close Contacts**

- On Tuesday, December 8, the Health Department will begin texting some people who have been identified as close contacts by someone who has COVID-19.
- The phone numbers we use to text people will be provided by the person who has COVID-19, delivered between 9 am and 6 pm weekdays
- These texts are supplemental to the calls made by contact tracers – everyone identified as a close contact will still get a phone call from a contact tracer.
- This additional touch point will help us get quarantine information out as quickly as possible, and share other important information on our website.

VDH Updates (cont'd.)

- **Not every close contact will get a text** because it won't be appropriate for everyone who is named as a close contact (age, language,
 - ▣ Decisions about who gets a text depend mostly on the expertise of our contact tracers and on the details that emerge when they talk with people who have COVID-19.
 - ▣ We won't reach everyone this way, but even reaching some people could help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Vermont.
- away and visit our website for more information (www.healthvermont.gov/closecontact **Message 1:** "1/2: 1/2: From the VT Dept. of Health: You may be a close contact to someone with COVID-19. You will get a call from a contact tracer soon. Please answer the call.
 - ▣ **Message 2:** "2/2: For now, please quarantine right away and visit our website to find out what other steps you should take:

Vaccine Update- Dr Raszka

- <https://www.wsj.com/articles/people-with-severe-allergies-shouldnt-get-covid-19-vaccine-says-u-k-regulator-after-reactions-11607515727>

CDC Updates- School Resources

- [K-12 School COVID-19 Mitigation Toolkit](#)
- [School Preparedness Walkthrough Guide](#)
- “What do I do?” printable posters and graphics for school nurses
- [Checklists for “Cleaning and Disinfecting in School Classrooms”](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in K-12 Schools](#)

December 8, 2020 Press Briefing

□ **Governor Scott**

- Adding new step in contact tracing for faster notification
- Have more cases in LTCFs leading to more deaths
- Urging VTers to follow safety guidelines- Multifamily gatherings are a want not a need, Avoid travel
- Still too early to see effects of Thanksgiving
 - Determine whether we can reduce restrictions or have to increase them
- Neighboring states statuses affect VT
 - RI had highest number of cases per capita in US
 - NH had 1000 new cases on Monday, % pos at 7%
 - MA had 7000 cases over last 2 days

December 8, 2020 Press Briefing

□ **Commissioner Michael Pieciak**

- Over last 3 weeks seen increase in infections across US- Nationally 27% increase
 - ▣ Regionally 78% increase
 - ▣ Vermont 54% increase
- Vermont
 - ▣ Took 10 days to go from 4000 cases to 5000 in VT
 - ▣ Forecast for 50% increase over next 3 weeks
 - ▣ 718 cases added this week
 - Largest since start of pandemic
 - ▣ Flu vaccination 72% of way to goal
 - ▣ School cases- 158 in 100 schools
 - 30 new cases
 - ▣ Currently 8 outbreaks in LTCFs
 - 283 cases total

December 8, 2020 Press Briefing

- **Commissioner Levine**
- National % positivity about 11.5%
- Vermont
 - 38 outbreaks
 - Due to social gatherings and in LTCFs
 - 144 situations
 - In schools, childcares, healthcare facilities and work sites
 - 117 new cases in LTCFs
- Contact tracing text update
- Instituted new more aggressive testing policies in LTCFs
 - BinaxNow cards sent to facilities

December 8, 2020 Press Briefing

- Commissioner Levine (continued)
- Monoclonal antibody therapy
 - ▣ Received unfavorable review with a couple organizations
 - ▣ VT still receiving supply- in use in at least one hospital
- Vaccine
 - ▣ First shipment of 5850 doses expected next week
 - Will receive weekly shipments after initial
 - Large portion of doses will go for vaccinating in LTCFs
 - ▣ Phase 1A will vaccinate healthcare workers and residents and staff at LTCFs
 - ▣ Vaccine itself is free, May be administrative fees
 - Insurance should cover it
 - If no insurance there is a reimbursement account to request payment

VCHIP-CHAMP Email Update

- Had received inquiries re: post-call emails not being received last few weeks (unclear if related to cyber attack)
- Continuing to work with LCOM Information Systems (COMIS) to remove (automatic) block due to large percentage of messages marked as spam by many recipients originating from our VCHIP-CHAMP mailbox
- Created a UVM LISTSERV to hopefully resolve the issue. Replies to the LISTSERV will still go to vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu.
 - ▣ Please continue to use vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu for feedback/inquiries
- Please continue to let us know if you are NOT receiving emails.



CHAMP E-Mail Distribution

For now, we will continue to post email on our landing page following the call and it will remain there until the subsequent email is posted



Stay up-to-date about COVID-19

Please scroll down for recorded webinars, questions & answers, presentation slides, and documents.

Email questions, thoughts and concerns to VCHIP.CHAMP@med.uvm.edu.

VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH Calls

The call schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

12:15-12:45 p.m.

<https://uvm-vchip.adobeconnect.com/vchipchampcovid-19update/>

Call in number – 1-866-814-9555
Participant Code – 6266787790

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[Link to Emails](#)

Recorded Webinars

Q & A

PowerPoint Slides

Algorithms & Supporting Materials

Practice Issues

*Becca Bell, MD, AAP-VT Chapter President
Taskforce on Race and Equity*

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 December 11, 12:15-12:45** (current schedule: M-W-F): **Join us Friday for update form DCF**
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:
Thursday, December 10, 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdIJ2ZG4yQT09>
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