

# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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*March 19, 2021*



# Technology Notes

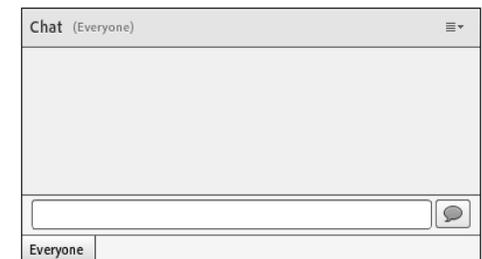
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# Marking a Somber Anniversary

- First two Vermont COVID-19 deaths announced **March 19, 2020**
- Governor Scott has asked Vermont cities, towns, and courthouses to ring bells 14 times tonight at 7 p.m. to commemorate 217 lives lost to date in 14 counties across the state



# Also the One-Year Anniversary of Our Calls



COVID anniversary. Don Landgren/USA Today Network

# Overview



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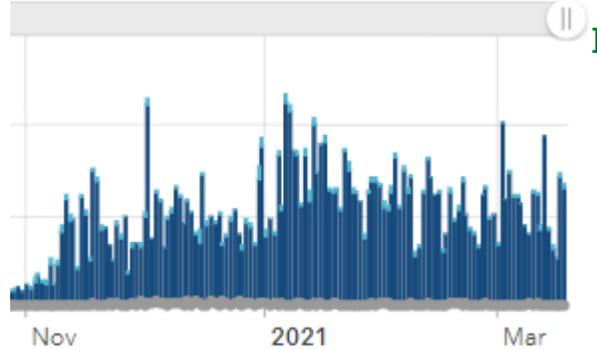
## □ ***Acknowledging Our Anniversary***

- Let's Laugh Day
- Preschool Teachers Appreciation Day
- Reminder – weekly event schedule:
  - **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: M/W/F; Gov. Media Briefings**  
Tues/Fri; VMS call with VDH Comm. Levine Thursday
- Situation, VDH, federal, AAP Updates; Friday Media Briefing
- Practice Issues: Guest Speakers! Trivia! VCHIP-VDH COVID-19 Hall of Fame!
- Q & A/Discussion

*[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	<b>135</b>
17,393 Total	
Currently Hospitalized	<b>22</b>
Hospitalized In ICU	<b>5</b>
Hospitalized Under Investigation	<b>0</b>
Percent Positive 7-day Avg.	<b>1.3%</b>
People Tested	<b>345,588</b>
Total Tests	<b>1,231,862</b>
Recovered	<b>14,646</b>
84.2% of Cases	
Deaths	<b>217</b>
1.2% of Cases	
Last Updated: 3/19/2021, 10:46:08 AM	



VT New Cases, Probables, Deaths

U.S. **29.6 million+** cases; **539,198 deaths**

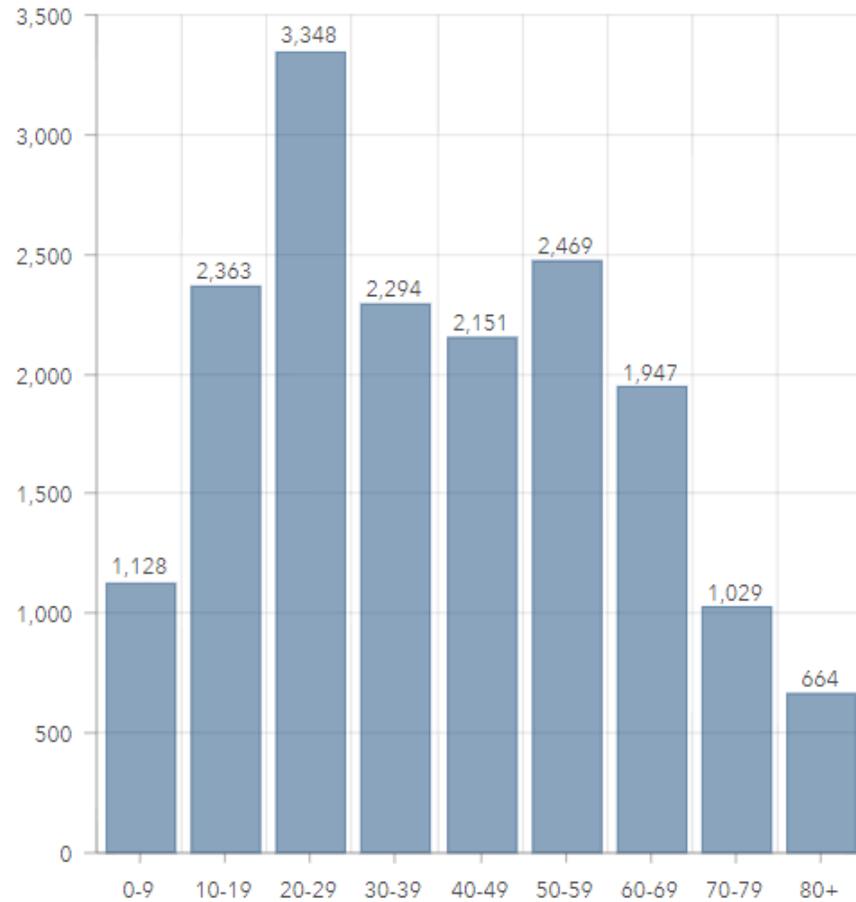
- ▣ <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 3/19/21)
- ▣ 3/18/21: **60,782 new cases; 1,549 d.; 41,136 hosp.**
- ▣ Past week: average 54,729 cases/day (decrease of 13% from average 2 weeks earlier)
- ▣ **2.6 million+ deaths worldwide; 121.6 million+ cases)**

## ▣ VDH Weekly Data Summary(3/19/21)

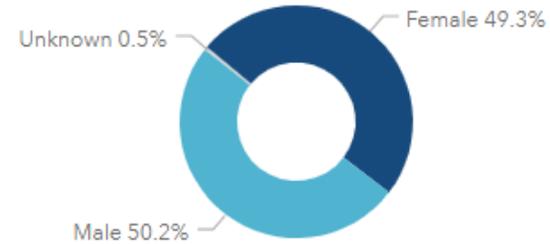
- ▣ **No Spotlight Topic**
- ▣ Find previous summaries at: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary>

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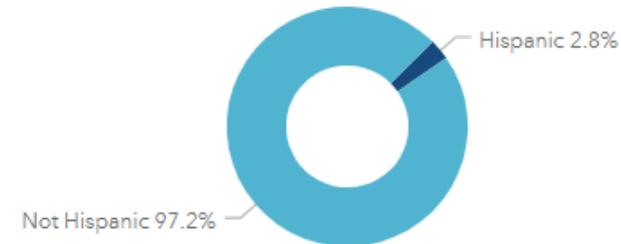
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group



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.

March 17, 2021

### Cases in Vermont K-12 Learning Communities While Infectious

Learning Community	Cases Reported In the Past 7 Days	Total Cases
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<b>TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>786</b>

March 14, 2021

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## VT College & University dashboards:

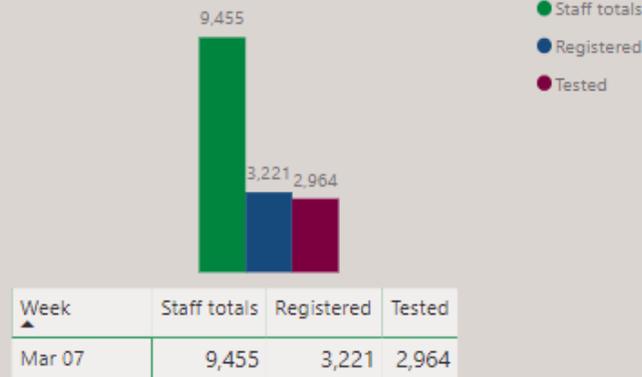
- UVM update: effective March 1, all students to be tested 2X/week** (3d. In between; reeval 3/13)
- Violations of Green and Gold Promise, except for 1<sup>st</sup> missed test, to be reviewed for suspension in accordance with UVM policy (on-campus res. students will have 48 hours from a final conduct decision of suspension to vacate their residential hall and leave campus); thru 3/31 for now.

# AOE School Staff Testing Dashboard

## School Staff Testing: Weekly Summary

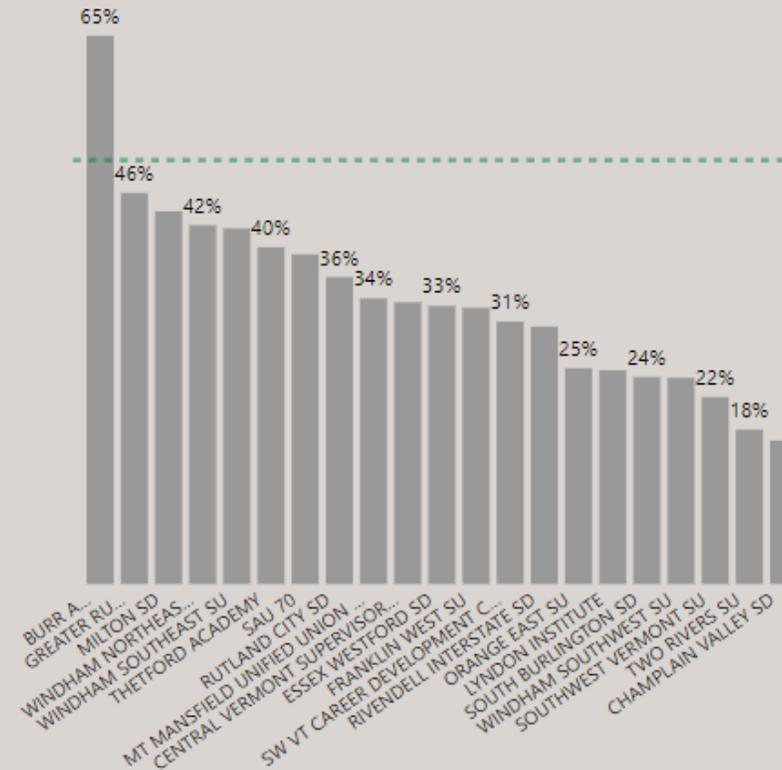


### Summary



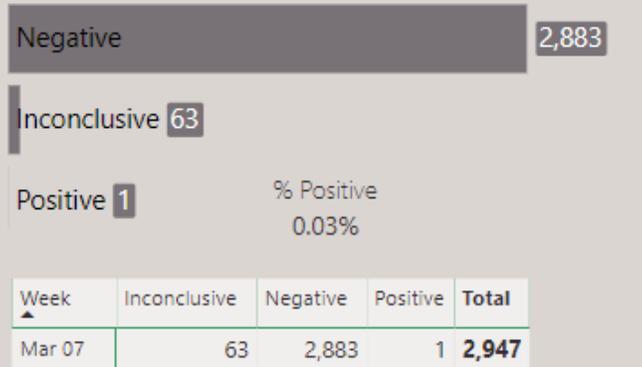
Select Testing Week: March 7, 2021

### % Registered by SD/SU



SD/SU	% Registered
Burr and Burton Academy	65%
Greater Rutland County SU	46%
Milton SD	44%
Windham Northeast SU	42%
Windham Southeast SU	42%
Thetford Academy	40%
SAU 70	39%
Rutland City SD	36%
Mt Mansfield Unified Union School District	34%
Central Vermont Supervisory Union	33%
Essex Westford SD	33%
Franklin West SU	33%
SW VT Career Development CTR SD	31%
Rivendell Interstate SD	30%
Orange East SU	25%
Lyndon Institute	25%
South Burlington SD	24%
Windham Southwest SU	24%
Southwest Vermont SU	22%
Two Rivers SU	18%
Champlain Valley SD	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31%</b>

### Test Results



Data source: Vermont Testing/Vaccine Registration System.  
Updated 3/17/2021 7:22:06 AM

Week of March 7; updated 3/17/21

<https://education.vermont.gov/news/covid-19-guidance-vermont-schools/school-staff-covid19-surveillance-testing/school-staff-covid-19-surveillance-testing-weekly-summary>

# VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

- Daily updates Tuesday thru Saturday
- Data = counts reported by end previous day; subject to change.
- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-dashboard>

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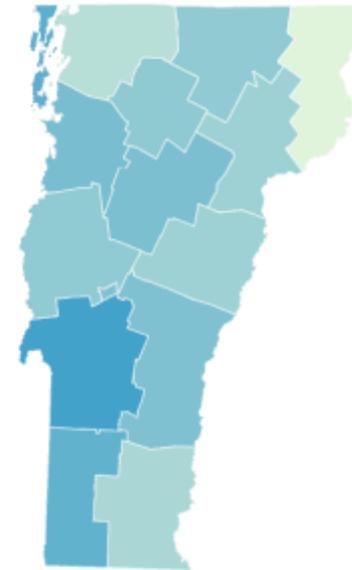
## Vermont Vaccination Data

### Vaccination by County

The percent of the county population that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

+ Show Race Detail

County	Overall progress
Addison	29.2%
Bennington	32.8%
Caledonia	28.2%
Chittenden	31.0%
Essex	23.1%
Franklin	26.3%
Grand Isle	33.2%
Lamoille	29.3%
Orange	28.2%
Orleans	29.2%
Rutland	35.2%
Washington	30.8%
Windham	27.2%
Windsor	30.5%
Vermont	30.2%



23.1% 35.2%

Summary By Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity

Doses Received

**298.6K**

Overall progress (age 16+)

People who have received at least one dose of the vaccine

**30.2%**

Doses Administered

**254.9K**

Completed

People who have completed vaccination

**16.0%**

Total People Started

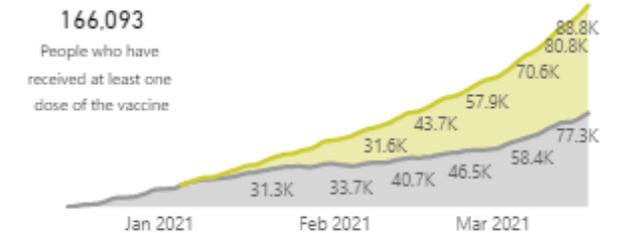
**77.3K**

Total People Completed

**88.8K**

### Total People Vaccinated

● Started ● Completed



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## Vermont Vaccination Data

Select County

All

Clear filters

### By Age - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each age group that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Age	%
16 - 17	1.5%
18 - 34	12.7%
35 - 49	18.5%
50 - 59	18.2%
60 - 64	19.7%
65 - 69	59.8%
70 - 74	83.4%
75+	85.0%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>30.2%</b>

### By Sex - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each sex that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Sex	%
Female	35.4%
Male	24.9%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>30.2%</b>

Sex information is missing for 0% of people vaccinated.

Summary

By Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity

### By Race - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each race that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Race	%
Asian	16.3%
Black or African American	12.4%
Native American, Indigenous, or First Nation	5.9%
Pacific Islander	2.9%
Two or more races	15.9%
White	29.0%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>28.2%</b>

Race information is missing for 7% of people vaccinated.

### By Race/Ethnicity and Age

The percent of the statewide population of each race/ethnicity that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Race	16 - 64	65+	Total
BIPOC	10.3%	58.4%	15.4%
Non-Hispanic White	13.7%	69.2%	27.5%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>68.9%</b>	<b>26.7%</b>

Race/ethnicity information is missing for 12% of people vaccinated.

BIPOC refers to Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

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# 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!

You can also get an appointment at [Kinney Drugs](#) or [Walgreens](#).

People 16 years or older with high-risk conditions can make appointments. Use the blue "MAKE AN APPOINTMENT" button above, call or use the Kinney Drugs link. Do not go through Walgreens. [See the list of conditions.](#)

People 65 years and older and people who work in the public safety system can make

appointments.

School staff and child care workers can make an appointment AFTER being contacted by school leadership or by the Department for Children and Families, who will provide a code. The Agency of Education and Department for Children and Families are working as quickly as possible!

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

### MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

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](#) when you are 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](tel:855-722-7878).



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.

#### Create an Account

\* First Name

\* Last Name

\* Phone Number

\* Email Address



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## COVID-19

Currently, the State of Vermont is offering COVID-19 vaccines to individuals age 75+ BY ON... schedule an ap...

Schedule your COVID-19 vaccination today.



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.

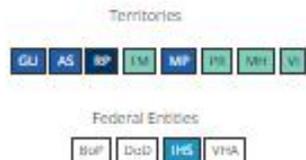
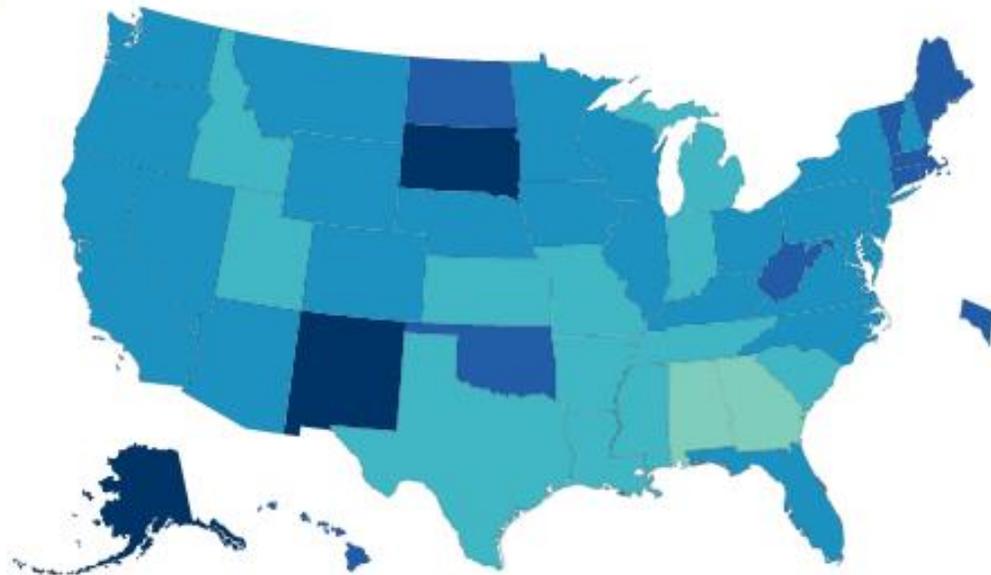
[See if you're eligible in your state >](#)

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

- Appointments from 3/19/21 – 5/25/21
  - ▣ **177,342 total appointments clinics** (health care, VDH (Local/District Health Office POD, and some pharmacies – e.g., Costco, Walmart)
- **Online (preferred) for most 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 Select Federal Entities per 100,000 of the Total Population



\* Data for Federal Entities are presented here and are also incorporated into the respective jurisdictional totals.



Updated after today's call: note **new scale**

Daily Change in Number of COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States Reported to CDC

— 7-Day moving average



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html>

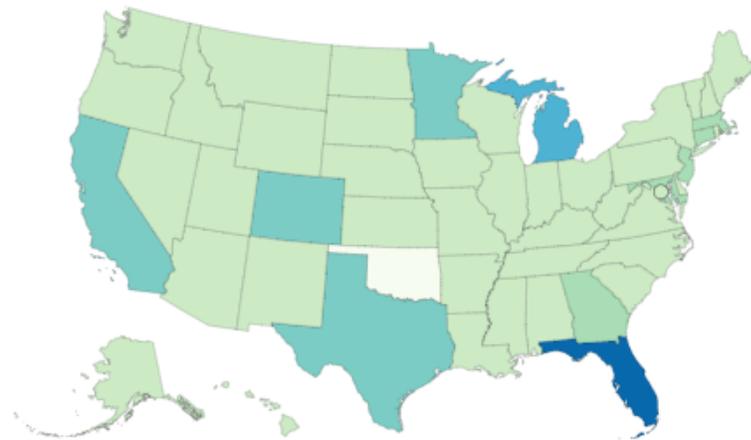
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

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

Variant	Reported Cases in US	Number of Jurisdictions Reporting
B.1.1.7	5567	50
B.1.351	180	26
P.1	48	15

Cases of Variants of Concern in the United States\*†



Number of Cases

- 0 to 0
- 1 to 150
- 151 to 300
- 301 to 450
- 601 to 750
- 751 to 900

Filters

Variant B.1.1.7 ▼

Territories AS GU MH FM MP PW PR VI



# *This just in . . . From the CDC (as reported by the NYT)*

- **C.D.C. Says 3 Feet in Elementary Schools With Masks Is O.K.**
  - ▣ In a major policy revision intended to encourage more schools to welcome children back to full in-person instruction, federal health officials on Friday relaxed the six-foot distancing rule for elementary school students, saying they need only remain three feet apart in classrooms as long as everyone is wearing a mask.
  - ▣ The three-foot rule also now applies to students in middle schools and high schools, as long as community transmission is not high, officials said. When transmission is high, however, these students must be at least six feet apart, unless they are taught in cohorts, or small groups that are kept separate from others.
  - ▣ The six-foot rule still applies in the community at large, officials emphasized, and for teachers and other adults who work in schools, who must maintain that distance from other adults and from students.
  - ▣ <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/03/19/world/covid-vaccine-coronavirus-cases>

# From the CDC/MMWR

- Experiences and Well-Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic — COVID Experiences Survey, United States, Oct. 8–Nov. 13, 2020
  - ▣ *Weekly* / **March 19, 2021** / 70(11);369–376 3/19/21
- Findings: probability-based survey of parents of children 5–12 yo, 45.7% reported children received virtual instruction only, 30.9% in-person only, and 23.4% combined virtual and in-person instruction. Suggest virtual instruction might present more risks than in-person instruction related to child & parental mental & emotional health & some health-supporting behaviors.
- Implications for practice: children not receiving full-time, in-person instruction & their parents might need additional supports to mitigate pandemic impacts.

# From the CDC/MMWR

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 Incidence by Age, Sex, and Period Among Persons Aged <25 Years — 16 U.S. Jurisdictions, January 1–December 31, 2020
  - ▣ *Weekly* / **March 19, 2021** / 70(11);382–388
- Findings: Racial/ethnic disparities in COVID-19 incidence among <25 yo in 16 U.S. jurisdictions: disparities substantial during Jan-April & generally decreased during May-Dec - greater increase in incidence among White persons, rather than a decline among racial/ethnic grps. Largest persistent disparities involved Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Hispanic persons.
- Implications: ensuring equitable/timely access to testing, safe work & education settings, vaccination when elig. important to address racial/ethnic disparities.

# Friday Media Briefing (3/19/21)



## Governor Phil Scott

- Today marks the one-year anniversary of Vermont's first two deaths from COVID-19: total of 217 fellow Vermonters – each represents a human being, families, friends
- Optimistic about the road ahead: 30% of VT adults have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- Returning to age band strategies: appts. should be available in 2-3 wks.
  - ▣ **Beginning March 25:** 60+ y.o.
  - ▣ 3/29: 50+ y.o.
  - ▣ 4/5: 40+ y.o.
  - ▣ 4/12: 30+ y.o.
  - ▣ 4/19: anyone > 16 y.o. will be eligible to schedule appointment

# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

## Governor Phil Scott

- May be able to have more traditional graduations in June
- 3/24: bars & clubs may open; will fall under restaurant guidance (must follow capacity limits, distancing, all patrons seated, etc.)
- Caveat: municipalities may take stricter action if they choose



# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## AOE Deputy Secretary Heather Bouchey

- ❑ Surv. testing: as of this a.m.: 1,314 tested w/4 positives; rate = 0.31%
- ❑ Recovery plans under way:
  - ▣ S-E & mental health; engagement/ truancy; academic achievement
- ❑ Districts submitted membership rosters for Recovery Teams
- ❑ St. Albans Maple Run: SW, EC reps, local DCF, teachers/special ed/ counselors/other core staff
- ❑ Franklin NE: including reps from Designated Agency, CTE, parents
- ❑ Other teams: pediatricians, equity coordinators, S-E learning specialists – collaborative approaches

# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



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**Funding:** Elem & Secondary School Emerg. Relief (ESSER) funds

- ❑ Summer programs
- ❑ After school programs
- ❑ Infrastructure upgrades
- ❑ Technology upgrades
- ❑ Activities regularly funded through Title \$\$, Perkins \$\$
- ❑ 44m. to AOE to address emergency needs as identified (one-time); focus on education recovery.

# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## AHS Secretary Mike Smith

- Goal: have all Vermonters vaccinated July 1
- Education/child care communities: 11K have rec'd. vaccine & 7300 have made appointments
- Fewer clinics next week but will ramp up week of 3/29 when expect increased J & J supply
- But appointments still available in a # of clinics next week (91 total clinics)

# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## VDH Commissioner Levine

- Case updates
- Recalling one year ago: *“There we stood, maskless, crowded . . .”*
- Reflect not on the number but on the people whose lives ended too soon
- Vaccine progress for Black, indigenous, and Vermonters of color
  - ▣ Specific clinics for BIPOC who meet other vaccine eligibility GLs may be vaccinated with their household
  - ▣ Burlington clinic tomorrow; Windham Co. next week (w/NAACP)
- VT variant update: B.1.1.7 = 8 specs; B.1429 = 3 specs (Chitt Fr Cos.)
  - ▣ 40-50% and 20% more transmissible respectively

# Happening Now



- Big Change Roundup: [bigchangeroundup.org](http://bigchangeroundup.org)
  - ▣ Largest fundraiser for the UVMCH; funds raised support patients and families
- Please help promote personally & through your practices/ orgs.
- **Coming THIS weekend:** visit a **Contactless Drive-thru Collection**
  - ▣ **Saturday, March 20, 11am-1pm:** Clark's Truck Center 4365 NY-22, Plattsburgh, NY
  - ▣ **Sunday, March 21, 11am-1pm:** University Mall 155 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT
- **3/26/2021:** Big Change Roundup Final Total Announcement  
(counted off air/off-site)

# Opportunity to Benefit Camp Ta-Kum-Ta

- **Who: Mount Mansfield Maple Products, Generosity Brings Joy, & Jen Ellis** (crafter, who made Bernie Sanders' Inauguration Day Mittens)
- **What:** commemorative bottle of **pure Vermont maple syrup** to benefit **Camp Ta-Kum-Ta**.
  - ▣ Limited-edition bottle featuring custom label inspired by Bernie's mittens to celebrate the movement spurred by Jen Ellis' creation of Generosity Brings Joy – bringing awareness/funding for VT non-profits (100% profits to Generosity Brings Joy)
- **How:** visit <https://vermontpuremaple.com/>

*Thank you, Chelsea Corder!*



*Anniversary Edition! Trivia! Guest Speakers! COVID-19 Hall of Fame!*



# COVID-19 Trivia (General Knowledge)



**VCHIP** stands for:

- ❑ A. Vermont Child Health Improvement Program
- ❑ B. Verified CCOVID Helpline Impeccably Planned
- ❑ C. Virtual Child-focused Hangout In Perpetuity
- ❑ D. Very Chilly, Help! ImPossible that it's still this cold in March why isn't it spring yet come on Vermont get it together

# COVID-19 Trivia (General Knowledge)

## Return to Play is:

- ❑ A. Hmm, I don't know, sounds cool and fun
- ❑ B. An algorithm to get kids back to sports and fitness activities after COVID infection
- ❑ C. When you pull a used N95 out of its paper bag to re-use and it becomes sentient and yells "*oh yeah! Return to play!! Put me in coach!*"
- ❑ D. A nightmarish hellscape of logistical challenges, varying interpretations, confusion, and angst not unlike every other aspect of this novel pandemic-causing virus in which pediatricians have risen to the challenge to figure out some sort of plan to help kids even though it's hard and makes us miss bronchiolitis a little bit.
- ❑ E. B and D

# COVID-19 Trivia (In the News)

- What do these 12 states (includes AK) have in common as of 3/19/21?
  - ▣ A. Rising infection rates
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# COVID-19 Trivia (Geography)



Match the news with the country  
(hint: some may have >1 ans.)

- ❑ Plans to **ship** millions of doses of Astra-Zeneca vaccine to other countries
- ❑ Will **receive** millions of doses of Astra-Zeneca vaccine from another country
- ❑ Lifted suspension on using Astra-Zeneca vaccine
- ❑ A major city in this country just imposed a 4-week lockdown

- ❑ Canada
- ❑ France
- ❑ Mexico
- ❑ Germany
- ❑ United States
- ❑ United Kingdom
- ❑ Australia

# COVID-19 Trivia: Jeopardy Style

Category: ***Famous VCHIP – VDH Call***

## ***Participants***

- ❑ Who said they would eat crow if they were wrong about timeline for a widely available vaccine w/solid safety & efficacy data?
- ❑ Who coined the phrase “Vermont Pediatric Nation?”
- ❑ Who authored: “*COVID-19 Transmission and Children: The Child Is Not to Blame*”
- ❑ Who was okay with “Coronavirus” as an ingredient in their Ben and Jerry’s ice cream flavor but said they do not like coconut?
- ❑ Who appeared on WCAX (Nov.) to discuss “Keeping Kids in School”?

## ***Who is . . .***

- ❑ Leah Costello
- ❑ Bill Raszka
- ❑ Lewis First
- ❑ Ben Lee
- ❑ Christine Finley

# COVID-19 Hall of Fame: General Categories

- **Lisa Gannon:** *Chief Shenanigans Watcher*
- **Melissa Kaufold:** *Best/Most Numerous Links to Share*
  - ▣ Also recognized for sense of humor!
- **Nathaniel Waite and Ben Lee (tie):** *responded to most questions in chat before we even saw the questions*
- **Alicia Veit:** *Most Challenging Clinical Questions*
- **Kaitlyn Kodzis:** *Rookie of the Year*

# Call Participation Hall of Fame Top 5



**#5: Buzz Land, MD, Larner COM Dept. of Pediatrics**  
**140 calls!**

# Call Participation Hall of Fame Top 5



**#4: Ashley Miller, MD, South Royalton Health Center**  
**142 calls!**

# Call Participation Hall of Fame Top 5



Alex Bannach, MD,  
North Country  
Pediatrics

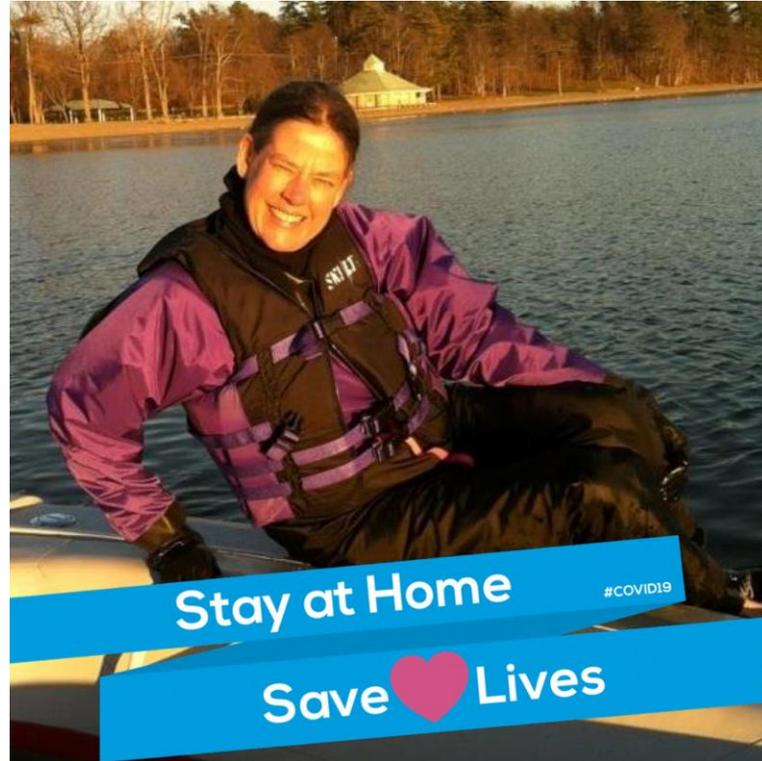
*#3: It's a tie!*

**149 calls!**



Benjamin Lee, MD,  
UVMCH & Larner COM  
Dept. of Pediatrics

# Call Participation Hall of Fame Top 5



#2: Halle Davis

151 calls!

# Call Participation Hall of Fame Top 5



**#1: Becky Collman, MD, Collman Pediatrics**

**165 calls!** *(That's all of them...)*

# Gratitude!



- FOR my co-leader!
- FROM my co-leader!

# From the AAP

## ***Coming Soon:***

- **Updated interim guidance** on COVID-19 Testing; PPE; Face Masks (previously cloth face coverings); Telehealth; Family presence; COVID-19 Vaccine; Clarification in Return to Sports

## ***COVID-19 Town Hall Series:***

- Thursday, March 18, 8 pm Eastern: ***COVID-19 Pediatric Clinical Updates***
  - ▣ **Topics:** COVID-19 illness in children, MIS-C, therapeutics, “long COVID”, the outlook for advancing vaccines in children
  - ▣ **Presenters:** Drs. Ed Conway (Jacobi Med. Ctr.); Sandy Hong (U. of Iowa COM); Bonnie Maldonado (Stanford; chair AAP COVID); Peter Rowe (JHU)

# Summer Opportunities: Survey in Progress



## Summer 2021 programs and operational details

Hello! Vermont Afterschool is excited to be partnering with key state partners to expand summer program opportunities for children and youth. While there are many benefits to enrichment opportunities year round, we know that there are academic, social, and emotional needs of our children coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic which make this summer and the coming year especially crucial. To support getting as many kids in to summer programs and enrichment activities as possible, we are hoping to collect the information you have available on your program's 2021 summer plans. With your permission, we will use the information you provide to help populate a searchable resource page for families, which the Governor's Office and other state and local partners will be promoting. Additionally, this information will help us identify the best ways to support the field in creating supportive and safe summer spaces.

After you submit your form, you will receive an email with your responses and a link to go back and edit responses if any plans should change.

Should you have questions about this effort, please contact [info@vermontafterschool.org](mailto:info@vermontafterschool.org)

# Save the Date: Health Equity Interactive Session

- Program of Northern Vermont Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- Stacie L. Walton, MD, MPH, clinical/academic pediatrician; medical consultant for HCPs/institutions for >25 years; recently retired from Kaiser Permanente (Diversity Champion)
- Details in tonight's email

*(Thank you, Melissa Kaufold)*

===== SAVE THE DATE =====



**QUALITY CARE IS EQUITABLE CARE**  
The case for culturally and linguistically responsive health care

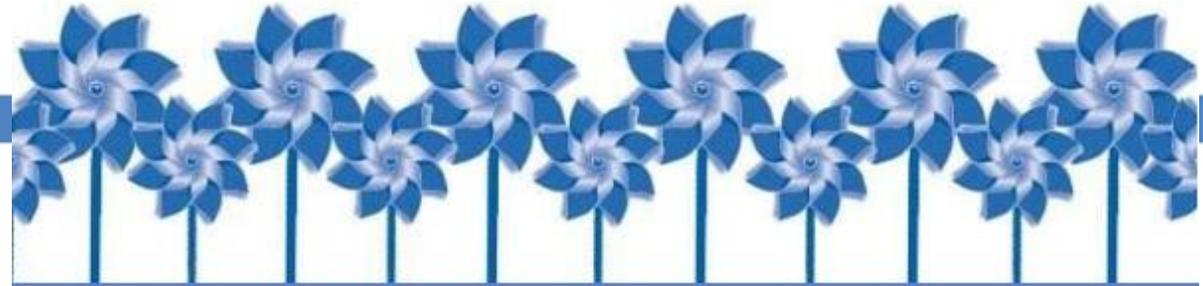
**THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 ♦ 1:00 to 3:15 PM**

SESSION THREE- Reducing Implicit Bias in Health Care: Moving Toward Equal Treatment

# Save the Date!

- What? **Child maltreatment conference**
- Who? **James Metz, MD MPH** & other expert speakers
- When? **April 29**, 8 am – 12:15 pm via live stream
- How? **Register at:**

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=3cdb8290-cfe5-4dbb-b73b-29ecabed13f0&preview=true&m=1130384660698&id=preview>



**Recognizing and Responding to Child Maltreatment  
Promoting Child Abuse Awareness in VT Conference**

**Thursday, April 29, 2021  
8:00am -12:15pm  
LIVE STREAM**

This conference will help the professional to recognize sentinel injuries, sexual abuse and neglect. Participants will learn about the mental health implications of trauma and abuse and will learn strategies for effective reporting.



**James Metz, MD, MPH - Course Director**

Assistant Professor, Pediatrics  
Division Chief, Child Abuse Medicine  
UVM Larner College of Medicine

*"Recognizing Sentinel Injuries" and  
"Child Neglect"*

# Save the Date: Friday, June 4, 2021



**Course Director**  
**David C. Rettew, M.D.**

Join us virtually for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Psychiatry in Primary Care Conference, featuring faculty from UVM and the community.

Topics this year include:

- Assessing Risks After School Violence Threats
- Mental Health Care Needs in Primary Care
- Child Psychiatry in the Emergency Department
- Integrated Care Forum
- Praising and Overpraising
- Post COVID Mental Health
- Anxiety Disorders
- Motivational Interviewing Techniques
- Social Media Use and Mental Health

# 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](mailto: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](https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip_champ_vdh_covid-19_updates)
- Next CHAMP call – ***Monday, March 22, 2021 – 12:15 – 12:45 pm***
- Generally back to **Monday/Wednesday/Friday** schedule
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:  
***Thursday, March 25, 2021 – 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:***
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZlFQ2R3diSVdqdIJ2ZG4yQT09>
  - ▣ Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
- One tap mobile - +1 646 876 9923,,86726253105#,,,,0#,,540684#

# Our Friday Wishes for You

- Enjoy the sunshine!
- Celebrate the Vernal Equinox!

