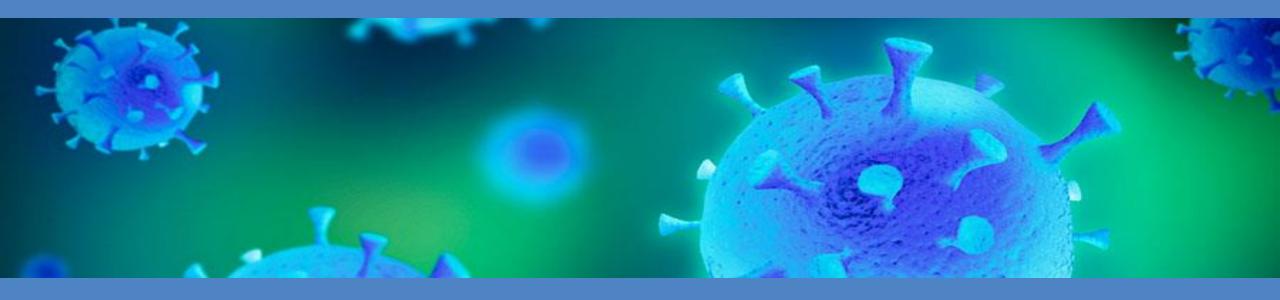
VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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 12, 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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Overview

- □ Celebrating Lunar New Year! (Tết Nguyên Đán)
 - Year of the Ox
- Happy Valentine's Day!
- Reminder weekly event schedule:
 - VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: M/W/F NO CALL Mon., 2/15/21 (President's Day); Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine Thurs.
- Situation, VDH, CDC updates; Friday media briefing
- □ Practice Issues: *Friday Potpourri*
- □ Q & A/Discussion



https://www.wcax.com/content/news/Stuck-in-Vermont-Lunar-New-Year-celebration-505585891.html



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





Special Shout-Out to our Pediatric Colleagues

- J. Ward Stackpole Award from VT State School Nurses
 Association: *Drs. Ben Lee & Bill Raszka*
- LCOM medical student accolades:
 - Students are asked to file unsolicited comments during/at the end of rotations if they see/experience something that exemplifies the kind of doctor they want to be:
 - Joe Nasca,
 - Alex Bannach
 - Greg Connolly
 - Stacy Strouse
 - Nilgun Zimakas
 - Other faculty & residents



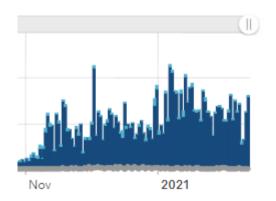




Situation update



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VT New Cases, Probables, Deaths

U.S. 27.4 million+ cases; 475,224 deaths

- https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirusus-cases.html (updated 2/12/21)
- 2/11/21: <u>>105,600</u> new cases; 3,878 d.; 74,225 hosp.
- Past week: average 101,668 cases/day (decrease of 36% from average 2 weeks earlier)
- 2.3 million+ deaths worldwide; 107.8 million+ cases)

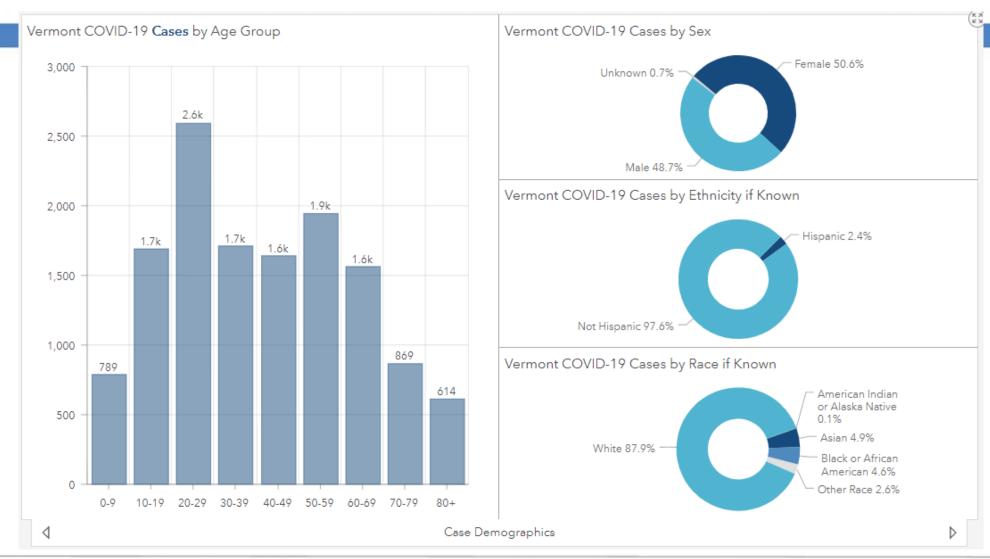
VDH Weekly Data Summary(2/12/21)

- Weekly Spotlight Topic COVID-19 Deaths: data from death cert.; incl. VT residents & OOS residents who died in VT. result. Highest # VT deaths (71) in Dec. 2020. Most deaths among LTCF residents (65% vs. 35% non-LTCF).
- Find previous summaries at: https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary

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



Situation update







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.

February 10, 2021

February 7, 2021

Cases in Vermont K-12 Learning Communities While Infectious

	Cases Reported In the Past 7 Days	Total Cases
TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS	58	546

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

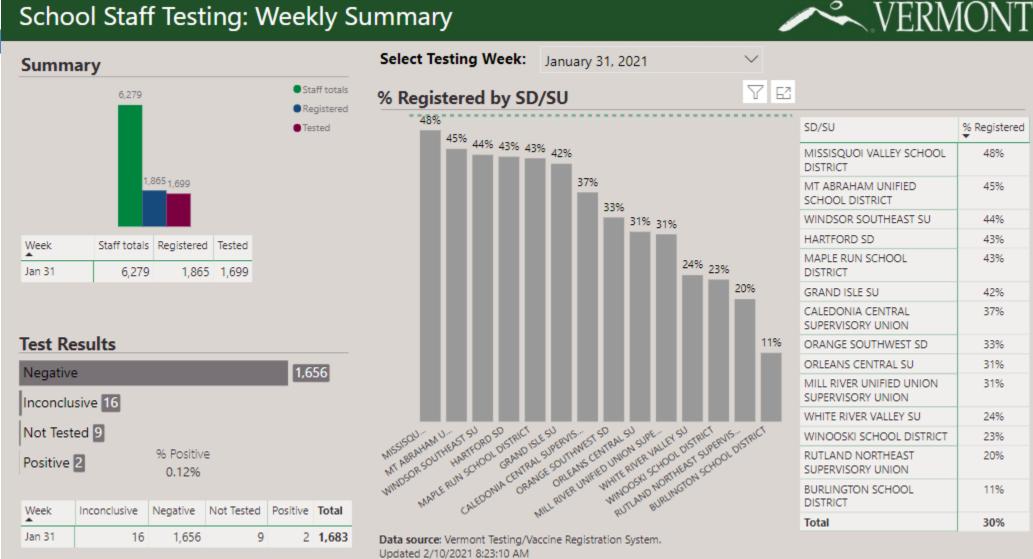
- VT College & University dashboards:
 - Returning to campus this week: https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/school-reopening
 - UVM some winter sports resuming

	Received 02/01/21-02/07/21		Cumulative Totals 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





AOE School Staff Testing Dashboard

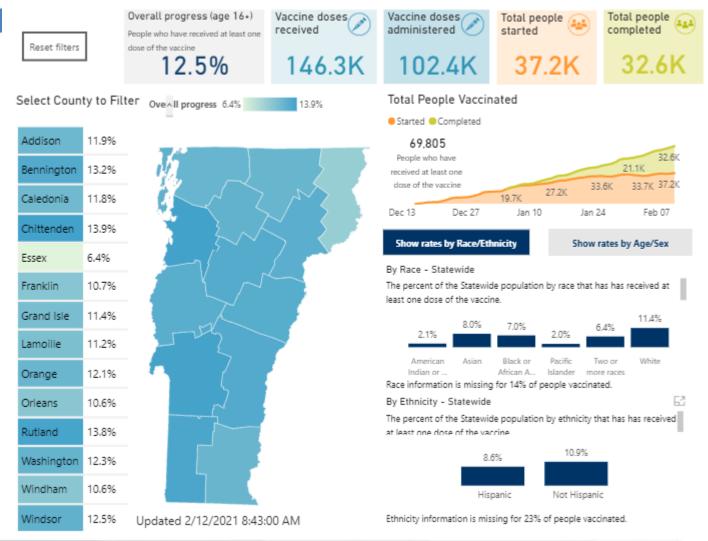






VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

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







VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration & Sites

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

GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE



MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH:

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

KINNEY DRUGS

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People age 75 and older can make appointments now.

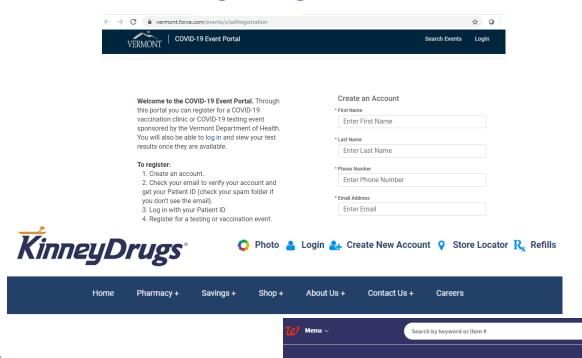
There are enough appointments for everyone who is eligible. Appointments are required. Clinics can't accept walk-ins.

To make an appointment online with the Health Department:

- 1. Create an account (anyone can do this anytime!)
- You may already have an account if you were tested for COVID-19 at a Health Department site.
- 2. Make an appointment downward when your age group is eligible to get the vaccine.

Can't make an appointment online or need help with an online appointment? Contact our call center at 855-722-7878.

- . To speak with someone in a language other than English, call this number, and then press 1.
- . We can help with appointments with the Health Department or Kinney Drugs.





Limited supplies of COVID-19 vaccines are now available in some states at select stores to individuals 16 years of age and older (16 years of age and older for Pfizer; 18 years of age and older for Moderna) who meet state-specific eligibility criteria.

schedule an appointment at Kinney Drugs.

COVID-19 Vaccination Schedulin

Currently, the State of Vermont allows Kinney Drugs Pharmacists age 75+ BY ONLINE APPOINTMENT ONLY. You do NOT need to p

Schedule your

vaccination today.

COVID-19

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

- □ Appointments from 2/12 4/28/21
 - 491 clinics (health care, VDH POD does not include pharmacies);
 70,135 total 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:

- Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

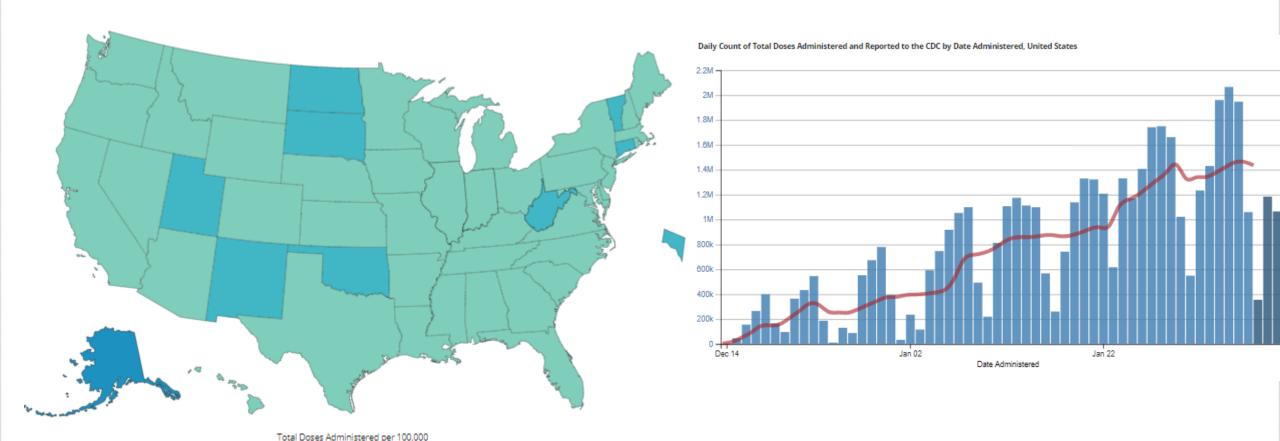




From the CDC Vaccine Tracker

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

○ No Data ○ 0 ○ 1 - 15,000 ○ 15,001 - 20,000 ○ 20,001 - 25,000 ○ 25,001 - 35,000 ○ 35,001+







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

[Note: this slide updated after today's call]

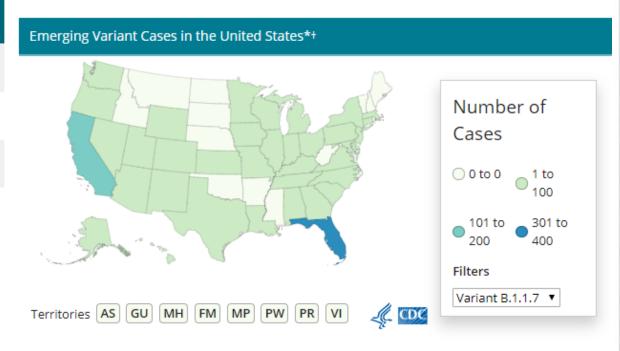
US COVID-19 Cases Caused by Variants

Updated Feb. 11, 2021

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Variant	Reported Cases in US	Number of States Reporting
B.1.1.7	981	37
B.1.351	13	5
P.1	3	2



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



VT Vaccine Implementation Advisory Committee

- □ Meeting today on the agenda:
 - Implementation update
 - Successes to date
 - Current partners and strategies
 - What's coming next?
 - Equity data & communication
 - Feedback on implementation
 - Clinical Updates
 - Virus variants and vaccines
 - Clinical subgroup update
- Public Comment





VT Vaccine Implementation Advisory Committee

Chronic conditions remain under discussion by subgroup – **DRAFT**, not final

- Mostly following CDC chronic conditions list with a few exceptions
- Adding Type 1 diabetes
- Trying to define heart disease with more lay person clarity
- Considering patients with intellectual disability
- Vermont is planning self-attestation since it would be a major logistical challenge for health care providers





VDH Update: Current Gathering Restrictions (2/11/21)

- You cannot gather w/people you don't live with: incl. all inside/outside social/entertainment gatherings, in public & private spaces. E.g. cannot go to family member/friend's house or restaurant w/someone you don't live with.
- Visitors to Vermont cannot gather w/VTers/people from another household (HH); includes sharing lodging w/another HH. Travelers may not stay w/VT host or stay in VT lodging/short-term rental w/another HH even if completed quarantine, or intend to quarantine w/another HH.
- People who live alone may gather w/one other household; people can take
 in/shelter those from another HH from a dangerous, unhealthy/unsafe situation.
- You <u>can</u> do <u>outdoor recreation and fitness activities</u> w/people you don't live with: biking, hiking, walking, running, hunting and fishing, skiing, snowboarding, skating, snow machining and other no-contact outdoor activities. Maintain 6 ft. distance; mask at all times. Do not gather at trailheads, access areas or other outdoor facilities before or after the activity.

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Reminder: Special Enrollment Period

- As announced by AHS Secy. Mike Smith 2/9/21: Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for Marketplace health insurance coverage in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- 2/15/21 5/15/21: individuals and families may apply/enroll in needed health coverage.
- Offered by SOV for uninsured & non-Medicaid eligible.





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.





VT School Guidance: School/Youth Sports

- □ Posted 2/9/21:
 - <u>https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-anr-school-winter-sports-programs-for-2020-2021-updated-2-9.pdf</u> 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.





Friday Media Briefing (2/12/21)

Governor Phil Scott

- Beg Tuesday, 2/16: opening registration 70+. >85% of 75+ have scheduled/received vaccine.
- □ You may ask why other states have broader eligibility than VT
 - but "just saying eligible doesn't mean have enough doses."
- Will extend State of Emergency for another month.
- Vaccine supply news: increased Pfizer production
- □ Fauci: by April, genl. pop. may have broad access to vaccines.
- Last wk. announced return of certain sports today, music.
- Won't look the same but "heard from pediatricians that our kids not OK."





HAPPENING NOW Coronavirus Outbreak ON THE PHONE SECRETARY, AGENCY OF EDUCATION

AOE Secretary Dan French

- Testing for week of Jan. 31; participation rate lower (27%); ~1600 tests;
 2 cases. Pos. rate 0.12% (cases from Rutland, Franklin Cos.)
- This week: 33% partic. w/4 cases (all in Franklin Co.) for 0.35%. Pos. rate has incr. over past few weeks, but still signif. < state rate. Some Richford schools will move to remote instruction.
- V. productive mtg. on music: guidance will be published next week
 (based on natl. work) as stand-alone guidance (currently imbedded).
 - All performers 6 X 6 ft. distance; trombones 6 X 9 ft.
 - Woodwind/brass slit mask; when not playing; multi-level bell covers)
- Air in rehearsal spaces 3 complete exchange/hr. No audiences during performances.





AOE Secretary Dan French

- Thank VT Music Education Assoc. leadership AND
 Drs. Raszka & Lee "very generous with their time."
- Mitigation measures for music are complex; increased confidence that schools can implement.
- Cumulative impact weighing more in decision-making.
- □ Will review performing arts/theater.
- As we contemplate recovery phase, these are key strategies to restore normalcy.
- Responsibility to do more show others how to recover by returning to more IP instruction & arts.







AHS Secretary Mike Smith:

- □ Good news: starting next week (2/16), open 70+ age group reg.
 - Reg. to begin 8:15 a.m. online or call 1-855-722-7878.
 - ALL PLANS contingent on federal vaccine supply/distribution.
- □ Marks beginning of Phase 3 new age group.
- HCWs remain eligible; contact hospital for appt.
- □ Walgreen's will join federal pharmacy program (starting today for 75+):
 - Rec'd. 2K doses: 20 locations (Benn., Bratt, Bellow's Falls, Manchester)
- □ Tuesday for 70+: smallest age 33,200 should complete relatively quickly
- Homebound program expanding; will begin to include non-HHA clients.
- □ Next week new health care sites: Copley, Gifford, NCH (will start 70+)



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- Pace of additional deaths has slowed considerably.
- Quite a bit of fluctuation recently in VT case counts
- Despite fluctuation, abundant testing available almost every day.
- □ Positivity rate 1.6 1.7% range consistently.
- □ Would normally be seeing significant influenza very little at this time.
- □ Outbreaks in LTCFs small #; cumulatively very few cases.
- Hospitalizations & ICU bed occupancy decreasing.
- Rising case counts in 3 counties:
 - Past 2 wks. Bennington: 244 cases w/51 assoc. w/active outbreaks.





VDH Commissioner Levine

- Benn. Co. (cont'd.) above is sign of signif. community transmissic
 virus. Several towns had been involved, but this week only one town.
- Rutland: still high rates; only a few towns w/increase.
- Franklin Co.: 244 cases, 68 assoc. w/active outbreaks. Several towns w/increases – many due to household & community transmission.
 - Actively increasing but at lower absolute # "goal is to nip that in the bud." Reinforce PH guidance and testing!
- Message to Vermonters: "we need you to do your part."





VDH Commissioner Levine

- □ Through wastewater testing, BTV detected 2 instances of B.1.1.7.
 - Strong indication that these are in the community; still need to confirm through patient samples
- Mutations/variants expected over time: B.1.1.7 thought to be more transmissible. Found in 34 states to date.
- CDC research re: "double masking" cloth over surgical & knotted/tucked masks offer more protection (lab experiments).
- Just released new guidance: fully vaccinated, <u>exposed</u> persons do NOT need to quarantine if at least 2 wks. since 2nd dose (current vaccines), w/in 3 mos. of last dose, and no symptoms since current exposure.

Exception for vaccinated inpatients & LTCF residents. Cont'd. next slide -

✓ vdoesTNOT apply to travel.

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- VT will follow this new CDC guidance for fully vaccinated persons following COVID exposure ONLY.
- VT currently CONTINUES to require quarantine for fully vaccinated persons post travel – not yet making changes to this guidance.
- □ Being very thoughtful about this hope to have more to say next week.
- New age band: reminder you may create account ahead of reg. opening.
- □ Visit <u>healthvermont.gov/myvaccine</u>
- For 75+, still plenty of appts. available statewide esp. encourage Benn.,
 Franklin & Rutland Cos.
- Success in LTCFs will help us prepare to consider lifting restrictions.





VDH Commissioner Levine

- Upcoming school vacations: please avoid indoor get-togethers;
 but w/masks & 6-ft. spaces, can enjoy outdoors.
- You can do outdoor recreation and fitness activities with people you don't live with, like biking, hiking, walking, running, hunting and fishing, skiing, snowboarding, skating, snow machining and other no-contact outdoor activities. However, you must stay at least 6 feet away from people you don't live with and wear a mask at all times. Do not gather at trailheads, access areas or other outdoor facilities before or after the activity.





Practice Issues

Friday Potpourri







Pediatric Case

- Pediatric patient with anosmia & ageusia X 24-36 hours; otherwise asymptomatic & subsequent PCR test negative.
- □ Could this be a false negative do we have data on this question?
 - Limited data and multiple factors: multiple different PCR assays being used in VT (e.g.,4 at UVMMC, VPHL, Broad, possibly others at community hospitals).
 - We generally do <u>not</u> repeat testing on patients older data from UVM MC (thru mid-April 2020): 24/228 patients went from negative to positive (~10%), but 21 of 24 were in nursing home patients w/rpt. test due to **outbreak** (thus, not clear if pos. at time of 1st swab or developed infection in interval between tests). If <u>exclude</u> rpt. testing due to screening protocol, 3 patients tested positive on repeat testing = ~98% sensitivity.
- This patient: consultation with VDH sought. [Note current "return to school" protocol: student may return to school if PCR neg. & no symptoms X 24 hours.





In Case You Missed It (2/11/21)



VMS 2021 Virtual Advocacy Training

- 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
- □ SEE: VMS Advocacy Toolkit.
- Also: 2/18/21 Race and Health Equity webinar (Becca Bell: screening tools that promote anti-racism.





VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit

- New: VDH COVID-19 <u>Vaccine Promotion Toolkit</u> 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)





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)
 - <u>https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/interim-guidance-on-supporting-the-emotional-and-behavioral-health-needs-of-children-adolescents-and-families-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/</u>
- 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.



Happening Now



- 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





Multilingual Resources

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



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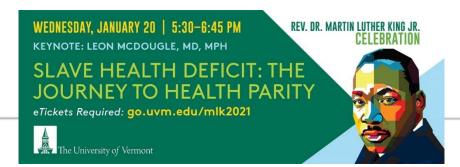




In Case You Missed It... (link now available)

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: vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu
 - 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 Wednesday, February 17, 2021 12:15-12:45
- Generally back to Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule REMINDER: NO CALL MONDAY, 2/15/21 (President's Day)
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:

Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 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



