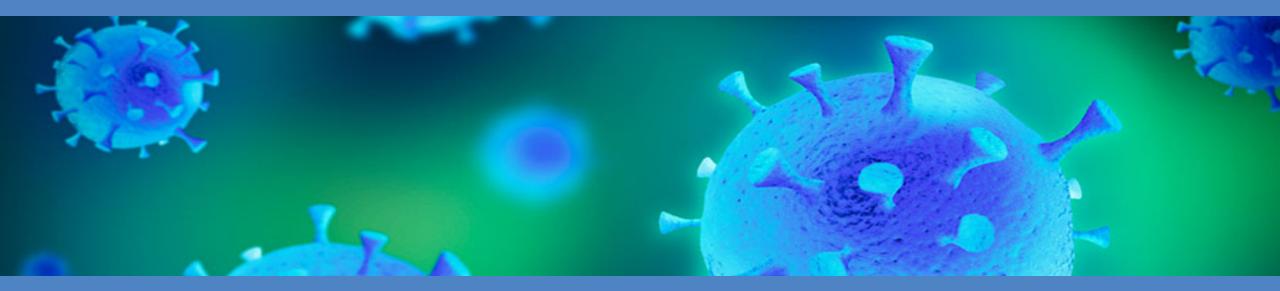
## VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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## Overview

- Town Meeting Eve don't forget to #VoteKids!
- □ 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of JFK Executive Order estab. Peace Corps
  - https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-the-peace-corps-and-whitesaviorism-20210301-y55gvqiyy5hd3pgud44qeqme64-story.html
  - https://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/articles/opinion-we-are-the-problem
  - Happy Thank a Resident Day! (2/26/21)
- □ Reminder weekly event schedule:
  - VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: M/W/F; Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine Thursday
- □ Situation, VDH, federal updates
- Practice Issues: Returning to "Return to Play"
- Q & A/Discussion

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







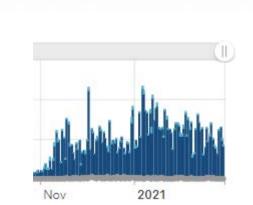


# Situation update

New Cases 85 15,284 Total Currently Hospitalized 24 Hospitalized In ICU 8 Hospitalized Under Investigation Percent Positive 7-day Avg. 1.4% People Tested 331,605 Total Tests 1,076,259 Recovered 12,626 82.6% of Cases Deaths 205 1.3% of Cases Last Updated: 3/1/2021, 10:49:49 AM

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VT New Cases, Probables, Deaths

https://www.healthvermont.gov/co vid-19/current-activity/vermontdashboard

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#### U.S. 28.6 million+ cases; 512,979 deaths

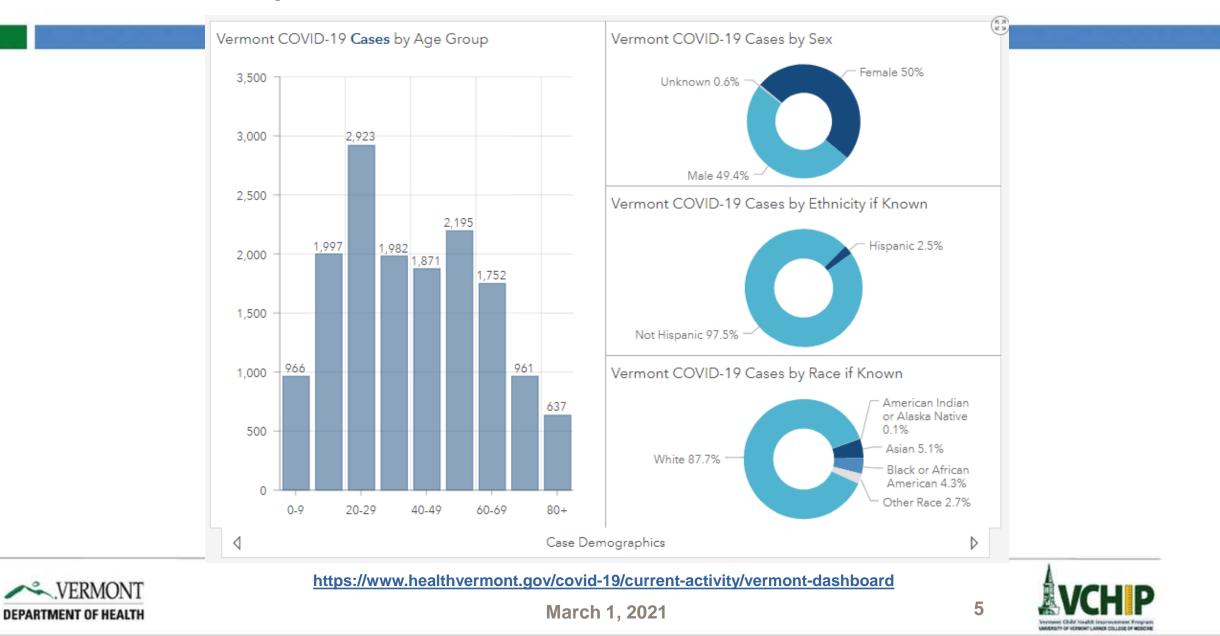
- https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirusus-cases.html (updated 3/1/21)
- **2**/28/21: **50,925 new cases; 1,129 d.; 47,352 hosp.**
- Past week: average 67,868 cases/day (decrease of 26% from average 2 weeks earlier)
- **2.5** million+ deaths worldwide; 114.1 million+ cases)

COVID Tracking Project - cease data coll. 3/7/21

- □ VDH Weekly Data Summary(2/26/21)
  - Weekly Spotlight Topic Cases among Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC)
    - Disproportionate # BIPOC w/COVID-19 in VT. Focus on 1,742 VT resident cases who are Asian, African American or Black, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Hispanic or race other than white.
  - Find previous summaries at:

https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/currentactivity/weekly-data-summary 4

## 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 24, 2021

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

<b>Learning Community</b> 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	33	649

□ VT College & University dashboards:

#### February 21, 2021

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

<b>Learning Community</b> 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	40	637

**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.



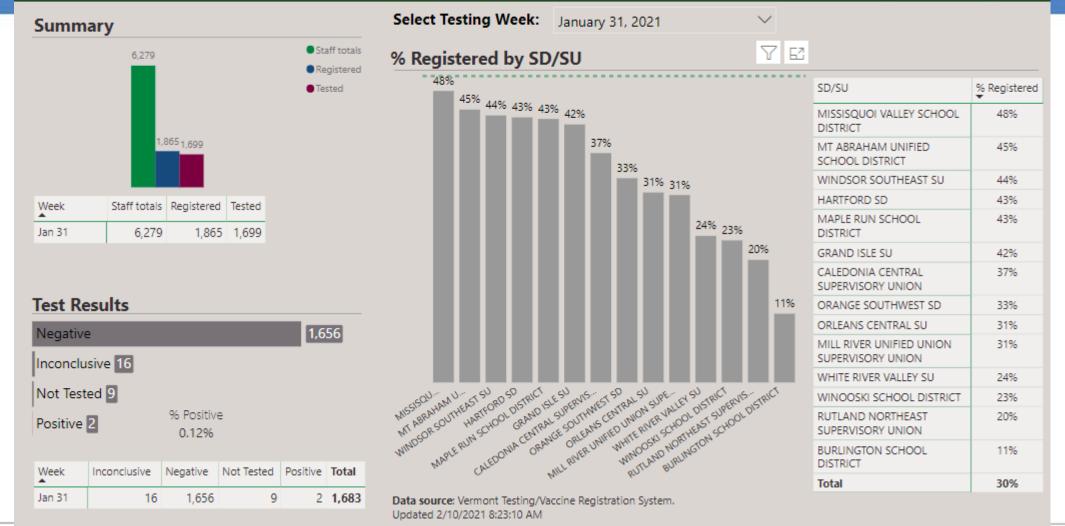




## **AOE School Staff Testing Dashboard**

#### School Staff Testing: Weekly Summary







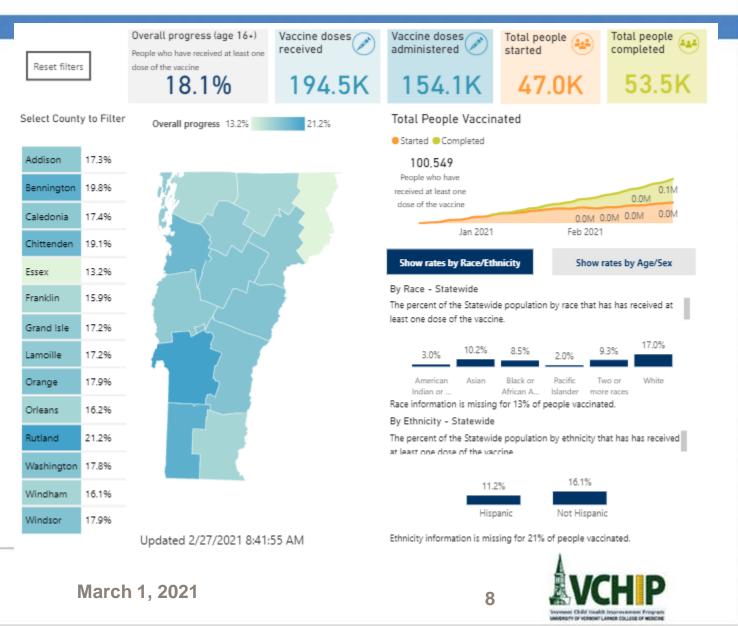
Week of Jan. 31; updated 2/10/21 https://education.vermont.gov/news/covid-19-guidance-vermont-schools/school-staff-covid19surveillance-testing/school-staff-covid-19-surveillance-testing-weekly-summary



## 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-19vaccine-dashboard

**NOTE (2/17/21):** to align w/CDC reporting, # of doses rec'd. for VA & VNG were removed from # doses rec'd: accounted for ~8,300 doses.



# VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration & Sites

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

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COVID-19 Event Porta

Welcome to the COVID-19 Event Portal. Through this portal you can register for a COVID-19

sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health. You will also be able to log in and view your test

2. Check your email to verify your account and get your Patient ID (check your spam folder if

4. Register for a testing or vaccination event.

vaccination clinic or COVID-19 testing event

results once they are available

1. Create an account.

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3. Log in with your Patient ID.

To register:

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Search Events

Create an Account

Enter First Name

Enter Last Name

Enter Phone Number

\* First Name

\* Last Name

\* Phone Number

\* Email Address

See if you're eligible in your state

Enter Email

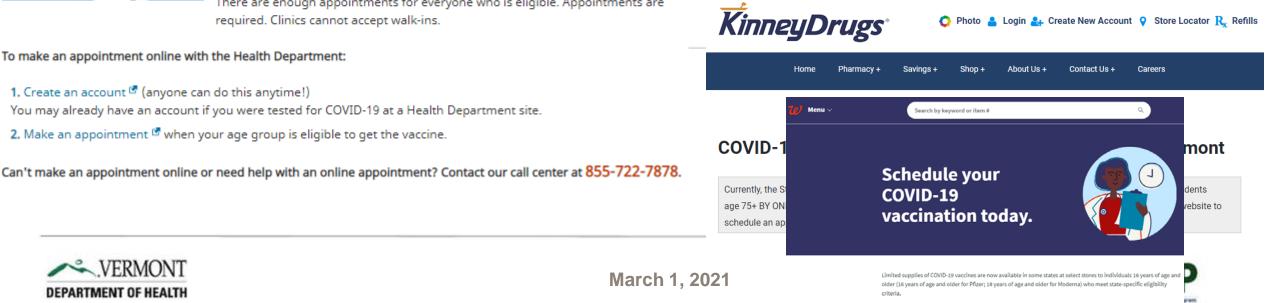
#### **GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE**





#### People age 65 years and older can make appointments now.

There are enough appointments for everyone who is eligible. Appointments are



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

□ Appointments from 2/26/21 – 5/22/21

- 1,041 clinics (health care, VDH POD does not include pharmacies);
   186,511 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.





# VDH Updated Vaccine Toolkit

□ **Updated**: Eligibility-specific, "alert" messaging (currently 65+)

- Social media posts; blog/newsletter; email; letter
- General, "evergreen" messaging about vaccines includes new posts about preparing for vaccine eligibility, safety and efficacy of vaccines, and importance of getting vaccinated.
  - Social media posts
  - Blog/Newsletter
  - Posters (8.5"x11" and 11"x17"). Files for full-bleed posters for commercial printing are available upon request (available in multiple languages).
  - Vaccine fact sheet: "Things You Should Know About COVID-19 Vaccines." (available in multiple languages).

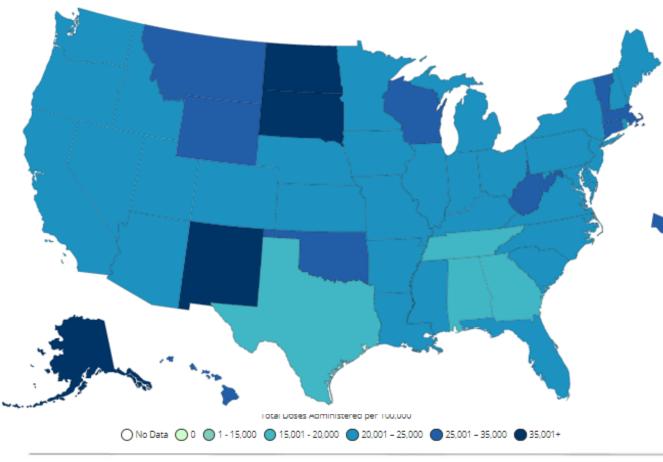






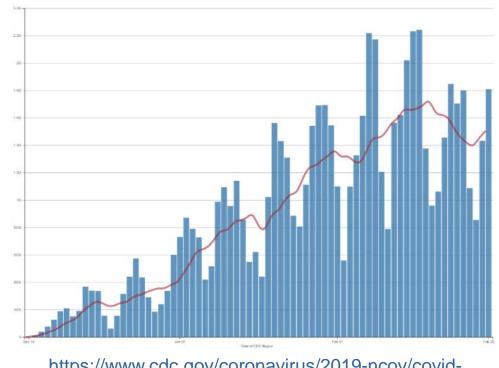
# From the CDC Vaccine Tracker

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



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/coviddata/covidview/index.html

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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 2400 46
B.1.351 53 16
P.1 10 5



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

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## Vaccine News

- FDA issues EUA for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to be distributed in the U.S. for use in individuals 18 years of age and older (2/27/21)
  - Manufacturer: Janssen Biotech, Inc., a Janssen Pharmaceutical Company of Johnson & Johnson
  - https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirusdisease-2019-covid-19/janssen-covid-19-vaccine
  - Materials available: Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Letter; Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Factsheet for Healthcare Providers, Factsheet for Recipients and Caregivers; COVID-19 Vaccines; EUA for Vaccines Explained
- CDC Rochelle Walensky signed ACIP recommendation endorsing safety & effectiveness of this vaccine (2/28/21) <u>https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0228-JJ-vaccine.html</u>



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## Vaccine News

CDC COCA Call: Tuesday, March 2, 2021; 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET -What Clinicians Need to Know about J & J Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

#### **Zoom link:**

https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1603748312?pwd=anlmUURkSEtmdzBLSmNOV 0pJSzZUQT09

- Passcode: 893944 Telephone: US: +1 669 254 5252 or; +1 646 828 7666 or; +1 551 285 1373 or; +1 669 216 1590
- Washington Post: Israel's success in vaccine distribution
- NYT editorial: addressing vaccine hesitancy
- Burlington Free Press: tracking vaccine side effects (e.g., VAERS data) among Vermonters.





## VDH Update: Vaccine Implementation Advisory Committee

Met Friday, 2/26/21 – Agenda:

- Overview; Vermonters with developmental disabilities as a high risk health condition; current landscape; equity efforts; J & J vaccine; vaccine hesitancy & outreach; public comment
  - https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/about-covid-19-vaccinesvermont#conditions
- High-risk health conditions in Phase 5: current cancer; chronic kidney disease; COPD (incl. emphysema & chronic bronchitis; heart disease, incl. heart attack, heart failure, CHF, CAD, (angina, acute and chronic ischemic heart disease), cardiomyopathies, and pulmonary hypertension. Does NOT include high blood pressure.

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## VDH Update: Vaccine Implementation Advisory Committee

- High-risk health conditions in Phase 5 (cont'd.): Immunocompromised due to solid organ transplant, blood, or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, or other causes; or HIV with a low CD4 cell count or not on HIV treatment; prolonged use of corticosteroids or other immune suppressing drugs; severe obesity (BMI of 40 or above); pregnancy; Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes; disabilities incl. chromosomal disorders (Down syndrome); intellectual **disabilities** (IQ of 70 or below); disabilities that compromise lung fcn. (neurologic/muscular conditions such as muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, and multiple sclerosis); sickle cell disease
- VMS/AAPVT/VAFP actively working with AHS to make this a streamlined process!





# VT AOE Update

 Recovery Guidance document now available at: <u>https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-guidance-education-recovery-no1.pdf</u>

- AOE Deputy Secretary Heather Bouchey will join our call Monday, March 15, 2021
- Please reach out to your local school/district administrators, school nurses, COVID coordinators and VDH school liaisons to offer assistance.





# WH Briefing (today – 3/1/21)

#### **CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky**

- □ Evidence that falling case rates "stalling" in range of 70K cases/day
- J & J news: ACIP does not state a preference for specific vaccine; encourage get whatever vaccine available ASAP; J & J advantages include single dose; easier to store/transport.





# WH Briefing (3/1/21 – cont'd.)

### **Dr. Anthony Fauci**

Comparison of mechanism and efficacy across current vaccines
 Encouraging all to get whatever vaccine available ASAP
 Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith, COVID-19 Equity Task Force Chair
 Get vaccinated with 1<sup>st</sup> vaccine available to you – protect yourself, your family & your community.







## WH Briefing (3/1/21 – cont'd.)

#### **COVID Response Coordinator Jeff Zients**

- Have been working to be ready to roll out J & J vaccine; distributing 3.9m doses to be delivered as early as tomorrow.
- Alloc. same as other vax: proportional to state/tribal/territory population.
   Directed states to manage distribution of all 3 vaccines in fair/equitable way monitoring closely via zip codes and social vulnerability metrics.
- □ This week: 3.9m. J & J is entire amt. available. Supply will be ltd. for next couple of wks. following initial dist., then addtl. 16m. doses by end March.
- Distribution will be "uneven" early on; then predominantly 2<sup>nd</sup> half Mar.
- □ Getting doses out the door as quickly as possible.

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□ Current 7d. overall average = 1.7m. doses/day (includes days impacted



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# 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

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



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

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

### (Thank you, Melissa Kaufold)







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# **Practice Issues**

# **Returning to Return to Play**



https://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/sports/





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## This Just In

### UPDATED AAP Interim Guidance on Return to Sports and Physical Activity after COVID-19 infection







# **3 DOCUMENTS**

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## **Distribution Plan**

- Going out thru multiple channels: VPA, athletic trainers/directors, SNs, COVID coordinators (AAVT & VAFP?)
- Posted prominently on VCHIP COVID-19 web page
- VDH school liaison staff working hard in additional roles in vaccine clinics & outbreak prevention request your assistance to support your local schools, Districts!
  - Some already have thank you! (Deanne Haag, FNESU & FWSU)







# Questions/feedback under consideration

### <u>Schools</u>

- Categorizing what activities are appropriate at different stages in the protocol (PE, recess, intramural sports, school sports)
- Who is monitoring the child during the 7-day protocol? (School nurses, Athletic Trainers, PE teachers)
- What is school role w/protocol for monitoring and documenting returnto-play?
  - When should this protocol be enforced in schools and for what activities?
- What if students had COVID-19 in the past and have already returnedto-play/sports/physical activity?
- School needs rationale to explain/enforce this protocol to families/







# Questions/feedback under consideration (cont'd.)

#### **Childcare and out-of-school time**

- Categorizing what activities are appropriate at different stages in the protocol – general/outdoor play, active field trips (hiking, rowing, snowshoeing, skiing), going for walk, open gym
- □ Who is monitoring the child during the 7-day protocol?
- What is the role of the childcare or out-of-school facility in monitoring and documenting return-to-play protocol?







# Questions/feedback under consideration (cont'd.)

#### **Families**

- Categorizing what activities appropriate at different stages in protocol (Outdoor activities [hiking, sledding, skiing, biking, going for walks], general play with other children, lessons, club sports, fitness activities)
- □ What is the parent role in monitoring the child?
  - Who does math for the max HR & percentages to be achieved at each stage?
  - Who will teach to take heart rate of child?
- Risk of myocarditis will be a new concept for families, discuss risk to families, symptoms, is it safe to have kids participating in activity.
  - Quelling anxiety around safety of going to school with risk of getting Covid-19 and having outcomes like myocarditis

Protocol should be explainable at 5th grade literacy level for families/ non VENERALTH March 1, 2021

## **Mask Exemptions**

Guidance document available

Only a few exemptions indicated – sent w/email 2/26/21

Have received inquires, esp. re: implementation as schoolbased athletic competition resumes

Teams may forfeit games if guidance not followed.

Please help support appropriate implementation







### Big Change Roundup: <a href="mailto:bigchangeroundup.org">bigchangeroundup.org</a>

- Largest fundraiser for the UVMCH; funds raised support patients and families (e.g.) 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 inpt. families (ferry passes, gas cards, meal vouchers)
- Please help promote personally & through your practices/ orgs.
- 3/19-3/21: Big Change Roundup Drive Thru Collections (3 loc.)
- 3/26/2021: Big Change Roundup Final Total Announcement (counted off air/off-site)







## 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 *Wednesday, March 3, 2021 12:15 12:45 pm*
- Generally back to Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule
- □ Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:

<u>Thursday, March 4, 2021</u> – 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:

□ Join *Zoom* Meeting:

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

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