Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Senior Faculty, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM
Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH
March 22, 2021
1) All participants will be muted upon joining the call.
2) If you dialed in or out, unmute by pressing #6 to ask a question (and press *6 to mute).
   If you are having audio difficulties and are using your computer speakers, you may wish to dial in:

   Call in number – 1-866-814-9555
   Participant Code – 6266787790

**Presenters:** Please avoid the use of speakerphone and make sure your computer speaker is muted if you dialed in via phone.

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

- Observing World Water Day
  - U.N. Sustainable Development Goal 6 (of 17)
  - Advocating for sustainable management of freshwater resources

- 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

- Practice Issues: Monday Potpourri

- Q & A/Discussion

[Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve very rapidly – so the information we’re providing today may change quickly]
U.S. 29.8 million+ cases; 541,937 deaths

- 3/21/21: 34,217 new cases; 444 d.; 39,333 hosp.
- Past week: average 54,404 cases/day (decrease of 7% from average 2 weeks earlier)
- 2.7 million+ deaths worldwide; 123.2 million+ cases)

VDH Weekly Data Summary (3/19/21)

- No Spotlight Topic
COVID-19 Cases in Vermont K-12 Learning Communities While Infectious

- Table updated **Tuesday & Friday** w/data through previous Sunday & Wednesday.

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<th>Learning Community</th>
<th>Cases Reported In the Past 7 Days</th>
<th>Total Cases</th>
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<td>TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS</td>
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<td>786</td>
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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**st** 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.
From Weekly Data Summary (3/19/21): rates of COVID remain highest among Vermonters age **20-29 years** (395.4/10,000), followed by adolescents/teens **age 10-19** (315.7/10,000). Rates among adolescent pop. have been increasing (1st time this age group has 2nd highest rate of infection. Among all school-aged children, rates are highest among HS students **14-18 yo**.
VPA meeting **today** to determine D-1 boys hockey final game
- BFA St. Albans – Essex (was scheduled for Wed., 3/24/21)

Other hockey:
- Boys: Stowe, Woodstock, Rice, South Burlington
- Girls: North Country/Lyndon

Girls basketball
- CVU, Peoples

Boys basketball
- Leland and Gray, Stowe

All sports: Missisquoi
Week of March 7; updated 3/17/21

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

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.
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GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Blue button above is for appointments at state-run clinics, Costco and Walmart. You can also get an appointment at Kinney Drugs, CVS or Walgreens.

See information on appointments, or set up an account now.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

People 65 years and older
Make an appointment anywhere. No passcode is needed.

People 16 years or older with high-risk health conditions
Make an appointment anywhere EXCEPT Walgreens. No passcode is needed. See high-risk health conditions.

› School staff and child care workers
› People who work in the public safety system
› Health care personnel
› English language learners and people in immigrant/refugee communities
› Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC)

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling at Kinney Drugs in Vermont

Currently, the State of Vermont allows:
- Vermont residents and AR
- Free* COVID-19 Vaccine

Kinney Drugs

CVS pharmacy®

Now offering the FREE* COVID-19 vaccine in select stores

We're administering the vaccine by appointment only based on local eligibility guidelines.
No cost with insurance or through federal program for the uninsured.

VCHIP

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### WHEN CAN VERMONTERS SIGN UP FOR A COVID-19 VACCINE?

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<td>K-12 teachers and staff, child care, public safety</td>
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<td>Registration opens April 12</td>
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<td>Ages 16+</td>
<td>Registration opens April 19</td>
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Most Vermonters should expect the entire process, from registration to when the vaccine is most effective, to take about two months.

Goal to have Vermonters fully vaccinated by July 2021
Appointments from 3/22/21 – 5/25/21

- **169,269 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.
Vaccine News

AstraZeneca – Oxford University COVID-19 vaccine

- U.S. Phase III clinical trial interim safety/efficacy analysis (32,449 participants) [https://www.astrazeneca.com/content/astraz/media-centre/press-releases/2021/astrazeneca-us-vaccine-trial-met-primary-endpoint.html]:
  - 79% efficacy at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infections overall
  - 100% efficacy against severe disease or critical disease & hospitalization
  - 80% efficacy in participants ≥ 65 y.o.

- No serious safety issues
  - Favorable reactogenicity & overall safety profile
  - No blood clots or abnormal bleeding

- Anticipate application to FDA for Emergency Use Authorization in the coming weeks
From the CDC Vaccine Tracker


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

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

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

**Filters**

- 0 to 0
- 1 to 150
- 151 to 300
- 301 to 450
- 451 to 600
- 601 to 750
- 751+

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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
Experiences and Well-Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic — COVID Experiences Survey, United States, Oct. 8–Nov. 13, 2020

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.

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.
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/](https://vermontpuremaple.com/)
  
  Thank you, Chelsea Cordner!
Practice Issues

Monday Potpourri
What do these 12 states (includes AK) have in common as of 3/19/21?

- A. Rising infection rates
- B. Adults 16+ eligible for COVID-19 vaccine before May 1
- C. Governors have lifted mask mandates
- D. Restaurants have reopened at full capacity
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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 **U.S.**
- Will **receive** millions of doses of Astra-Zeneca vaccine from another country **Canada & Mexico**
- Lifted suspension on using Astra-Zeneca vaccine **France, Germany** +
- A major city in this country just imposed a 4-week lockdown **France**

- **Canada**
- **France**
- **Mexico**
- **Germany**
- **United States**
- **United Kingdom**
- **Australia**
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? Ben

☐ Who coined the phrase “Vermont Pediatric Nation?” Lewis


☐ Who was okay with “Coronavirus” as an ingredient in their Ben and Jerry’s ice cream flavor but said they do not like coconut? Ben

☐ Who appeared on WCAX (Nov.) to discuss “Keeping Kids in School”? Leah

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*
Reprising the Call Participation Hall of Fame

- #5: Buzz Land (LCOM & Pediatric Medicine) – 140 calls!
- #4: Ashley Miller, S. Royalton Health Center – 142 calls!
- #3: Alex Bannach (North Country Pediatrics) & Ben Lee (UVM CH & LCOM) – 149 calls!
- #2: Halle Davis (Niles Kenworthy Dental) – 151 calls
- #1: Becky Collman (Collman Pediatrics) = 165 calls!
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.
- **3/26/2021:** Big Change Roundup Final Total Announcement (counted off air/off-site)
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

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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

(Thank you, Melissa Kaufold)
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

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

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

Join us virtually for the 14th 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

Course Director
David C. Rettew, M.D.
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 you need – how can we be helpful (specific guidance)?
- Next CHAMP call – Wednesday, March 24, 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=VkVuNTJ1ZFQ2R3diSVdqkJ2ZG4yQT09
    - Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
    - One tap mobile - +1 646 876 9923,,86726253105#,,,,0#,,540684#