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Overview

- Situation update
  - Surveillance
  - Testing
- Other VDH Updates
- New resources/presentations
- Practice Issues: payment issues; Medicaid retainer; continued F/U on telehealth/phone care
- Question and Answer

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

1 additional positive patient at Champlain Valley Expo surge site

11 patients in ICU

10 patients on ventilators

Some test results reveal patients w/o medical homes. Consider CHCB, FQHCs for referral (FTF visit is best practice for new patient but not required)

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Last Updated (M/DD/YYYY): 4/15/2020, 10:15 EDT
Situation update (cont’d.)

COVID-19 Cases by Age Group

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New and Cumulative Vermont COVID-19 Cases

Cases by Date and Age
Situation update: Testing

- Public Health Laboratory ran 292 tests yesterday and doing 307 tests today (198 from VT Veterans’ Home)
- UVMMC ran 32 rapid tests (45-minute turnaround)
- UVMMC ran 50 additional in-house tests
- 133 tests sent to Broad (MIT)
- 27 tests sent to Mayo (but moving away from Mayo due to transport issues)
- Test per capita variability by Hospital Service Area (SEE map next slide)
Tests by Hospital Service Area

COVID-19 Per Capita Tests by Hospital Service Area

Tests as of 3/30/2020
137 tests have undefined locations

Tests as of 4/8/2020
9 tests have undefined locations

Includes tests from offices to private labs, from hospitals/other testing centers.
Based on address of collection site.

April 15, 2020
Serology Testing Work Group under way (anticipate report by week’s end) – priority this week.

Speculation that most people have NOT seen virus. Initial goal was to protect the healthcare system; next issue will be protecting vulnerable people from illness through increased testing and population health strategies, vs. health care strategies.

Most recent data suggests entering plateau phase; most pos. in facilities (large/modest outbreaks). Surge predictions???

28 deaths (4/14/20) higher per capita than many states (but not comparable to NY, CA, LA)

Doubling rate is 9-11-12 days

PPE picture is favorable (please resubmit requests if still awaiting supply).
New Resources/Presentations

- CHAMP Network MOC Project call 4/14/20 – Managing ADHD in the home to support school engagement: Strategies PCP’s can offer parents/caregivers
- Today’s Pediatric Grand Rounds – COVID-19 Town Hall: The Non-Infectious Complications of This Virus
- Today: Children and Young Adults' Mental Health During the Coronavirus (UVM Continuing Education – for parents, caregivers, community)
- We will disseminate presentations/links
Practice Issues

Payment Updates, Medicaid Retainer Policy
Pediatrician colleague received Medicaid payment for wellness codes 99392 – 99394.

- Used usual modifiers (as if an in-office visit) with POS of 2 for dates of service in April.
- Medicaid had denied late March claim dates – plans to resubmit
- We believe policy was supposed to be active as of 3/23/20.

- Ongoing discussion re: WCC under 2 y.o. (esp. with BCBSVT)
Examples of eligible organizations: primary care, FQHCs, RHCs, HHAs, Adult Day, ambulance svcs., dental, licensed mental health clinicians, ABA

Application: financial info, narrative re: practice changes, payer mix, anticipated revenue loss

Application period: 3/27/20 – 4/21/20

Weekly review by Agency of Human Services team

Providers must continue to serve Medicaid population throughout State of Emergency

“Funding may be subject to recoupment”
Current Status

- **Practice Uptake**
  - 39 applications total
  - 13 approved for total of 829K to be deposited electronically to usual Medicaid payment account
  - Second review cycle this week (week of 4/13/20)

- **Practice type distribution (1st review cycle):**
  - pediatric, naturopathic, specialty, residential care, adult day, recovery (mostly rural)
Issue of Concern & Response

- Retainer is one of several provider financial relief mechanisms pursued by AHS as part of multi-phased plan based upon potential (emergency) funding mechanisms.

- Thus, remains unclear whether retainer = grant or loan that will require payback. Practices may NOT be applying due to this uncertainty.

- Health care coalition will send letter noting anticipated ongoing significant adverse impact on pediatric practices even as we move into “recovery phase”

- [https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19](https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19)
Upcoming topics

- Continue to follow telehealth, telephone coverage, other financial relief.
- Larner College of Medicine student experience
- UVM Children’s Hospital pediatric resident experience
- Serology Testing Work Group Report
Questions/Discussion

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

- 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: Thursday, April 16, 12:15-12:45 (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow)

- Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:
  - Tuesday, April 21, 12:15-12:45
  - Phone: 1-802-552-8456
  - Conference ID: 993815551