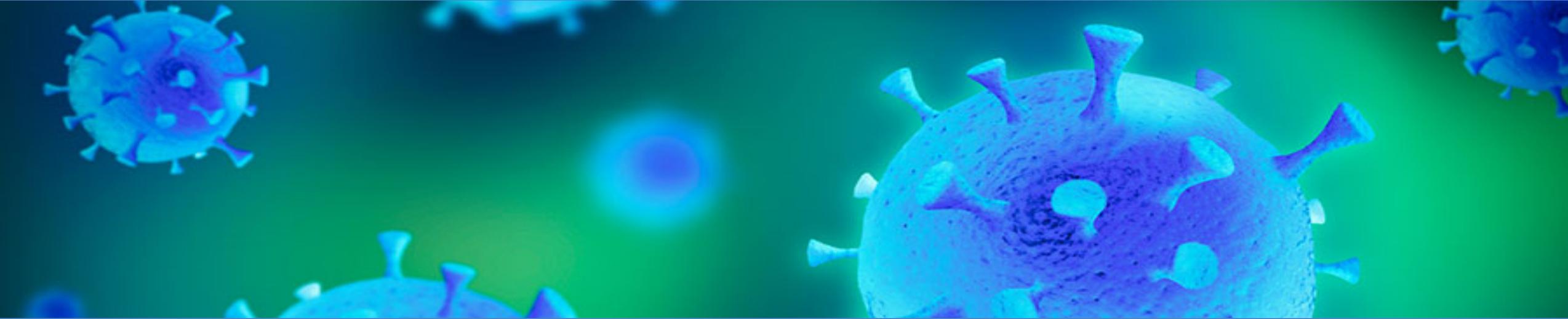


VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Senior Faculty, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM
Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH
January 25, 2021



Technology Notes

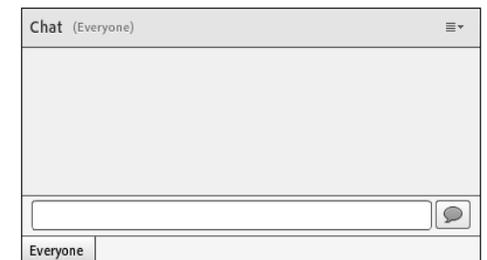
- 1) All participants will be muted upon joining the call.
- 2) If you dialed in or out, **unmute by pressing #6** to ask a question (and press *6 to mute).
If you are having audio difficulties and are using your computer speakers, you may wish to dial in:

Call in number – 1-866-814-9555

Participant Code – 6266787790

Presenters: Please avoid the use of speakerphone and make sure your computer speaker is muted if you dialed in via phone.

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



Overview



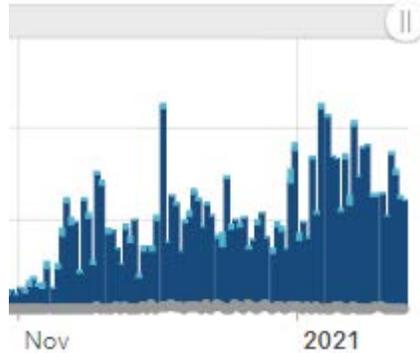
- **Celebrating National Fluoride Day!**
 - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/oral-health/fluoride>
- *Reminder* – weekly event schedule:
 - **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: M/W/F**; Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine Thurs.
 - **Update: Gov. briefing moved to **Wed.** this wk.; Budget Address 1/26/21**
- Situation, VDH, CDC, vaccine updates
- Practice Issues: ***VDH Immunization Program Update***
 - ***Coming Attraction – Friday, 1/29/20: MIS-C Update by Dr. Kristin Crosby, PICU/UVM Children’s Hospital***
- Q & A/Discussion

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/oral-health/Pages/default.aspx>

[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
11,165 Total	
Currently Hospitalized	50
Hospitalized In ICU	6
Hospitalized Under Investigation	6
Percent Positive 7-day Avg.	2.3%
People Tested	296,925
Total Tests	853,551
Recovered	7,476
67% of Cases	
Deaths	171
1.5% of Cases	
Travelers Monitored	146
Contacts Monitored	273
People Completed Monitoring	12,543
Last Updated: 1/25/2021, 10:44:42 AM	

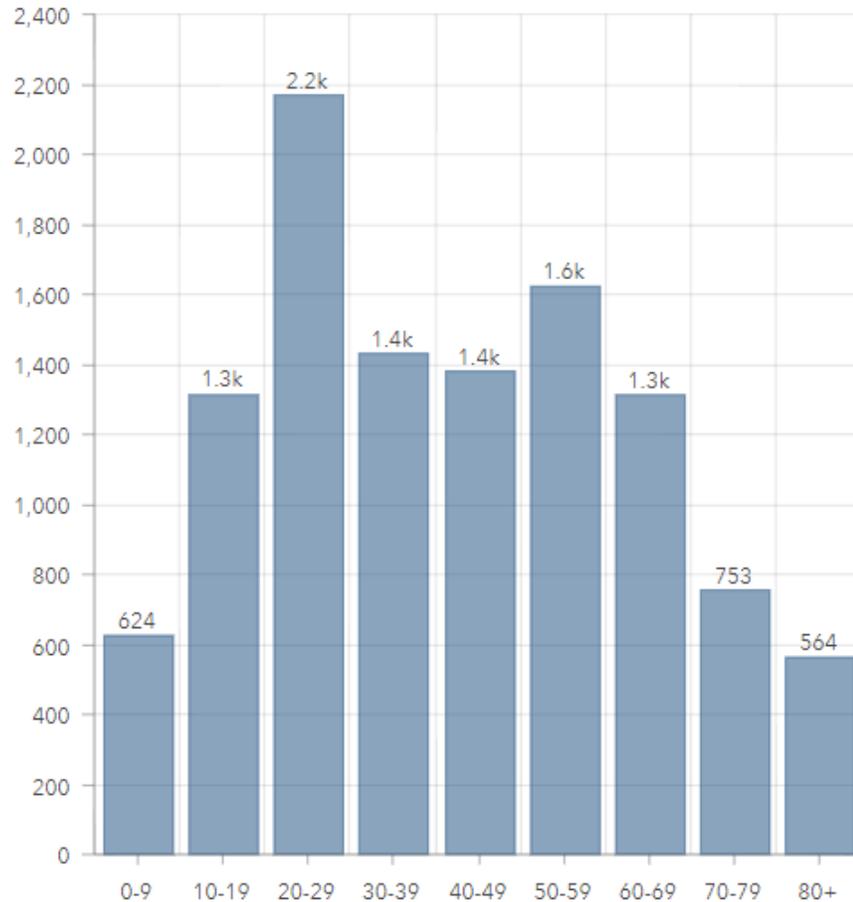


VT New Cases, Probables, Deaths

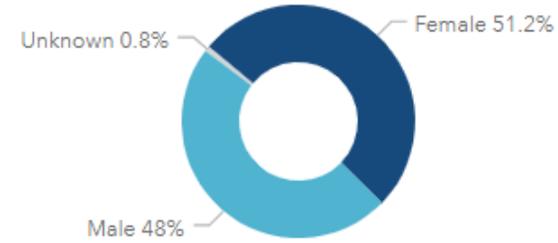
- U.S. **25.1 million+** cases; **419,207 deaths**
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 1/25/21)
 - 1/24/21: **129,527 new cases; 1,815 d.; 110,628 hosp.**
 - Past week: average 170,559 cases/day (decrease of 33% from average 2 weeks earlier)
 - **2.1 million+ deaths worldwide** (99.2 million+ cases)
- **VDH Weekly Data Summary(1/22/21)**
 - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-1-22-2021.pdf>
 - **Weekly Spotlight Topic:** COVID-19 in Vermont K-12 Schools: # in school while infectious; outbreaks
- Find previous summaries at:
 - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary>

Situation update

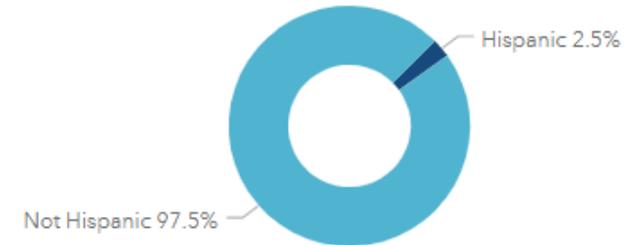
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group



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

- ▣ <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Transmission-Schools.pdf>
- ▣ Table updated **Tuesday & Friday** w/data through previous Sunday & Wednesday.

January 20, 2021

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	46	373

January 13, 2021

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	45	325

VT College & University dashboards:

- ▣ Returning to campus this week: <https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/school-reopening>

▣ UVM

Population	Received 01/11/21–01/17/21		Cumulative Totals Since 11/25/20	
	Test Results Received	Number Tested Positive*	Test Results Received	Number Tested Positive*
Off-Campus Students	2303	32	13987	82
On-Campus Residential Students	50	2	947	5

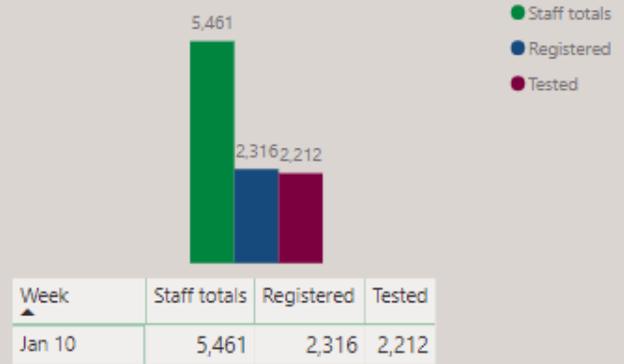
AOE School Staff Testing Dashboard

School Staff Testing: Weekly Summary

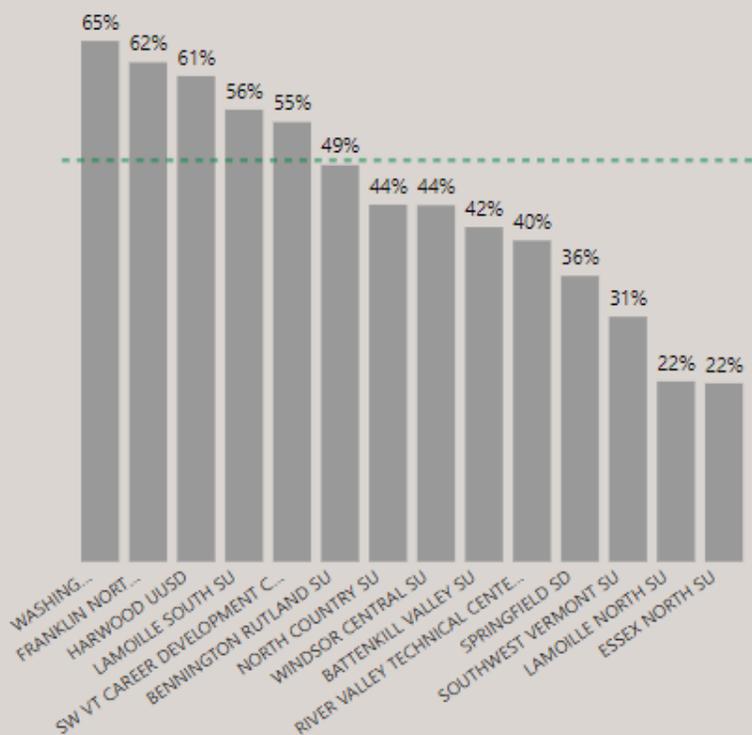


Summary

Select Testing Week: January 10, 2021

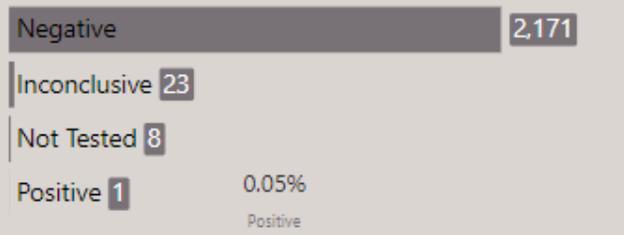


% Registered by SD/SU



SD/SU	% Registered
WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION	65%
FRANKLIN NORTHEAST SU	62%
HARWOOD UUSD	61%
LAMOILLE SOUTH SU	56%
SW VT CAREER DEVELOPMENT CTR SD	55%
BENNINGTON RUTLAND SU	49%
NORTH COUNTRY SU	44%
WINDSOR CENTRAL SU	44%
BATTENKILL VALLEY SU	42%
RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SD	40%
SPRINGFIELD SD	36%
SOUTHWEST VERMONT SU	31%
LAMOILLE NORTH SU	22%
ESSEX NORTH SU	22%
Total	42%

Test Results



Week	Inconclusive	Negative	Not Tested	Positive	Total
Jan 10	23	2,171	8	1	2,203

Data source: Vermont Testing/Vaccine Registration System. Updated 1/22/2021 8:29:47 AM

VDH Updates: Testing

Testing capacity:

- 1/25 – 2/7/21: 314 sites (all CIC except one); 31,622 slots available
 - ▣ VDH Local Health staff pulled to vaccine clinics
 - ▣ Same-day testing slots posted all day.
- **NOTE:** VDH posted testing sites are intended for **asymptomatic** pts.; prefer symptomatic pts. to seek connection to PCP/medical home.
- CIC locations include (days/hours vary by site):
 - ▣ Bennington, Berlin, Brattleboro Mem. Hosp, Burlington, Fairlee, Hardwick, Island Pond, Middlebury, Morrisville, N. Country Hosp, Northfield, Springfield, RRMC, St. J, Stratton, Waitsfield, Waterbury, Williamstown, Williston, Winooski
- Pop-up locations listed: Williston

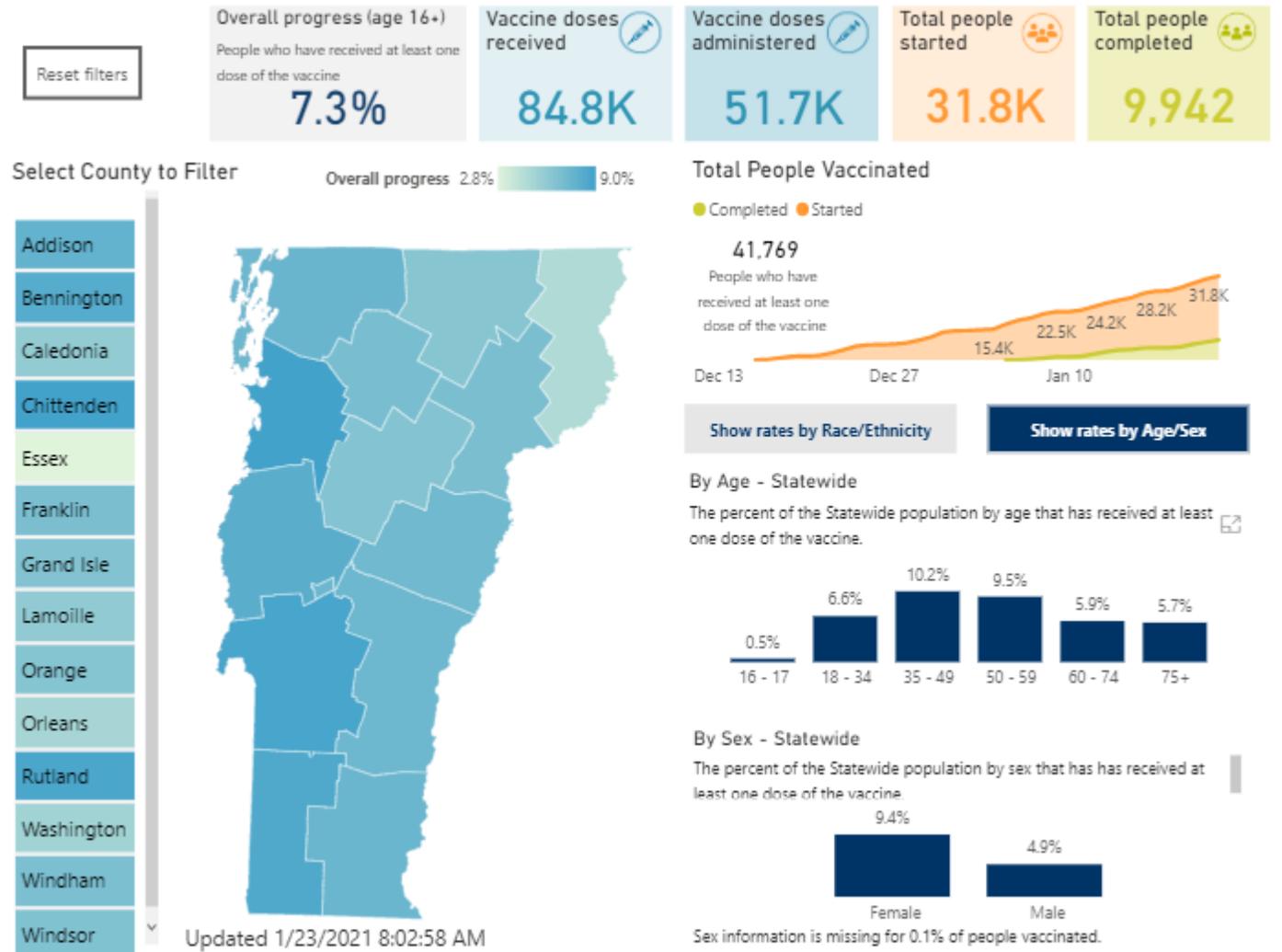
VDH Update: Testing (cont'd.)

VDH preferred protocol for obtaining COVID-19 results for patients tested at CIC on-demand or VDH pop-up sites:

- *Providers should first check VITL for any testing completed through Dr. Levine's orders – this will be the most expedient and immediate way to access results. If they do not have access to VITL, and cannot gain access to VITL, then the provider may contact:*
 - ahs.vdhcovidresultsletters@vermont.gov – provide the name & DOB of their patient and the request for their results in order to help treat that patient.
- Many thanks to those who responded to our brief survey (1/15/21) which confirmed that many Vermont PCPs do not have access nor regularly use VITL, which adds a layer of complexity and administrative burden to office systems already stretched thin in the current context.

VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

- Now updated Tues. thru Sat.
- Data = counts reported by end previous day; subject to change.
- Expect enhancements as more info available.
- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-dashboard>



Presenting: VDH Vaccine Registration & Sites

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>

GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE



Vermonters age 75 and up are eligible to receive a vaccine.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Thanks for your patience as we roll out the registration process. We are working behind the scenes to address issues. If you are having issues, try again a little later. There are enough appointments for everyone who is eligible.

- If you already have an account because you were tested for COVID-19 through a Health Department site, you should use the same account information.
- Appointments are required, and clinics won't be able to accept walk-ins.

Can't make an appointment online? You can make an appointment by phone: 855-722-7878

- If you need to speak with someone in a language other than English, call this number, and then press 1.

Call Center Hours:

Today, January 25, 12:00 p.m - 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration

VERMONT | COVID-19 Event Portal

Search Events

Welcome to the COVID-19 Event Portal. Through this portal you can register for a COVID-19 vaccination clinic or COVID-19 testing event sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health. You will also be able to [log in](#) and view your test results once they are available.

To register:

1. Create an account.
2. Check your email to verify your account and get your Patient ID (check your spam folder if you don't see the email).
3. Log in with your Patient ID.
4. Register for a testing or vaccination event.

For help or technical assistance: Please call the Vermont Department of Health COVID-19 Call Center at (802) 863-7240

Create an Account

- * First Name
Enter First Name
- * Last Name
Enter Last Name
- * Phone Number
Enter Phone Number
- * Email Address
Enter Email
- * Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
Enter Date of Birth

[Create Account](#)

VDH Vaccine Registration & Sites (cont'd.)

- **Posted today:** appointments from 1/25 – 3/19/21
 - ▣ **273** sites; **42,574** appointments
 - ▣ VDH Local (District) Health Office sites; health care sites
- **Online (preferred) and phone** appointment scheduling:
 - ▣ 1-855-722-7878
 - ▣ *If you need to speak with someone in a language other than English, call this number, and then press 1.*
- **Call Center Hours:**
 - ▣ Today, January 25, **12:00 NOON – 5:30 p.m.**
 - ▣ Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 - ▣ Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In the News (CDC)

□ Focus on **mask** selection/proper wear/cleaning

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html> (updated 1/13/21)

□ SARS-CoV-2 Emerging Variants

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/scientific-brief-emerging-variants.html>

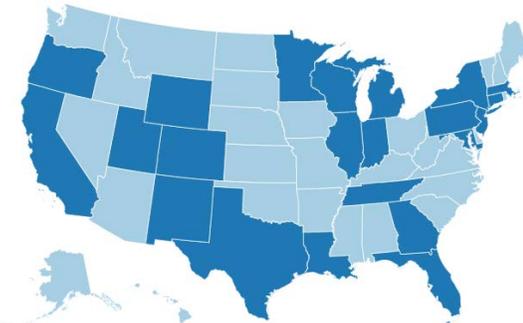
- **B.1.1.7** in 22 states; 195 total cases (est. to have 1st emerged in **U.K.** Sept 2020); associated with increased transmissibility; no evidence of impact disease severity or vaccine efficacy. (map updated 1/22/21)

- **B.1.351** (1st identified Nelson Mandela Bay, **S. Africa** back to beg. Oct. – since detected outside); no ev. impact disease severity; 1 spike protein may affect neutralization by poly-/monoclonal antibodies

- **P.1 lineage** (1st reported by **Japan** in 4 travelers from **Brazil**; evidence to suggest affects transmissibility & antigenic profile (so may impact antibodies from natural infection/vaccination to recognize/neutralize virus

DO choose masks that	DO NOT choose Masks that
 Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric	 Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl
 Completely cover your nose and mouth	 Have exhalation valves or vents which allow virus particles to escape
 Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps	 Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

B.1.1.7 Lineage Cases in the United States** Total Cases: 195



In the News (cont'd.)

- **Moderna** vaccine: effective against new variants (U.K. & S. Africa) but appears less protective against latter (6X reduction neutralizing antibodies in 8 pts.)
 - ▣ Developing new form that could be used as booster (per co. CMO)
- **Johnson & Johnson** expected to apply for FDA EUA (for single-dose vaccine) w/in weeks – possibly early February
- **Merck** abandoning trials of two COVID-19 vaccines (“both looked safe but neither produced strong response”)
 - ▣ Plans to focus on experimental antiviral: molnupiravir
 - ▣ Originally designed for influenza; “promising effects” in animal studies/early clinical trials

Practice Issues

VDH Immunization Program Update

Christine Finley, APRN MPH – VDH Immunization Program Mgr.

Merideth Plumpton, RN – Nurse Program Coordinator





COVID19 Vaccine Update

**Chris Finley, Immunization Program Manager
Merideth Plumpton, Nurse Program Coordinator**

January 25, 2021

Work is underway to ensure there are multiple clinic options for vaccination

- Community clinics for those ≥ 75 years 1/27
- Registration opened today, over 38,000 appointments available
- All community vaccination clinics will be served by a common, state-managed registration system
- Clinics will be held at 54 sites across 37 towns. They will be conducted by District Offices, Kinney Drugs and contracted partners.
- Appointments for 2nd doses will be scheduled at the 1st dose clinics

Issues (not a full list!):

- Vaccine supply remains uncertain
- Vaccinating homebound adults and facilitating access for those in independent living situations

COVID19 Vaccination Clinic Locations



After the age groups, the vaccine will be made available to people in Vermont who have certain high-risk health conditions

HIGH-RISK HEALTH CONDITIONS

- Current cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD, also called emphysema
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Severe obesity
- Pregnancy
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Down Syndrome
- Sickle cell disease

Vermont COVID19 vaccine registration information

How do I register for an appointment?

To register, go to healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine

- Registering online is the preferred method. We encourage friends or family members to help those who are not able to register online themselves.
- Those who cannot register online can call 855-722-7878 to register. There is an option for people to speak with someone in a language other than English.
- **Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- There will be enough appointments available over the next several weeks for everyone in this age group who wants to be vaccinated.

A video on the website explains the steps of the online registration process.

Updated guidance regarding 2nd doses of COVID19 vaccine

- The second dose should be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible.
- If it is not feasible to adhere to the recommended interval, the second does of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may be scheduled for administration up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose.
- There are currently limited data on efficacy of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines administered beyond this window. If the second dose is administered beyond these intervals, there is no need to restart the series.
- Doses inadvertently administered earlier than the 4 day grace period should not be repeated. Pfizer -17-21 days; Moderna 24-28 days



Vaccine Task Force

Vaccine Clinical Inquiries Management Team (VCIMT)

Clinical Inquiry Management — function of CDC public health emergency responses
Team Role — answer, analyze, coordinate, monitor, and report on complex clinical inquiries

VCIMT Clinicians:

- REPLY DIRECTLY TO QUESTIONS (inquiries) from clinical and public health partners that are received through CDC's inquiry systems (CDC-INFO, NIP-INFO, jurisdictional liaisons, etc.)
- IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS emerging clinical issues, communication challenges, and content gaps, to improve CDC's response activities and strategies

VCIMT Scope — Inquiries that are:

- A**bout COVID-19 vaccine
- B**eyond CDC-INFO's scope
- C**linical in nature

Contact us! <https://www.cdc.gov/cdc-info>

Call **800-CDC-INFO** (800-232-4636)

Email using CDC-INFO's webform

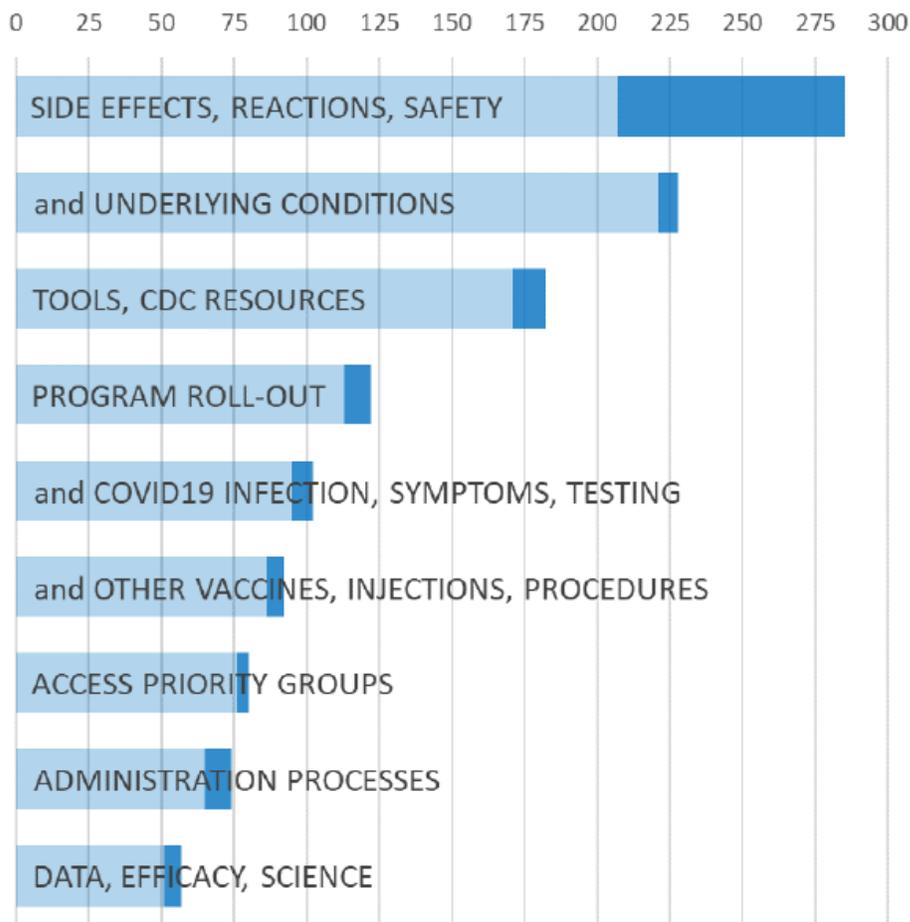


VCIMT Inquiries Dashboard

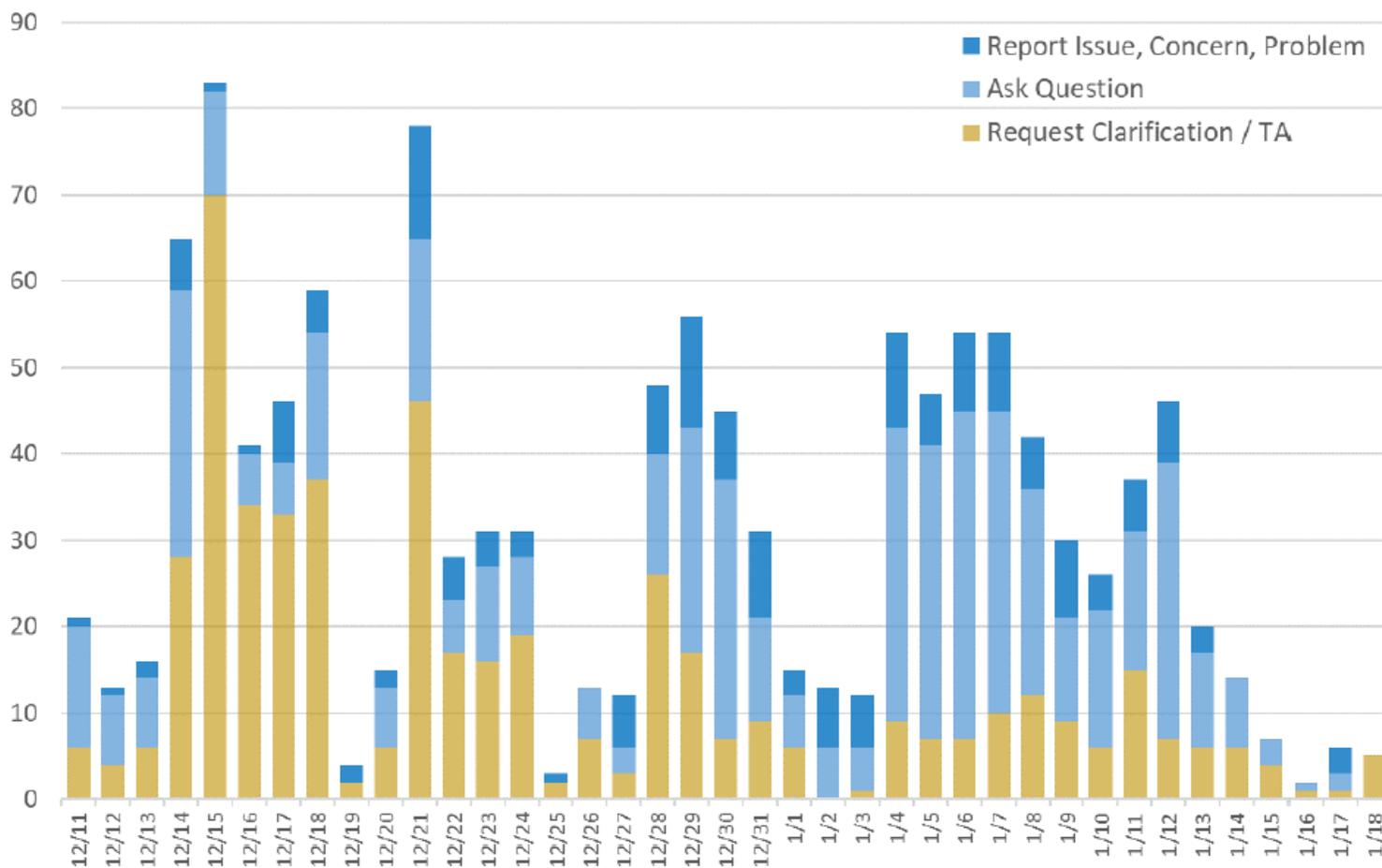
Total Days in Operation
40

Total Inquiries
1,223
as of 17 Jan 2021

TOPICS: Inquiries about COVID19 Vaccine...



TRENDS: Reasons Inquirers Contacted CDC (11DEC2020 – 18JAN2021)



ACIP meeting is scheduled for 1/27

Draft - December 4, 2020

MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Atlanta, Georgia 30329

January 27, 2021

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>		<u>PRESIDER/PRESENTER(s)</u>
<u>Wednesday, January 27, 2021</u>		
10:00	Welcome & Introductions	Dr. José Romero (ACIP Chair) Dr. Amanda Cohn (ACIP Executive Secretary, CDC)
	Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccines	
	Introduction	Dr. Beth Bell (ACIP, WG Chair)
	COVID-19 Vaccine Manufacturer	TBD
11:15	<i>Break</i>	
11:30	Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Administration	Dr. Amanda Cohn (CDC/NCIRD)
	Vaccine Safety Technical Subgroup (VaST) introduction	Dr. Grace Lee (ACIP, VaST Co-chair)
	COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Update	Dr. Tom Shimabukuro (CDC/NCEZID)
12:30	<i>Break</i>	
1:00	COVID-19 Epidemiology among Children	Dr. Angela Campbell (CDC/NCIRD)
	Pediatric COVID-19 Clinical Trials	Dr. Emily Erbeling (NIH)
2:00	<i>Break</i>	
2:15	COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness Studies	Dr. Katherine Fleming-Dutra (CDC/NCIRD)
	Work Group Interpretation and Next Steps	Dr. Sara Oliver (CDC/NCIRD)
3:15	<i>Break</i>	
3:30	Public comment	
4:00	TBD	TBD
5:00	Adjourn	
<i>Acronyms</i>		
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease 2019	

Stay informed!

- Sign up for CDC notification of new resources and changes.
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>
- Refer to VDH website regularly for updated resources and information.
 - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/health-care-professionals/vaccine-information-health-care-professionals>
- VDH Immunization Program will hold “Office Hours” on specific topics. These will be an informal place to ask questions. Stay Tuned!

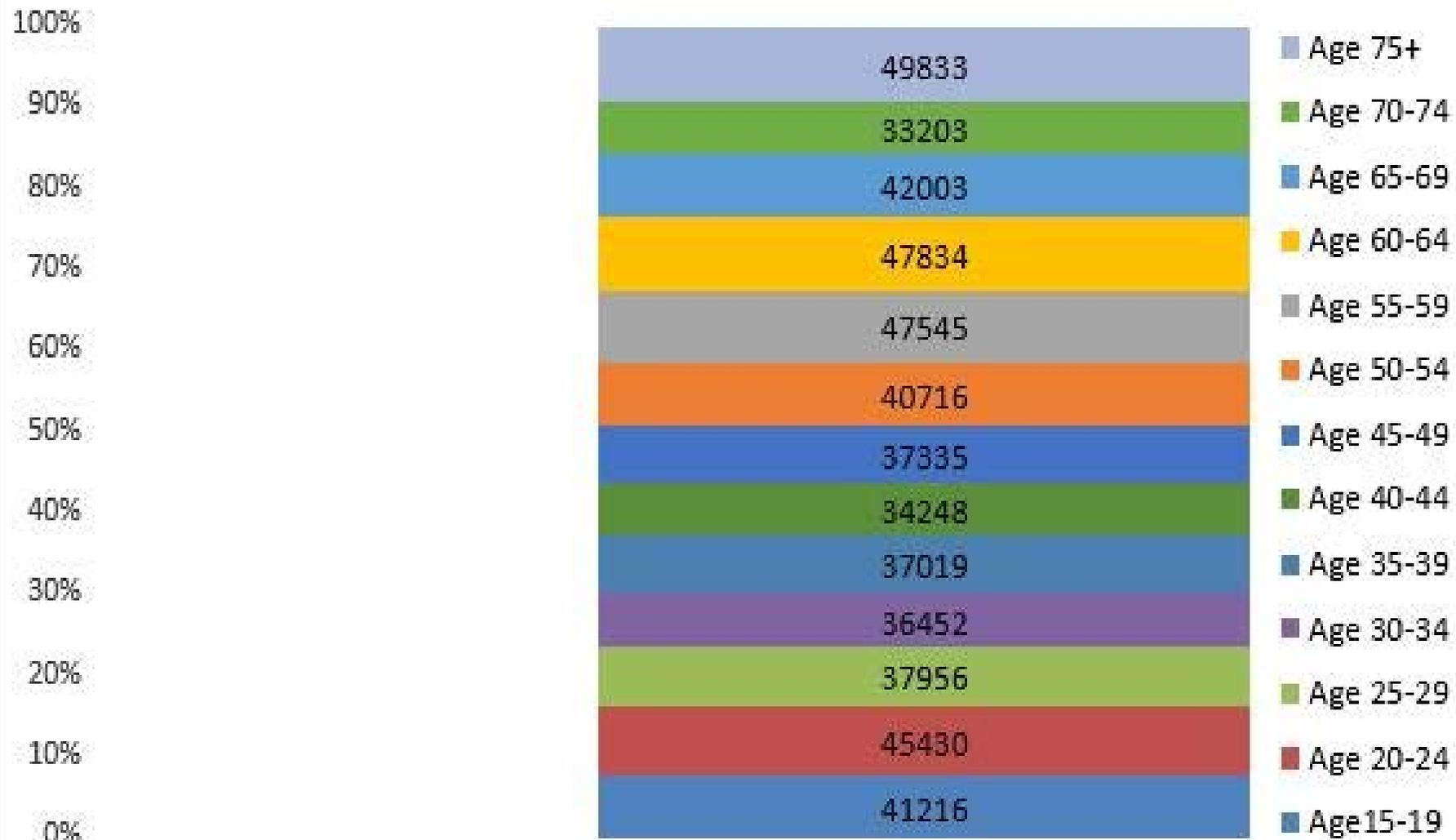
Get Email Updates

To receive email updates about COVID-19, enter your email address:

[What's this?](#)

Submit

Vermont 2019 Population Estimates, by Age Groups



(VT) Resources on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Thank you, Melissa Kaufold

- VPR/Vermont Edition (1/19/21): *Is Vermont Doing Enough to Address Racial Inequities in Its Vaccine Program?*
 - ▣ Guests: **Mohamed Abdullahi**, Somali refugee & interpreter (community health liaison w/Burlington's Trusted Community Voices program) & **Tracy Dolan**, VDH Deputy Commissioner
 - ▣ <https://www.vpr.org/post/vermont-doing-enough-address-racial-inequities-its-vaccine-program#stream/0>
- VT House and Senate training on implicit bias prevention (1/19/21)
 - ▣ Presented by **Bor Yang**, Exec. Director VT Human Rights Commission, and **Xusana Davis**, VT Executive Director of Racial Equity (focus on policymaking)
 - ▣ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxvaXDrHa44&feature=youtu.be>

Multilingual Resources

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3zjPpeFnXqvESr1y3d4DvQ>



Vermont Multilingual Coronavirus Task Force

157 subscribers

SUBSCRIBE

HOME

VIDEOS

PLAYLISTS

CHANNELS

ABOUT

ARABIC

▶ PLAY ALL



ARABIC: Facts about the Covid-19 vaccine.

Vermont Multilingual Coronavi...
205 views • 5 days ago



ARABIC: Self test for Covid-19. How to do it!

Vermont Multilingual Coronavi...
53 views • 1 month ago



ARABIC: Free coronavirus testing in Winooski and...

Vermont Multilingual Coronavi...
16 views • 1 month ago



ARABIC: An important message from Dr Andrea...

Vermont Multilingual Coronavi...
29 views • 1 month ago



ARABIC: Governors orders re travel into Vermont from...

Vermont Multilingual Coronavi...
15 views • 2 months ago

BURMESE

▶ PLAY ALL

In Case You Missed It...



UVM/LCOM Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Event (presented 1/20/21)

- Offices of the President; VP for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Department of Student Life
 - ▣ Topic – ***Health Deficit: The Journey to Health Parity***
 - ▣ Keynote Speaker: **Leon McDougle, MD, MPH** – 1st African American Professor w/tenure, Ohio State University Department of Family Medicine; 1st Chief Diversity Officer for the OSU Wexner Medical Center; 121st President of the National Medical Association/NMA
- **We will share link as soon as recording available**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 | 5:30–6:45 PM
KEYNOTE: LEON MCDOUGLE, MD, MPH

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
CELEBRATION

**SLAVE HEALTH DEFICIT: THE
JOURNEY TO HEALTH PARITY**

eTickets Required: go.uvm.edu/mlk2021



The University of Vermont

In Case You Missed It...

[Find slides, call recording at: https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip_champ_vdh_covid-19_updates]

AAP-VT TASK FORCE ON RACE & HEALTH EQUITY

Rebecca Bell, MD, MPH
AAP-VT Chapter
1.18.21

Happening Now



- Big Change Roundup: bigchangeroundup.org
 - Largest fundraiser for the UVMCH; funds raised support patients and families.
 - Examples: some child life services; new program startup (e.g., Transgender Program; safe sleep program on Mother Baby Unit); injury prevention initiatives; food insecurity initiative (CSC); support for inpatient families (ferry passes, gas cards, meal vouchers)
- Please help to promote personally as you are able and through your practices/organizations

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, January 27, 2021 – 12:15-12:45***
- Generally back to **Monday/Wednesday/Friday** schedule
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:
Thursday, January 28, 2021 - 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdJ2ZG4yQT09>
 - ▣ Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
- One tap mobile - +1 646 876 9923,,86726253105#,,,,0#,,540684#