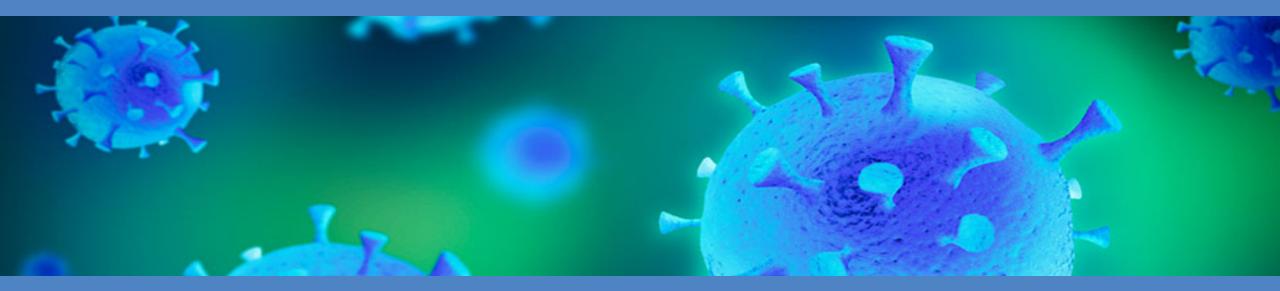
VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Senior Faculty, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH February 10, 2021









Technology Notes

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

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Call in number – 1-866-814-9555

Participant Code – 6266787790

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

Chat (Everyone)	≣∗
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Overview

- □ Amanda Gorman: another stunning performance!
 - Super Bowl: "Chorus of the Captains" celebrating 3 honorary captains
- □ Reminder weekly event schedule:
- y event schedule:
 - VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: M/W/F NO CALL next Monday, 2/15/21 (*President's Day*); Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine Thurs.
- □ Situation, VDH, CDC updates; Tues. media briefing
- Practice Issues: Let's Grow Kids Legislative Agenda
 - Becca Bell, MD FAAP & Beverly Boget, Director of Early Childhood Health Care Integration

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



Q & A/Discussion





What a moment, @TheAmandaGorman #SBLV

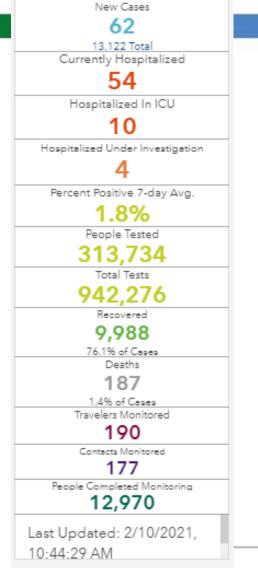
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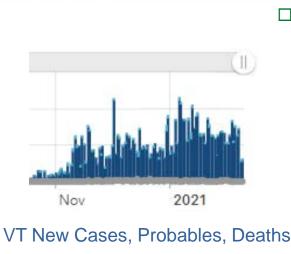




Situation update







U.S. 27.2 million+ cases; 468,088 deaths

- https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirusus-cases.html (updated 2/10/21)
- 2/9/21: <u>>96,460</u> new cases; 3,167 d.; 79,179 hosp.
- Past week: average 108,144 cases/day (decrease of 35% from average 2 weeks earlier)
- **2.3 million+ deaths worldwide; 106.9 million+ cases**)

VDH Weekly Data Summary(2/5/21)

- Weekly Spotlight Topic: Timeline of Symptom Onset to Public Health Response: focus on how long it takes after someone with COVID-19 feels sick for VDH to receive their positive test result.
- Find previous summaries at: <u>https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary</u>

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

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

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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	54	524

□ VT College & University dashboards:

February 3, 2021

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	58	487

- Returning to campus this week: <u>https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/school-reopening</u>
- UVM some winter sports resuming

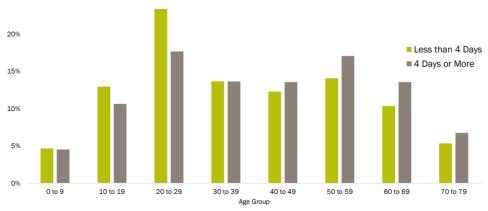
	Received 02/0	01/21-02/07/21	Cumulative Tota	als Since 02/01/21
Population	Test Results Received	Number Tested Positive*	Test Results Received	Number Tested Positive*
Off-Campus Students	7002	17	7002	17
On-Campus Residential Students	5321	15	5321	15



VDH Weekly Data Summary: Symptom Onset to PH Response

- In 10-19 & 20-29 yo pts. (& HCWs) tested more quickly after symptoms than general pop.
 - "Why" unknown: adults more likely to dismiss symptoms? Concern to get kids back to school?
- Pediatricians/family physicians doing a great job – thank you for your role in testing!
- However, some cases noted where pediatric patients sent home from school; alternate dx assigned at medical home w/o testing.
- Please continue to reinforce importance of (timely) testing!





*The Health Department has symptom onset information in 68% (8,558 of 12,503) COVID-19 cases.

25%

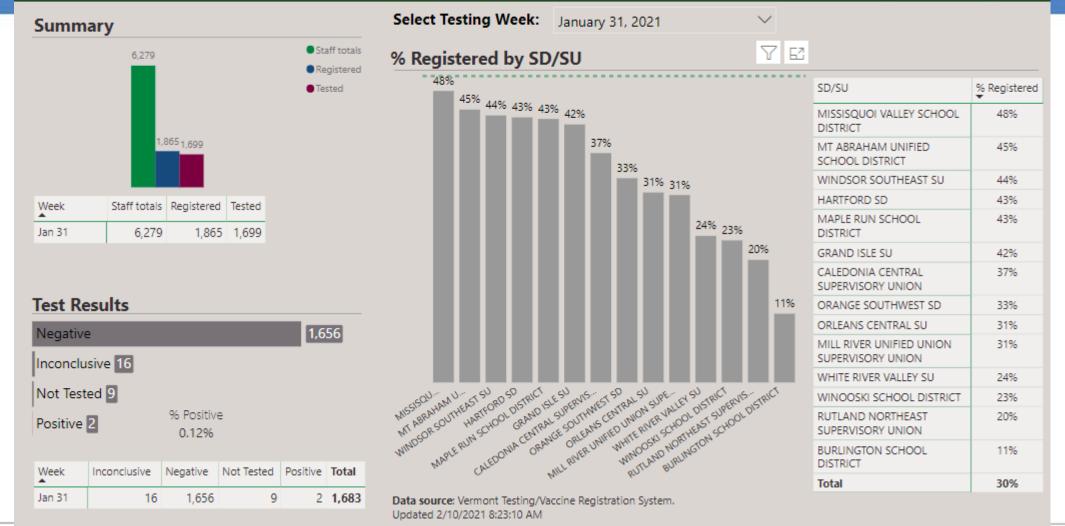




AOE School Staff Testing Dashboard

School Staff Testing: Weekly Summary





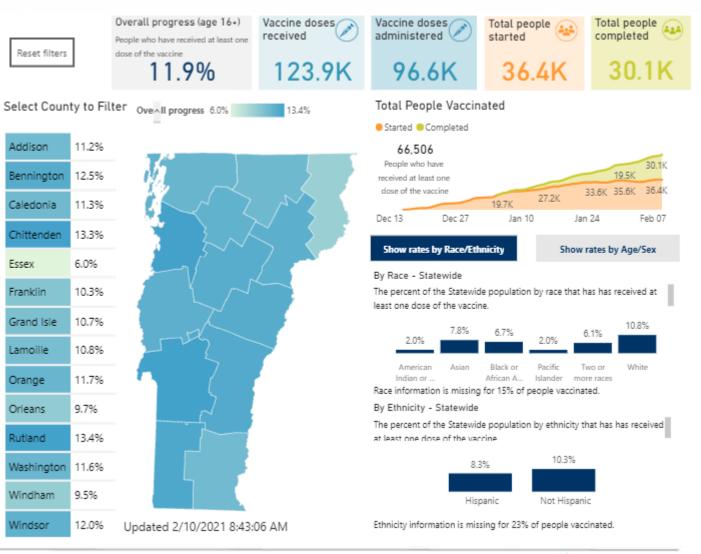


Week of Jan. 31 – updated 2/10/21 https://education.vermont.gov/news/cevid-19-guidance-vermont-schools/school-staff-covid19surveillance-testing/school-staff-covid-19-surveillance-testing-weekly-summary



VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

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





VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration & Sites

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



COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT KINNEY DRUGS

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

We understand that some people have experienced technical difficulties and how frustrating that can be. We actively worked through some of those issues and we encourage people who were not able to sign up to try again. Thank you for your patience as we roll out this new system.

There are enough appointments for everyone who is eligible. Appointments are required, and clinics won't be able to accept walk-ins.

- 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.
- · If you have questions or need help creating an online account, please call 802-863-7240 option 9.
- · Get answers to common registration and appointment questions.
- · Watch a video on how to use our appointment registration system.

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

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

Welcome to the COVID-19 Event Portal. Through this portal you can register for a COVID-19	Create an Account
vaccination clinic or COVID-19 testing event	Enter First Name
sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health. You will also be able to log in and view your test results once they are available.	*Last Name
	Enter Last Name
To register:	* Phone Number
 Create an account. Check your email to verify your account and 	Enter Phone Number
get your Patient ID (check your spam folder if you don't see the email).	* Email Address
3. Log in with your Patient ID.	Enter Email
Register for a testing or vaccination event.	

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COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling at Kinney Drugs in Vermont

Currently, the State of Vermont allows Kinney Drugs Pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines to Vermont residents age 75+ BY ONLINE APPOINTMENT ONLY. You do NOT need to preregister on the Vermont Department of Health website to schedule an appointment at Kinney Drugs.



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VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration & Sites (cont'd.)

 \square Appointments from 2/10 – 3/27/21

375 clinics (health care, VDH POD – does not include pharmacies);
 55, 760 total appointments

VDH Local (District) Health Office sites; health care sites

□ Online (preferred) and phone appointment scheduling:

1-855-722-7878

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VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit

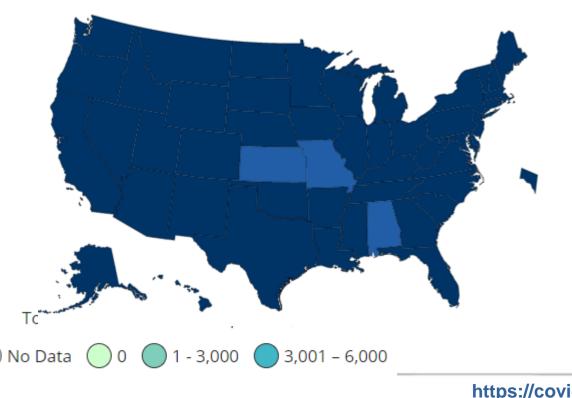
- New: VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Promotion Toolkit please share with your networks!
 - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jlJO4jYQNLjqGddbKQYit3bBhfySXUhE
- □ Toolkit materials are separated into two sections by messaging type:
- □ Eligibility-specific, "alert" messaging (currently 75+):
 - Social media posts; Blog/Newsletter (additional assets will be added soon!); Email; Letter
- □ General, "evergreen" messaging about vaccines
 - Social media posts; Blog/Newsletter (additional assets will be added soon!); Posters (8.5"x11" and 11"x17"); Vaccine fact sheet
 - "Things You Should Know About COVID-19 Vaccines" (will be updated as needed)





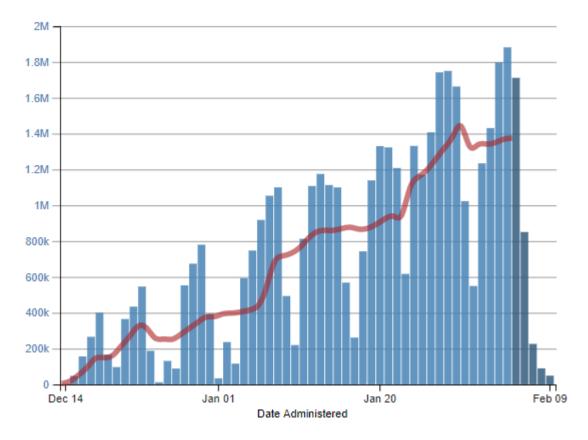
From the CDC Vaccine Tracker

Total Doses Administered Reported to the CDC by State/Territory and for Selected Federal Entities per 100,000



6,001 - 9,000 9,001 - 11,000 11,001+

Daily Count of Total Doses Administered and Reported to the CDC by Date Administered, United States



https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations

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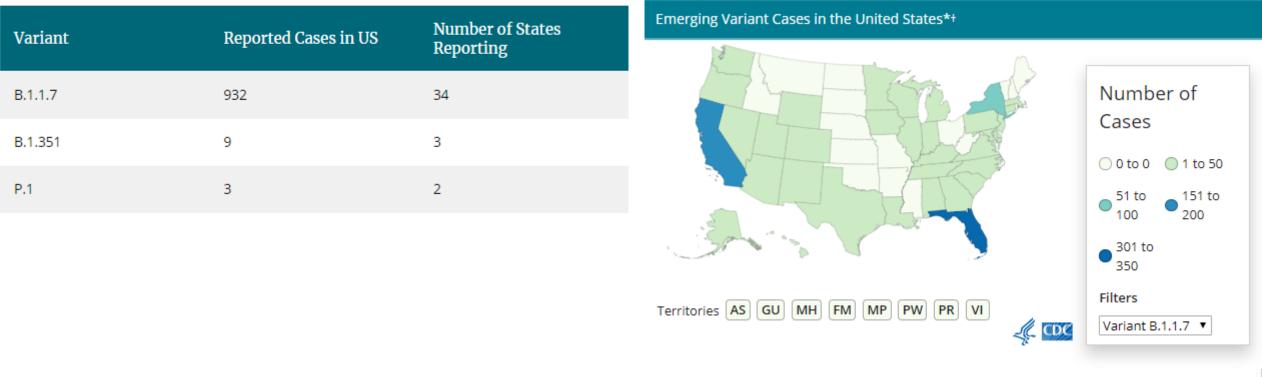
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From the CDC: U.S. COVID-19 Cases Caused by Variants

US COVID-19 Cases Caused by Variants

Updated Feb. 9, 2021 Languages • Print



https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/transmission/variant-cases.html



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From the CDC: Recent MMWRs



- COVID-19 Vaccination Intent, Perceptions, and Reasons for Not Vaccinating Among Groups Prioritized for Early Vaccination — U.S., Sept. & Dec. 2020 (Early Release 2/9/21)
- Intent to receive COVID-19 vax incr. from 39.4%-49.1% among adults & across all priority groups; nonintent decr. from 38.1%-32.1%. Despite decreases in nonintent from Sept,-Dec., younger adults, women, non-Hispanic Black adults, adults in nonmetropolitan areas, & adults w/less educ./income & w/o health ins. have est. nonintent to receive COVID-19 vax.
- Maximizing Fit for Cloth and Medical Procedure Masks to Improve Performance and Reduce SARS-CoV-2 Transmission and Exposure, 2021 (Early Release 2/10/21)
 - CDC conducted expts. to assess 2 ways to improve fit of med. proc. masks: fit cloth mask over med. proc. mask, & knotting ear loops of med. proc. mask/tucking in/flattening extra material close to face. Each substantially improved source control/reduced wearer exp.

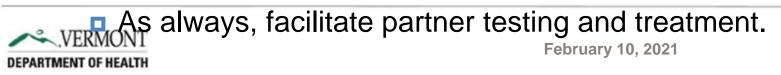
Coming soon: variants; updated school guidance.





VDH Updates/Topics Under Discussion

- □ Schools/whether to reconvene Strong & Healthy Start Task Force
- COVID-19 impact on social-emotional health of children and youth
- COVID-19 vaccine & patients w/developmental & intellectual disabilities
- HAN: Updated (2020) Treatment Guidelines for Gonococcal Infections (2/8/21) – New commendations:
 - Treat gonorrhea infections with a **single 500 mg injection of ceftriaxone**.
 - A test-of-cure is not needed for people who receive a diagnosis of uncomplicated urogenital or rectal gonorrhea unless symptoms persist.
 - A test-of-cure is recommended in people with pharyngeal gonorrhea 7-14 days after the initial treatment, regardless of the regimen.
 - Patients who have been treated for gonorrhea should be retested three months after treatment to ensure there is no reinfection.







VT Schools in the News

- Leland and Gray (Townshend): grades 6-12
 had been fully remote since March
 - Recent AOE data for VT schools: ~1/3 inperson, 48% IP part-time; 19% remain fully remote.
- 6th grade back 4d./wk; 7-12 split into 2 groups and alternate days.
- Used CARES act funding to address air filtration issues; gym, music room & cafeteria remain off-limits.

https://www.wcax.com/video/2021/02/09 /leland-gray-students-go-back-school





BACK TO SCHOOL LELAND AND GRAY HYBRID MOD





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VT School Guidance: School/Youth Sports

- □ Posted 2/9/21:
 - https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-anr-schoolwinter-sports-programs-for-2020-2021-updated-2-9.pdf - highlights:
- Feb. 12: resume interscholastic/youth competition for basketball, hockey, indoor soccer, futsal, broomball, volleyball.
- □ Indiv. sports/low-no contact: bowling, dance, gymnastics virtual.
- Close proximity sports: no more than 2 games/7d. & minimum 3d.
 between games. No spectators at indoor events only key personnel.
- RTP after illness
- Mask mandate extended to officials of indoor sports events; electronic, handheld whistle or whistle mask/gaiter at all times.







Coming Soon (Tomorrow)!



VMS 2021 Virtual Advocacy Training (2/11/21)

- Enhance policy & public health skills focus on advocacy messages
- Legislative panel: Becca Balint (Senate President Pro Tem); Jill Krowinski (House Speaker); Randy Brock (Senate Minority Leader); Patti McCoy (House Minority Leader)
- Member-led breakouts: practice message on 1 of 3 VMS policy priorities:
 - Access to Reproductive Health w/Lauren MacAfee, MD
 - Injury Prevention w/Becca Bell, MD
 - Mental Health w/Simha Ravven, MD
- Register: <u>https://vtmd.org/vms-2021-advocacy-daymonth/</u> SEE also: VMS Advocacy Toolkit.

Also: 2/18/21 – Race and Health Equity webinar (Becca Bell: screening) tools that promote anti-racism.

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- □ Big Change Roundup: <u>bigchangeroundup.org</u>
 - 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





AHS Secretary Mike Smith [Gov. Scott on NGA/WH call]

- Ltd. new info re: federal pharm program w/Walgreen's. Awaiting details re: what Walgreen's will receive & when appts. available.
 Will add link to VDH web site.
 - Expect ~20 Walgreen's across VT to participate; 4 in southern VT.
- □ As of today: 32% in 75+ vaccinated, homebound under way.
- □ Reports of vax to those "not elig."; intervened where appropriate.
- □ Making substantial progress in phase 2 helps w/primary goal.
- May still create acct. if not yet eligible: on line or by phone. "Will move to another age group soon."

SOV will offer COVID-special enrollment QHP 2/16 – 5/14/21 for VERVINITSURED & non-Medicaid eligible, 10, 2021

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

VDH Commissioner Levine

- Expanding testing in Benn. Co.; past week slight downturn in cases, although remains well above state av. (also hosps.)
- Grateful to town of Manchester for standing up new sites. Also daily testing at SVMC & CIC sites.
- Rutland & Franklin Cos. also now w/cases increasing
- □ "Go on offense": keep guard up & seek avail. testing
- Rutland: daily testing at RRMC; Franklin Co. mult. test sites.
- Steady pattern of cases in VT at odds w/declining across the region."



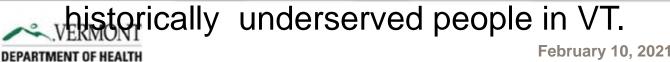
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Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

- □ New vaccine efforts in communities where 1st lang not English.
 - Work w/cx brokers, have interpreters on hand; provide accurately translate materials in partnership w/AALV, USCRI, LEND UVM MC, AgeWell, others.
- Two more clinics planned this week. Language barriers led to outbreaks & disproportionate outcomes proud that we took steps quickly to prioritize.
- Secy. Smith & I have been clear/candid to appropriately prioritize our BIPOC & English language-learning; have spoken of linguistic, communication, educational needs. Discussed those 75+ living in multi-gen households, v. strong risk factor for COVID transmission.
- Made sense to allow household members to get info/services at same time.
 Much more to do to address signif. disparities in cases/hosps./deaths in communities of color; hope vaccine effort this is impt. step to reach





Tuesday Media Briefing (2/9/21)

Governor Phil Scott

- Just off phone w/other governors (NGA) & WH officials; all Governors were on the call received good/positive news
- Feds will distribute extra ½ m. doses over next 3 wks. about 500 more doses for VT. Complicating factor: made mention they will start counting the 6th dose of Pfizer – hadn't accounted for prev. May skew by ~50 doses. Having 3-wk. supply key for our planning.
- Feds also launch new program for CHCs/FQHCs: contract directly.
 250K doses total to them starting next week build up to 1.m
 Complication: counting 1st and 2nd dose w/in 1m. Right now we don't account for that. Could be 250 doses for FQHCs in VT.
- □ Discussed new 2nd dose protocols up to 42d.

TEPREE to increase production – add 50m. more doses by end March P



²⁴ Practice Issues

Let's Grow Kids 2021 Legislative Agenda

Rebecca Bell, MD FAAP & Beverly Boget, LGK Director of Early Childhood Health Care Integration





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2021 Legislative Agenda



Vermont's Child Care Landscape



3 OUT OT 5 of Vermont's youngest children don't have access to the child care they need

VT families are spending nearly 30% of their income on child care

2,090 additional early educators are

needed -a 78% increase - to meet the current need

Our Goals



- Children from all backgrounds and abilities have access to highquality child care when and where they need it.
- Families spend no more than 10% of their income on child care.
- All children are taught by early childhood educators who are fairly compensated, respected professionals.
- Vermont has a well-coordinated child care system with transparent decision-making and modern IT to support equitable outcomes for our children.
- There is stable, long-term funding for our child care system.

Our Three-Year Plan







LITTLE KIDS • BIG IMPACT

To Learn More: https://www.letsgrowkids. org/policyagenda

Mental Health of Children/Youth/Families

Special VCHIP-VDH-COVID-19 Update Call:

- □ When: Monday, February 22 same time, same platform
- What: discuss considerations on this topic with Vermont legislators
- Who: Senator Virginia "Ginny" Lyons and Representative Lori Houghton Related initiatives:

□ VT AOE – DMH group to address S-E health of pediatric pop.

- To date without specific pediatric representation please stay tuned!
- Seeking your specific feedback: are you aware of increased crisis line use in your community – if so, what is your experience?
- Use of telehealth between UVM MC ED & pre-hospital providers (EMS) for pediatric cases (received grant from EMSC IIC)





Mental Health – Data & Resources

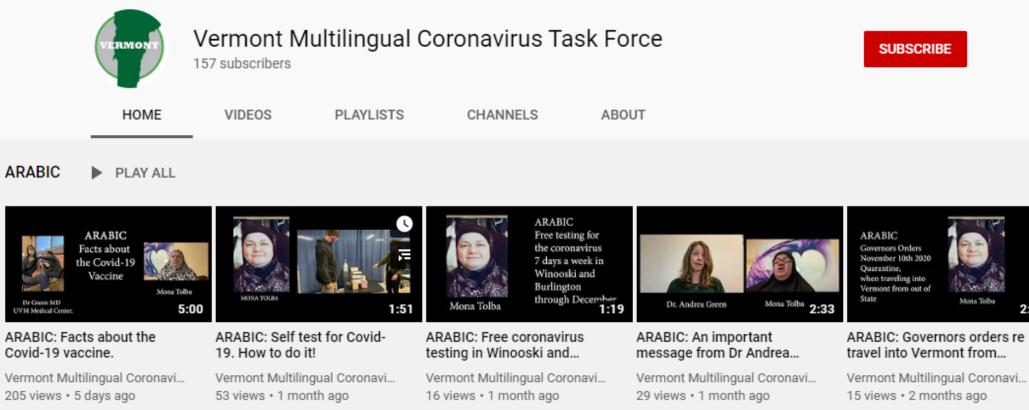
- AAP Interim Guidance on Supporting the Emotional and Behavioral Health Needs of Children, Adolescents, and Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic (last updated 1/5/21)
 - https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinicalguidance/interim-guidance-on-supporting-the-emotional-and-behavioral-health-needs-ofchildren-adolescents-and-families-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/
- MMWR (Nov. 13, 2020): Mental Health–Related Emergency Department Visits Among Children Aged <18 Years During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, January 1–October 17, 2020
 - Beginning April 2020, proportion of children's mental health-related ED visits among all pediatric ED visits increased/remained elevated thru Oct. Compared with 2019, proportion of mental health-related visits for children aged 5–11 and 12–17 years increased approximately 24%. and 31%, respectively.





Multilingual Resources

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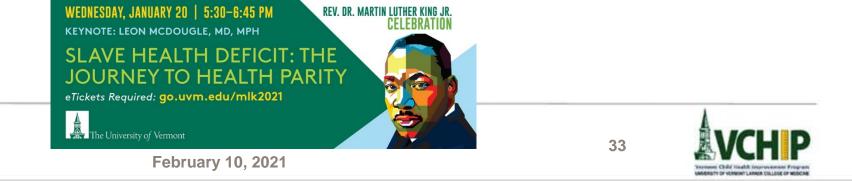
In Case You Missed It... (link now available)

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gn9x9_uYos&feature=youtu.be







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:

https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip_champ_vdh_covid-19_updates

- Next CHAMP call Friday, February 12, 2021 12:15-12:45
- Generally back to Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule REMINDER: <u>NO CALL NEXT</u> MONDAY, 2/15/21 (President's Day)
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:

<u>Thursday, February 11, 2021</u> – 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:

□ Join *Zoom* Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJ1ZFQ2R3diSVdqdlJ2ZG4yQT09

Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684

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