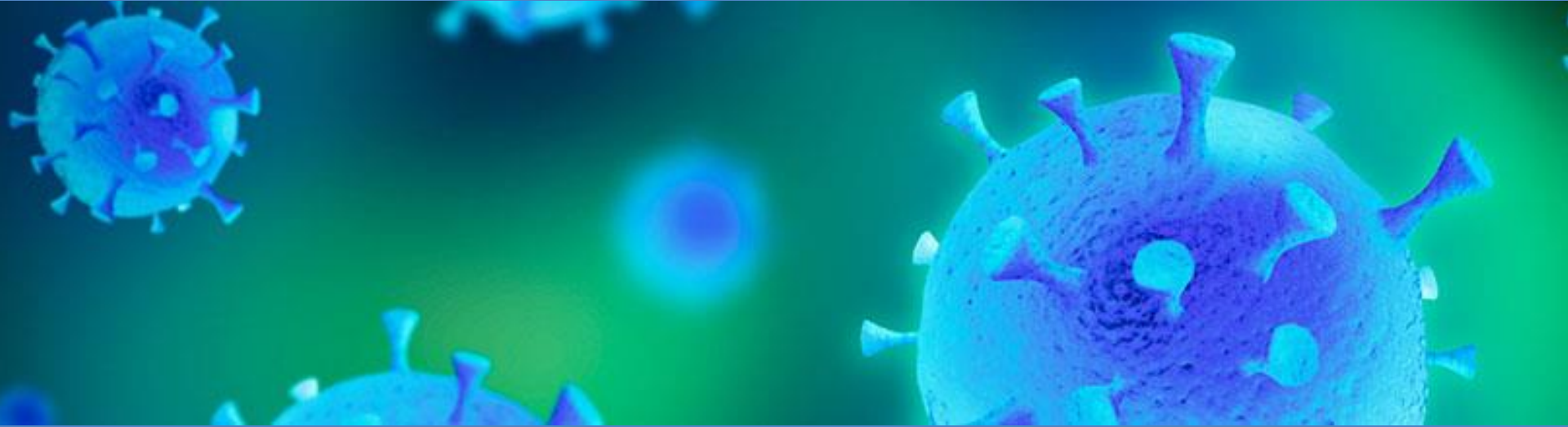


# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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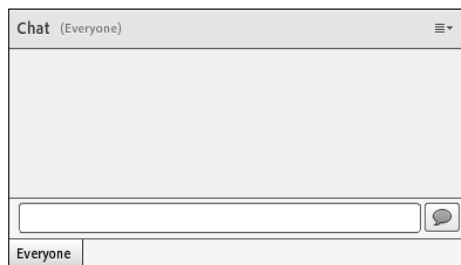
# Technology Notes

**1) All participants will be muted upon joining the call.**

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# Overview

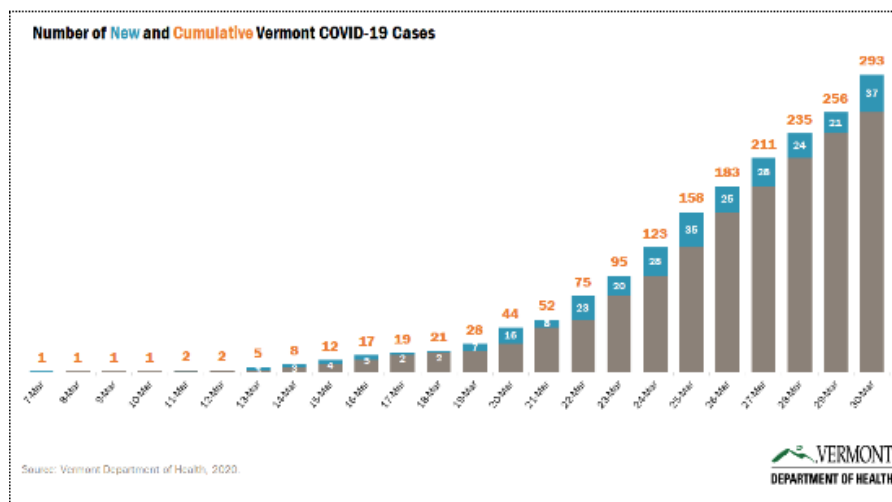
- ❑ Situation update
  - ❑ Surveillance, including LIMITED pediatric data
  - ❑ New information/resources
  - ❑ Other information/resources/follow-up
- ❑ Sharing practice strategies: Planned Parenthood of Northern New England  
Donna Burkett, MD – Medical Director
- ❑ Question and answer
- ❑ AAP-Vermont Executive Board meeting will follow immediately – please remain on the line

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

# Situation Update

- VMS-sponsored call w/Commissioner Levine (3/31) – watch for update
- Surveillance

Positive test results*	293
Total tests conducted	4,250
Deaths*	13
People being monitored	237
People who have completed monitoring	556



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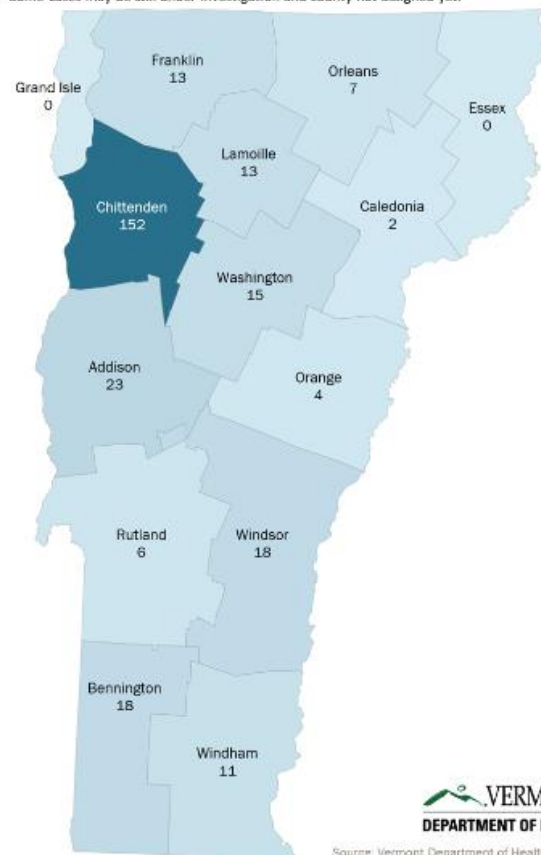
# Situation Update

- VT Hospital data:
  - 30 patients hospitalized w/COVID-19
  - 9 patients in ICU; 1 on ventilator
- VT Pediatric data (3/31/20)
  - Tested 150 symptomatic pediatric patients 0-15 years
  - One patient positive (.7%)
  - Compare to Seattle Children's (3/25): tested 919 symptomatic pediatric patients: 6 pos. (.7%); 2 hosp. (both w/underlying conditions)

## Vermont Case Count – March 31, 2020

\*People who tested positive for COVID-19 in Vermont while visiting or seeking care are included in the Vermont county where they were identified.

\*\*Some cases may be still under investigation and county not assigned yet.



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Source: Vermont Department of Health, 2020

# New Information/Resources

- Special Pediatric Grand Rounds TODAY (4/1/20):
  - ▣ **COVID-19 Update:** What Healthcare Providers Caring for Children Need to Know: A Virtual Town Hall (Drs. Ben Lee and Bill Raszka)
  - ▣ **Slides, recording, notes available** from Dept. of Peds & at VCHIP COVID-19 web page
- Institute for Health Metrics & Evaluation/IHME, Seattle:  
<https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections> (U.S. & state by state projections of hospital surge & resource use – DIFFER from other models being used in Vermont)
- VDH HAN (3/31/20): VT HCPs Asked to be OnCall for Vermont to Support COVID-19 Medical Efforts (Medical Reserve Corps)

# Grand Rounds: a few takeaways

- Don't know why children less often/less severely affected
- Infectiousness drops fairly quickly after day 7 for most patients
- **SEE presentation re:** mgt. ill contacts HCWs
- Testing: VT expansion, but cont. to prioritize:
  - ▣ Pts. w/moderate to severe disease (e.g. hosp. pts.)
  - ▣ Health care workers with s/s
  - ▣ High risk groups (immunocomp., med. conditions)
  - ▣ Recommend centralized testing (conserves PPE)

# UVM MC Pediatrics Approach to PPE

## UVMMC COVID19 OUPT PEDIATRICS PPE PLAN – 3/30/20

COVID19 OUTPATIENT PEDIATRICS PPE PLAN - UVMMC Pediatric Primary Care					
Type of Visit	Screening		Family	Providers/staff providing direct care	Notes
<b>AM Well Visit Families</b>	Screen patient and accompanying parent (current policy allows single adult visitor) for any infectious illness. - Front door screener	If no illness at all	No masks	No mask	
		If any infectious illness	direct to afternoon sick visit clinic		- If patient or family is symptomatic we would want to schedule at a different time
<b>PM Sick Visit Families</b>	Screen patient and accompanying parent for reason for sick visit and current symptoms.	Symptoms of respiratory tract illness (cough, runny nose, sore throat, fever)	Surgical mask for parent and child	- Surgical mask (only upper symptoms; no cough) - Special droplet precautions (cough)	- These families would ideally be referred to Acute Respiratory Clinic - Oropharyngeal swab (strep) does not require special droplet precautions (not aerosolizing test)
		Symptoms of non-respiratory symptoms (diarrhea, vomiting, rash)	No masks	No mask	
<p><b>Infection Control Strategies for all visits:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Triage patients to keep patients with respiratory symptoms to a more appropriate location (care at home or in acute respiratory clinic)</li> <li>2. Frequent good quality hand hygiene with all visits</li> <li>3. Wipe down surfaces frequently, including exam rooms, keyboards, mouse, etc.</li> <li>4. PPE (as above)</li> </ol>					

Courtesy Drs. Benjamin Lee & William Raszka  
 Pediatric Grand Rounds, UVM Children's Hospital  
 April 1, 2020



# Other Information/Resources/Follow-Up

- BCBSVT follow up:
  - ▣ **Considering** outreach to assure maintaining connections to primary medical home
  - ▣ **Considering** addressing premium payments for small businesses
  - ▣ Please continue to take advantage of modifications that support telehealth/phone care, incl. for WCC
- Kaiser Family Foundation Women's Health Policy: **Special Considerations for Pregnant Women**
  - ▣ Will post guidance on VCHIP COVID-19 p.
  - ▣ Hearing pregnant women who live out-of-state **may** seek care in VT - please share if you have info

# Sharing Practice Strategies

## Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

Donna Burkett, MD

Medical Director



# 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](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: **Thursday April 2, 12:15-12:45** (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow)
- ❑ **AAP-VT Exec Board: PLEASE REMAIN ON LINE FOR VIRTUAL MTG.**
- ❑ Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:  
**Next Tuesday, April 7, 12:15-12:45**  
**Phone: 1-802-552-8456**  
**Conference ID: 993815551**