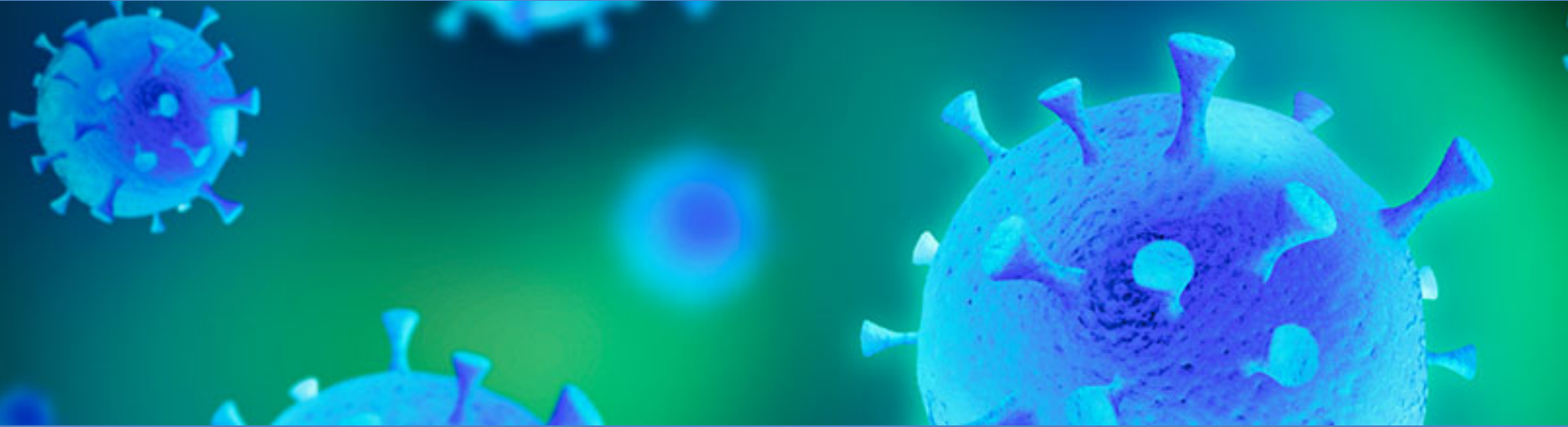# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES

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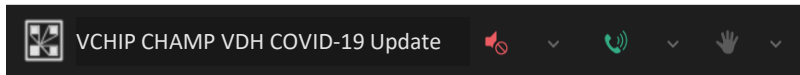
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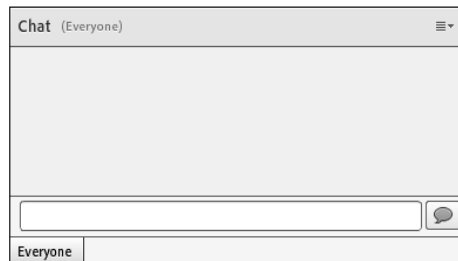
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Objectives

- Situation update
  - Surveillance
  - Payment for virtual visits
  - Mother/baby care
- Sharing practice strategies
  - Screening at practice entry/visitors
  - Timber Lane Pediatrics
- Question and answer
  - Follow up open questions from 3/18/20
  - New Questions

Situation Update

- **3/18/20**: VDH lab received 391 samples; prioritized & ran 140.

- Two (2) new positives

- Current COVID activity in Vermont (note slight format change):

Positive test results	19
Total tests conducted	611
People being monitored	246
People who have completed monitoring	262

https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus

- Low risk samples will now be tested through alternate routes, in collaboration with UVM MC. (Update on lab portal?)

- Continue submission by calling VDH ID/Epi (**802-863-7240**) to coordinate infec. control/submission/form completion. (UVM CH/MC: internal system)

Situation Update (cont'd.)

Payment for virtual visits:

- ☐ Much discussion with payers yesterday, thanks to your questions!

- ☐ Blue Cross Blue Shield and Vermont Medicaid: working on emergency orders & seeking a few volunteers for work group to finalize.

  - ◻ E-mail Wendy and/or CHAMP mailbox

Mother/baby care: guidance forthcoming

Practice Implementation Strategies

Question: *How are practices screening office visitors?*

- Sign/instructions at door:
- Dedicated staff/closed door
- Temp taken; screening ?s
- Mask, gloves
- Escort to sick or well room

Practice Implementation Strategies

Timber Lane Pediatrics

South Burlington, Burlington and Milton, VT

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update: All Timber Lane office visits will be by telehealth

As of Tuesday, March 17th, 2020, we have suspended our walk-in hours and are converting all in-person office visits to telehealth video visits. We believe that this is the safest way to deliver healthcare to your family during this rapidly changing situation. At this time, we plan to conduct both well and sick visits by video through Monday, April 6th. This plan may be modified based on recommendations from the CDC and Vermont Department of Health. If you have an appointment in the near future, we will call you to explain how our video visits work. If your child is sick, call the office and we will determine if a video visit is appropriate. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE OFFICE - CALL INSTEAD. See below for more information on COVID-19 and how to do a video visit.

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Questions/Discussion

- Q & A Goal: monitor/respond in real time – record/ disseminate later as needed (and/or revisit next day).

- From 3/18/20 (our best thinking – w/o solid evidence):
  - Ibuprofen: no published data; some fake news (that "pts. w/severe COVID-19 exposed to NSAIDs"); WHO evaluating; acetaminophen?
  - Nebs in closed room are aerosol-generating; close room for 2 hours post-procedure. Use MDI/spacer if possible.
  - Prednisone: conflicting info re: use in ADULT COVID-19; prob. not helpful. Children w/asthma exacerbation: don't change current practice – keep using to treat common conditions.

- **For additional questions, please e-mail:**
  - vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu

- Next call: ***tomorrow, March 20, 12:15-12:45*** (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow)