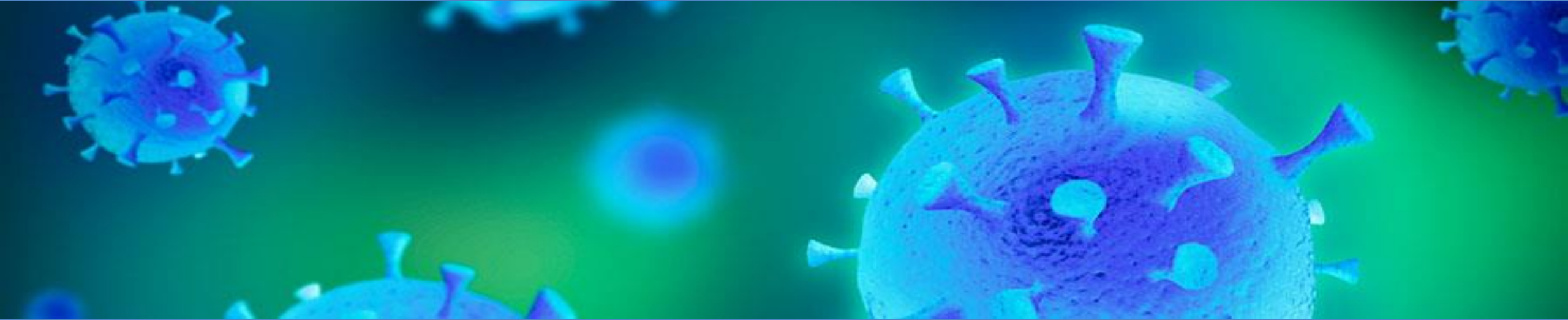


# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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*April 23, 2021*



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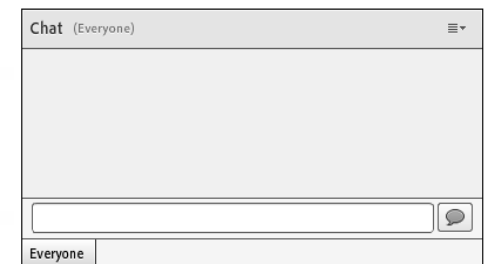
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**Call in number – 1-866-814-9555**

**Participant Code – 6266787790**

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# Overview



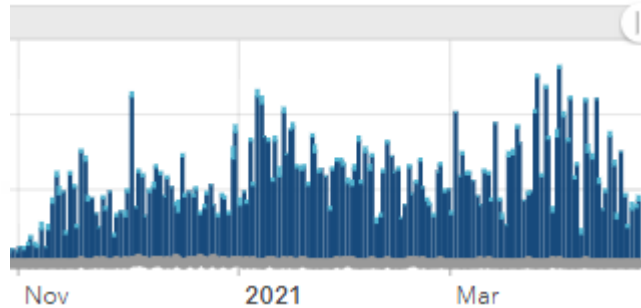
- **Celebrate (UN) Spanish Language Day!**
  - Google doodle celebrates with the ñe: Ñ
  - Tomorrow (4/24) is **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**
  - Prince Louis's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday (photo courtesy of his mum, Duchess Kate) – *where's his helmet?*
- Reminder – weekly event schedule:
  - **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: M/W/F**; Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Fri; VMS call with VDH Comm. Levine Thursday
- Situation, VDH, CDC, AAP updates; Friday media briefing
- Practice Issues: (Rev. guidance) **Child Care & Out-of-School Time**
  - *Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Sr. Faculty; physician advisor to VDH.*
- 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>89</b>
22,416 Total	
Currently Hospitalized	<b>26</b>
Hospitalized In ICU	<b>5</b>
Hospitalized Under Investigation	<b>2</b>
Percent Positive 7-day Avg.	<b>1.3%</b>
People Tested	<b>375,400</b>
Total Tests	<b>1,524,948</b>
Recovered	<b>19,062</b>
85% of Cases	
Deaths	<b>243</b>
1.1% of Cases	
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VT New Cases, Probables, Deaths

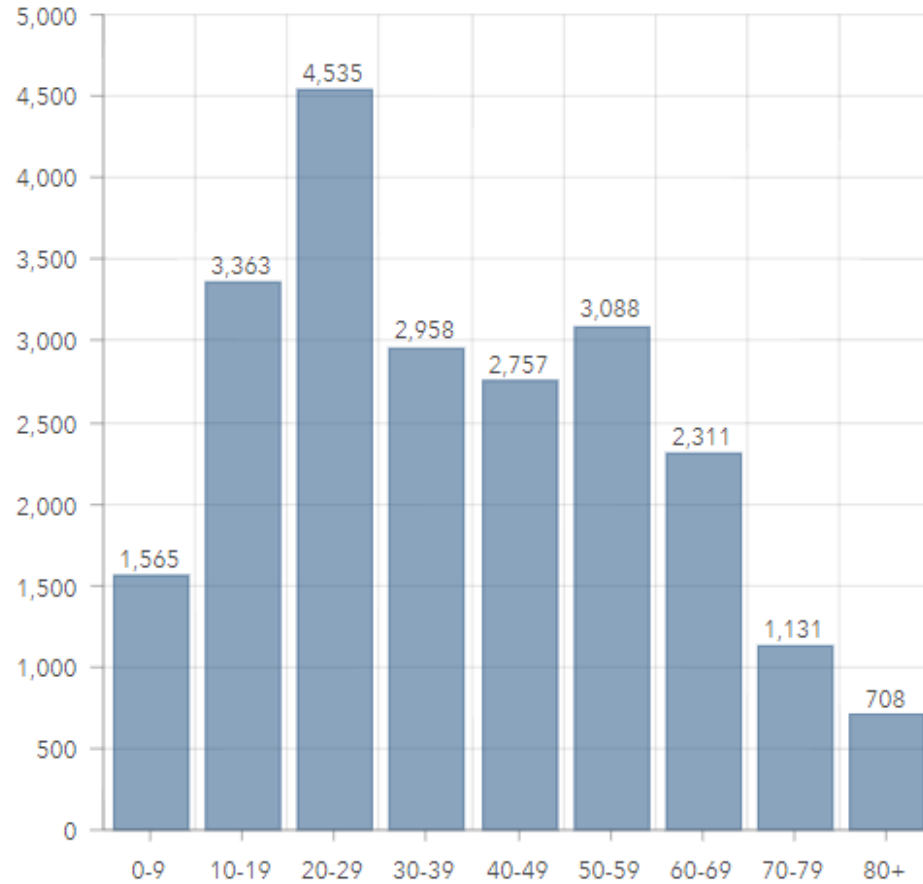
- **Note:** NYT has changed coronavirus tracking pp.
- U.S. **31.9 million+** cases; **569,875 deaths**
  - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 4/23/21)
  - 4/22/21: **66,362 new cases; 911 deaths**
  - Past week: av. 61,901 cases/day (14d. change -6%)
  - **3 million+ deaths worldwide; 144.2 million+ cases**
- **VDH Weekly Data Summary(4/23/21)**
  - **Weekly Spotlight Topic: Facilities (#30) Experiencing More than One Outbreak**
  - SEE also: Case Demographics section with **detailed data on school-aged children**
  - Find previous summaries at: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary>

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/vermont-dashboard>

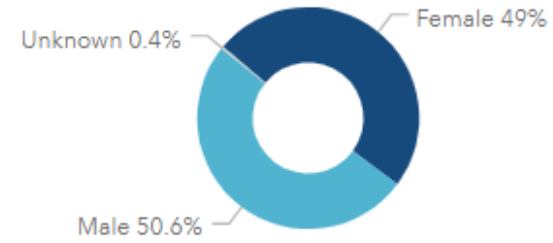
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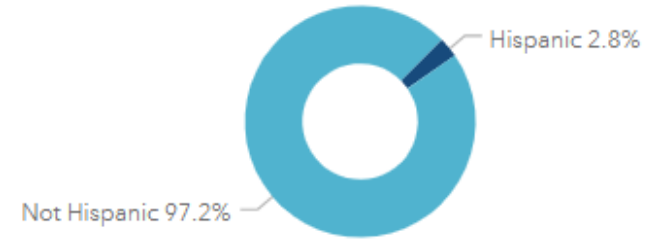
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known



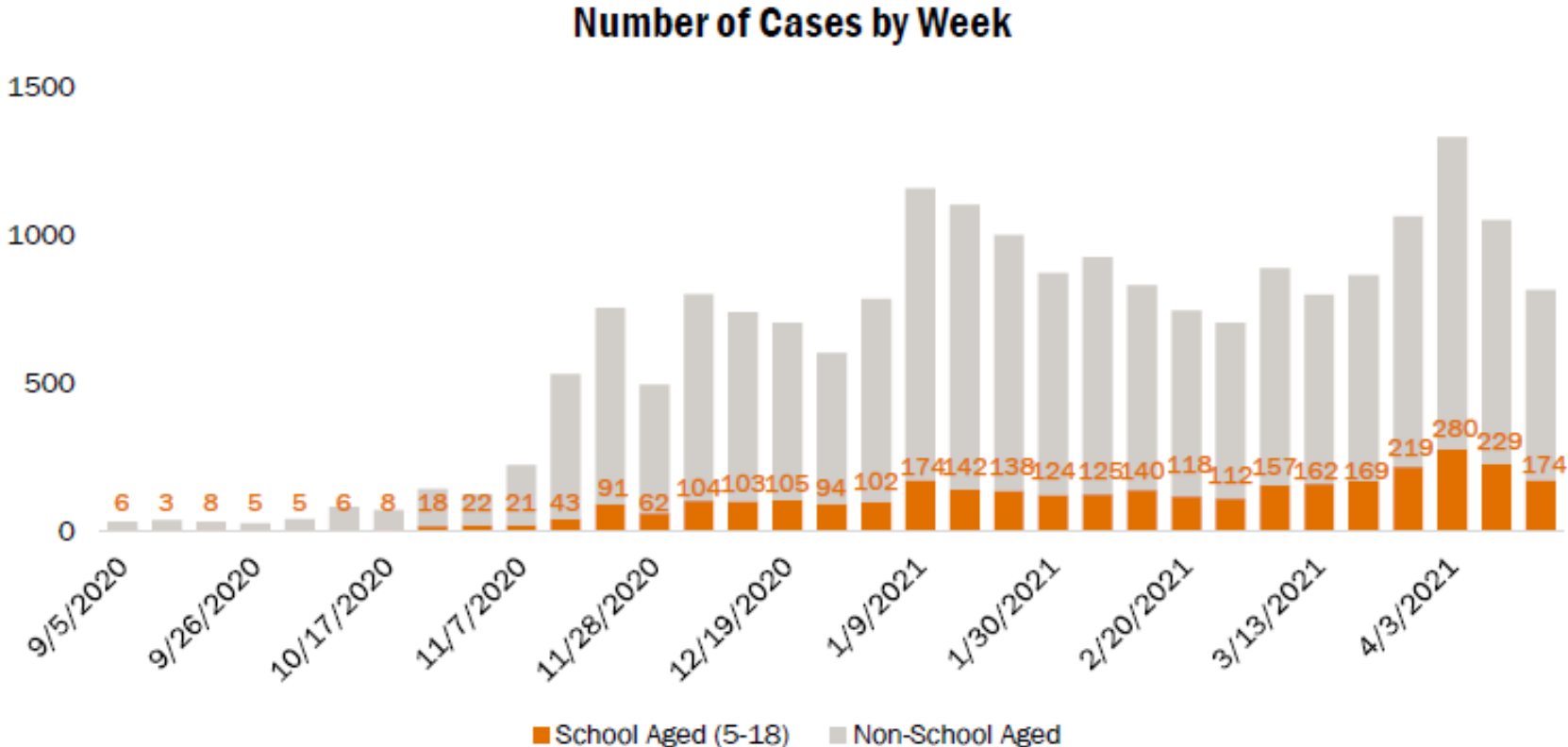
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Case Demographics

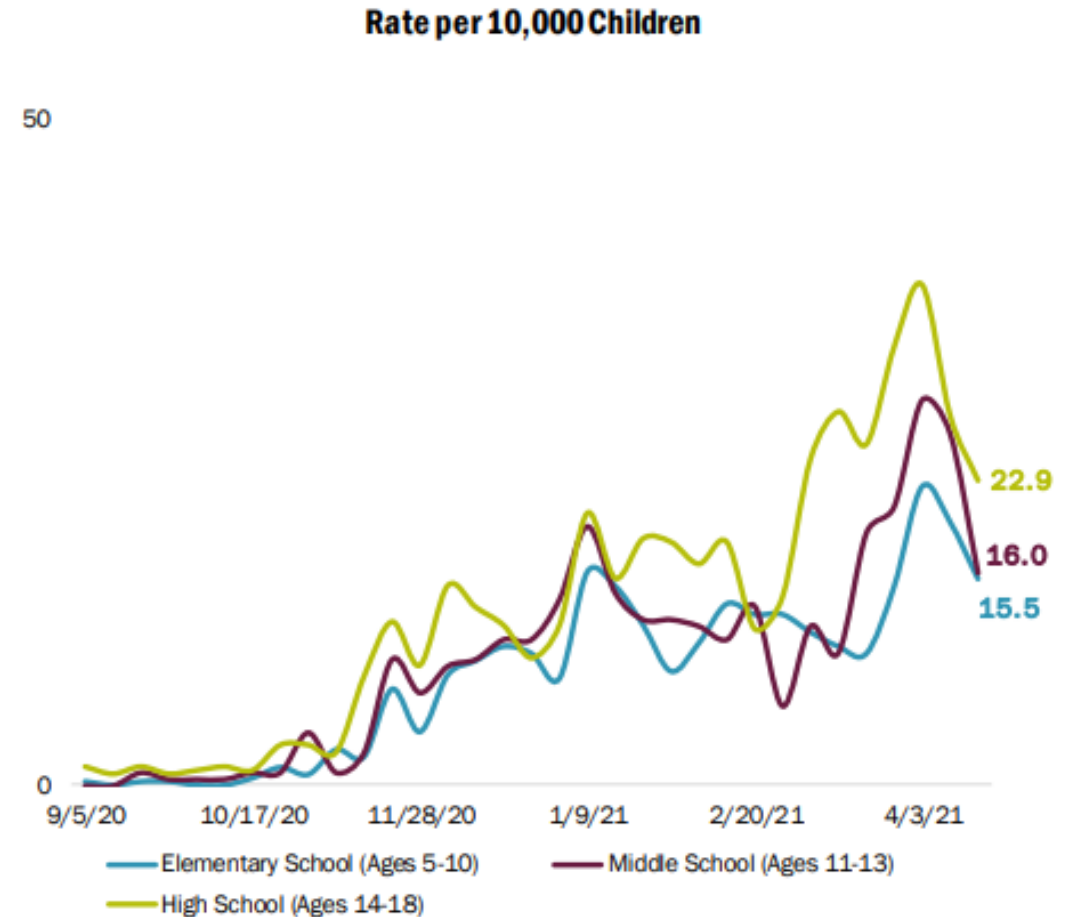
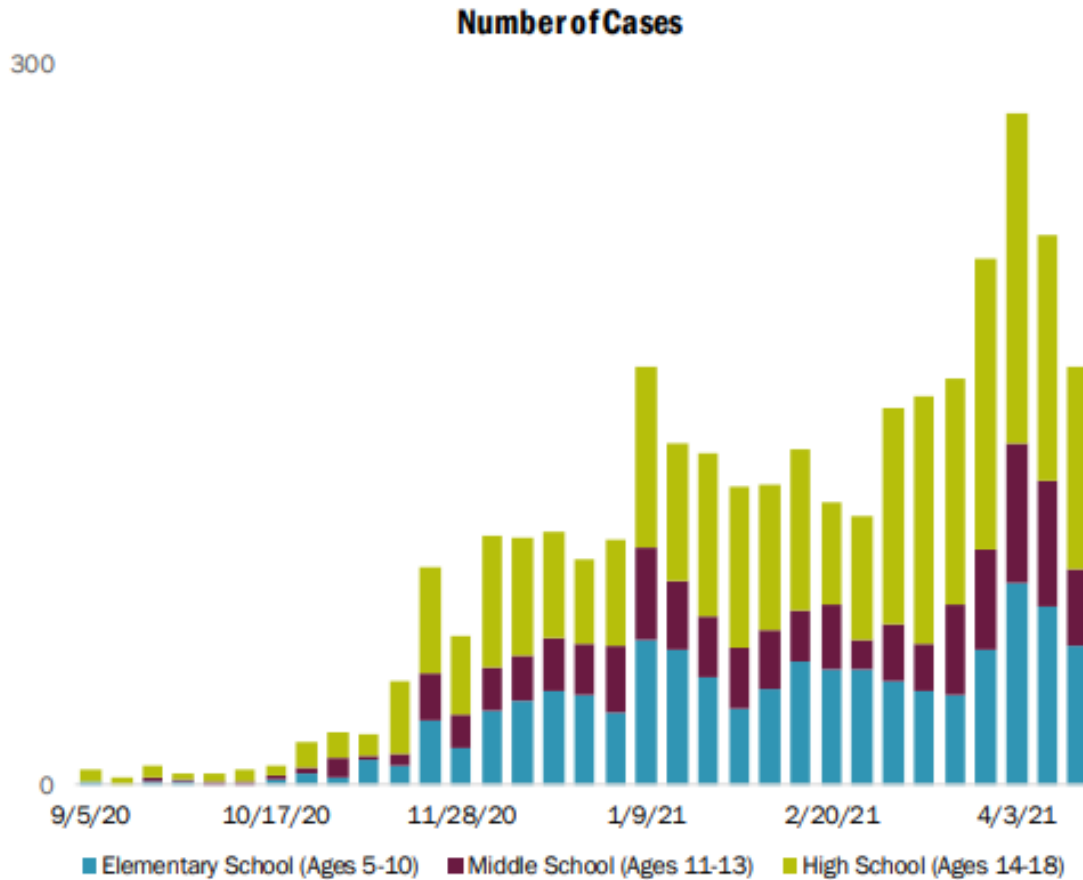
# COVID-19 Cases Among Vermont's School-Aged Children

This brief reflects data as of April 10, 2021 at 7 pm (the last complete MMWR week). All rates are calculated per 10,000 people. The 14-18 year old age group does not include college students. Data is preliminary and subject to change.



# COVID-19 Cases Among Vermont's School-Aged Children

Both the number and the rate of COVID-19 among school aged children have been decreasing in the last two weeks.



# 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.

April 21, 2021

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

Learning Community	Cases Reported In the Past 7 Days	Total Cases
Schools with less than 25 students are reported in the "Total for all Suppressed Schools" row at the end of the table.		
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1240</b>

April 18, 2021

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

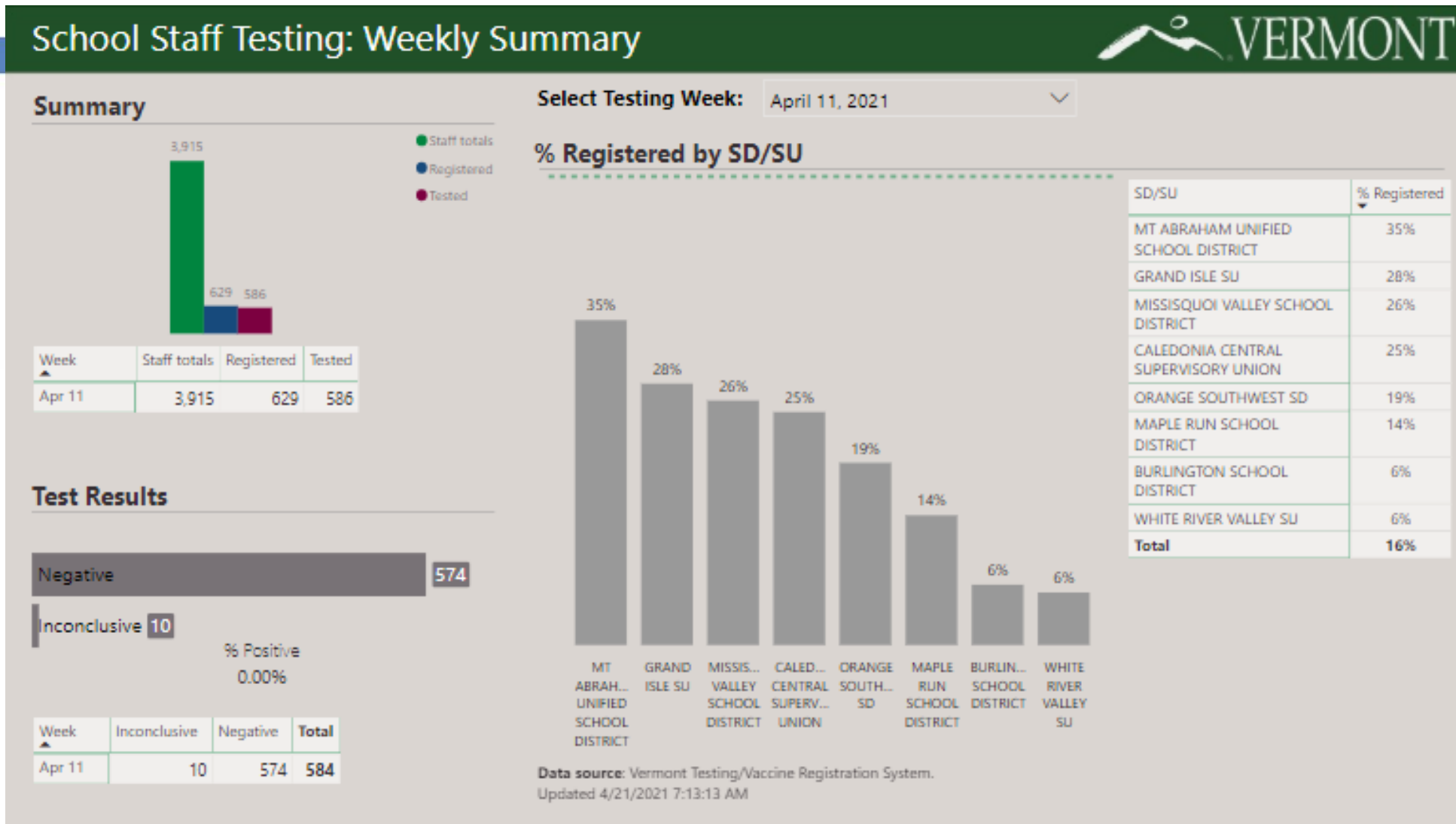
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<b>TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1233</b>

## VT College & University dashboards:

- UVM update** (week of 4/12-4/18/21): 22 new cases off campus; 11 on campus; 1 faculty; 0 staff
  - Middlebury College results** (updated 4/20/21): 0 new cases & 2 active cases (employees).
  - Norwich University:** 1 current positive



# AOE School Staff Testing Dashboard



Week of April 11; updated 4/21/21

<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
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- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-dashboard>

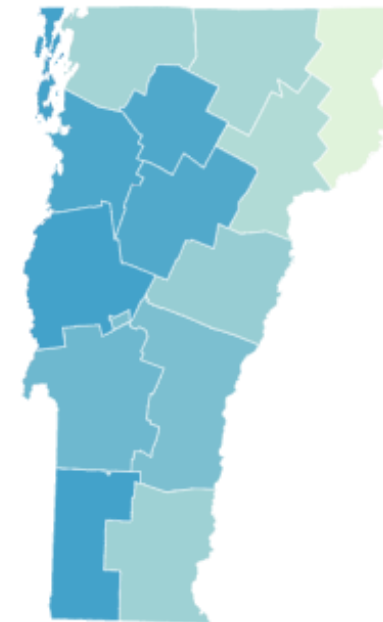
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## Vaccination by County

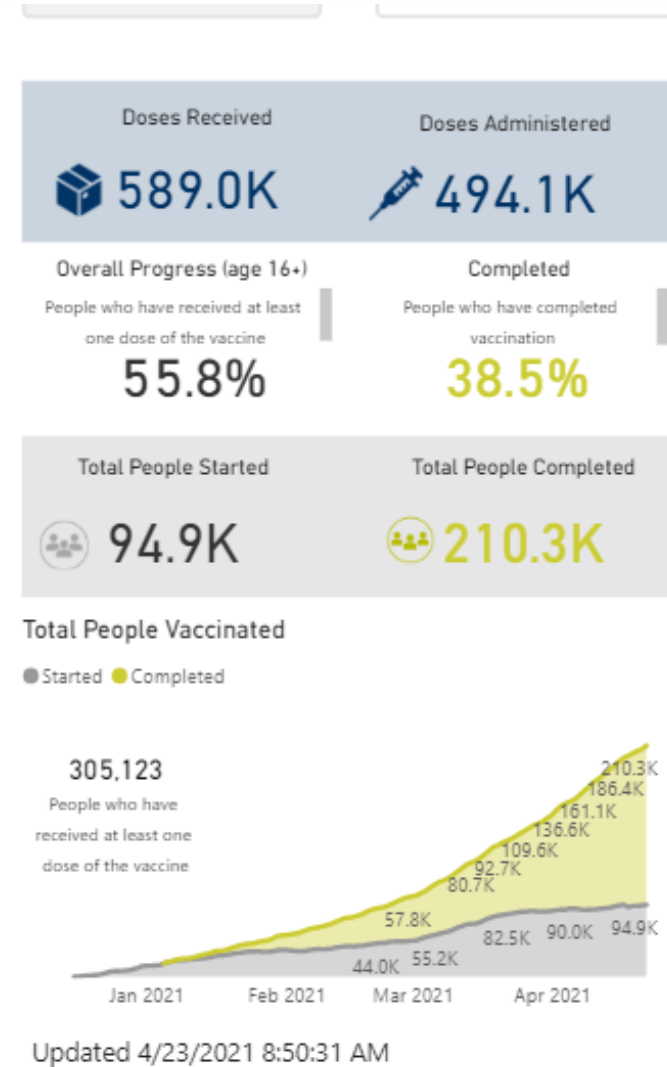
The percent of the county population that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Show Rates By:

County	Overall progress
Addison	59.9%
Bennington	59.8%
Caledonia	49.0%
Chittenden	59.0%
Essex	44.4%
Franklin	50.3%
Grand Isle	59.8%
Lamoille	58.7%
Orange	51.6%
Orleans	50.0%
Rutland	55.7%
Washington	58.5%
Windham	50.9%
Windsor	54.3%
Vermont	55.8%



44.4% 59.9%



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## Vermont Vaccination Data

Select County

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### 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	11.9%
18 - 29	23.7%
30 - 39	40.3%
40 - 49	49.1%
50 - 59	60.7%
60 - 64	74.9%
65 - 69	86.9%
70 - 74	92.9%
75+	89.2%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>55.8%</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	61.1%
Male	50.2%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>55.7%</b>

Sex information is missing for 0% of people vaccinated.

### By Race - Statewide

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

Race	%*
White	53.7%
Two or more races	39.3%
Pacific Islander	7.8%
Native American, Indigenous, or First Nation	17.0%
Black or African American	37.6%
Asian	46.8%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>52.9%</b>

Race information is missing for 5% of people vaccinated.

### By Race/Ethnicity and Age - Statewide

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	38.9%	75.2%	42.9%
Non-Hispanic White	40.3%	82.3%	50.7%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>40.2%</b>	<b>82.1%</b>	<b>50.2%</b>

Race/ethnicity information is missing for 10% of people vaccinated.

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

Summary

By Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity

### By Ethnicity - Statewide

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

Ethnicity	%*
Hispanic	52.0%
Not Hispanic	50.6%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>50.6%</b>

Ethnicity information is missing for 14% of people vaccinated.

\*Percentages reported as 95% here indicate >=95%. Values above 95% are suppressed to protect personal health information.

# VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration & Sites

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

## MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

There are enough appointments for everyone who is eligible. Appointments are required. You will make your second-dose appointment when you get your first dose.

## ONLINE

[MAKE AN APPOINTMENT](#)

Use the blue button above to make an appointment through the state website, which includes clinics run by the Health Department, the National Guard, health care partners, Costco, Hannaford, Price Chopper, Shaws and Walmart.

## BY PHONE

Can't make an appointment online or need help? Contact our call center at **855-722-7878**.

- To speak with someone in a language other than English, call this number, and then press 1.
- For people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, you can make a TTY call to this number.

## Call Center Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

[Information you need to make an appointment](#)



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## COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling at Kinney Drugs in Vermont

Currently, the State of Vermont allows

- Vermont residents age 65+

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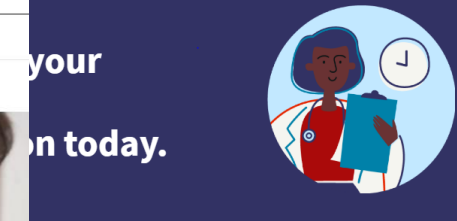
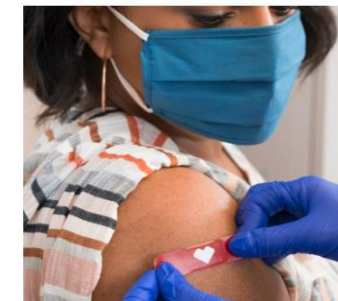
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Now offering the **FREE\* COVID-19 vaccine in select stores**

We're administering the vaccine by appointment only based on local eligibility guidelines.

No cost with insurance or through federal program for the uninsured.



Vaccines are now available in some states at select stores to individuals 16 years of age and older for Pfizer; 18 years of age and older for Moderna) who meet state-specific eligibility

# Vermont Vaccine Eligibility (*updated 4/12/21*)

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



Long-term care residents and staff, health care, first responders	Registration open now
Ages 65+	Registration open now
Ages 16+ with certain high-risk health conditions	Registration open now
K-12 teachers and staff, child care, public safety	Registration open now
Ages 60+	Registration open now
Ages 50+	Registration open now
BIPOC households & caregivers of kids with high-risk conditions	Registration open now
Ages 40+	Registration open now
Ages 30+	Registration open now
Ages 16+	Registration opens April 19
Vermont college students with out of state addresses	Registration opens April 30

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

Updated 4.12.21

# VDH: Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine

## Special instructions for 16 & 17 year-olds:

- *“You will only see appointments for the Pfizer vaccine, since that is the only vaccine that is authorized for people age 16 and 17.*
- *For the state appointment system and appointments made through CVS, your parent or guardian will need to review the consent forms and check the box giving their consent for you to get the vaccine. Your parent or guardian does not need to go with you to your appointment.*
- *Kinney and Walgreens require a parent or guardian to be present and give consent at the appointment.”*

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

# **NEW:** VDH Vaccine FAQ for Vermonters 16 – 17 y.o.

## **I'm 16 or 17. What do I need to know about getting my vaccine? (4/15/21)**

- ❑ If you are making an appointment through VDH website, create an account. (youth or parent may create), or parent or guardian can add you as a dependent on their account.
- ❑ You will only see appointments for the Pfizer vaccine (only vaccine authorized for people age 16-17). May need to look at neighboring cos. if nothing in your co.
- ❑ Parent/guardian must review consent forms & check the box giving their consent. for you to get the vaccine. Consent built into the registration process, so parent/guardian does not need to accompany youth.
- ❑ If appt. directly through Kinney Drugs, CVS, Walgreens or Northfield Pharmacy, check their confirmation email for instructions re: consent from a parent/guardian and requirement to come with you to your appointment.

# VDH: Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine

## Special instructions for those who live another state:

- *“You can still get a vaccine in Vermont if*
  - ▣ *You work in an occupation/setting in Vermont that is currently eligible.*
  - ▣ *You moved to Vermont w/in last 6 mos. w/intention of becoming a resident & are in age, occupation or another group currently eligible.*
- *April 30: VT expects to open registration to college students who are residents of another state & do not intend to stay in VT for the summer, and people who live part of the year in Vermont – will be based on the vaccine supply from the federal government.”*
  - ▣ **Set up account now**, so you'll be ready to make appt. when eligible.

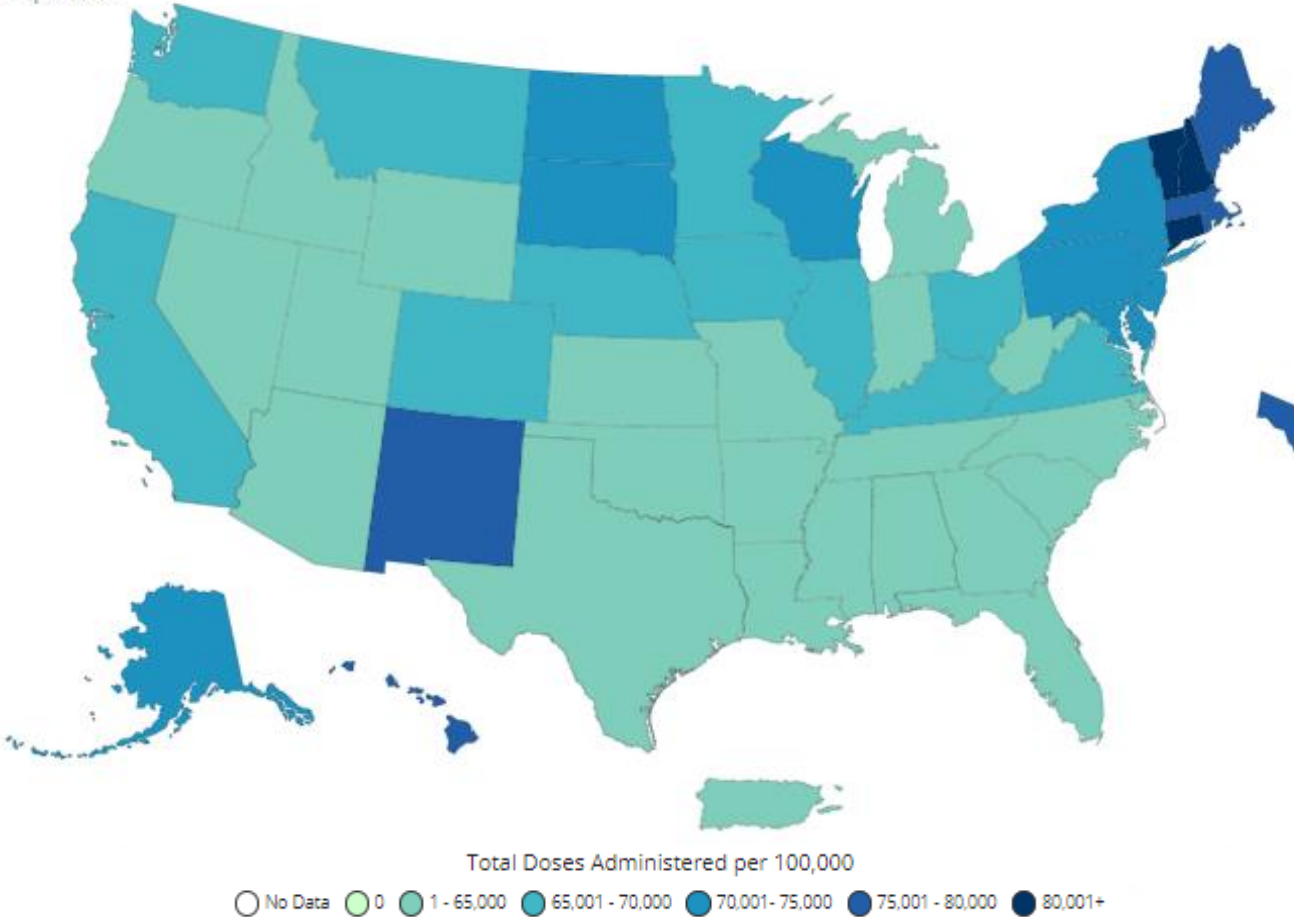


# VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration & Sites (cont'd.)

- Appointments from **4/23/21 – 7/2/21**
  - **258,213 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.*
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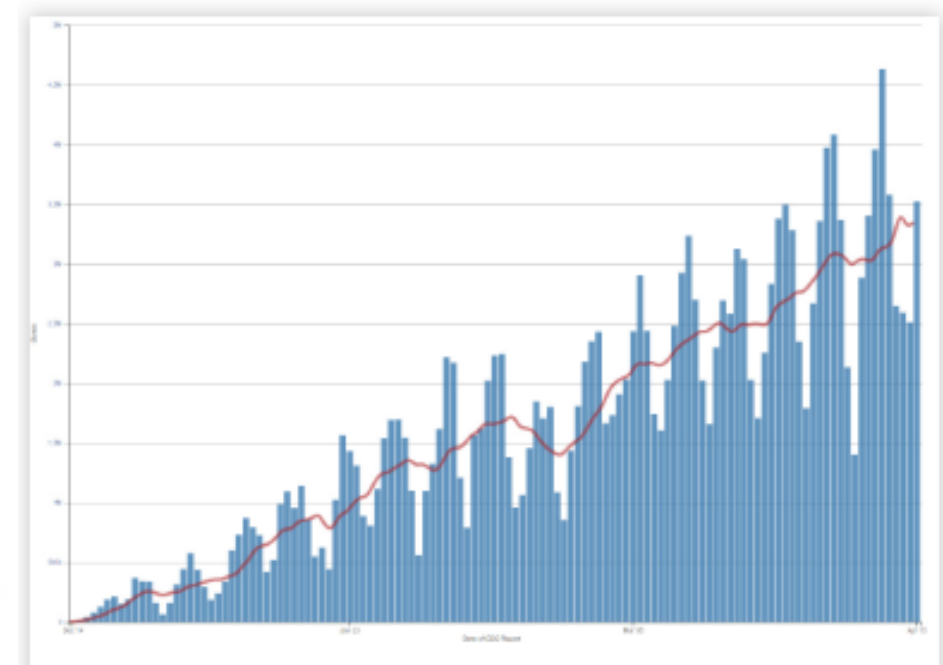
# From the CDC Vaccine Tracker [NOTE: revised color coding]

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/covid-data/covidview/index.html>

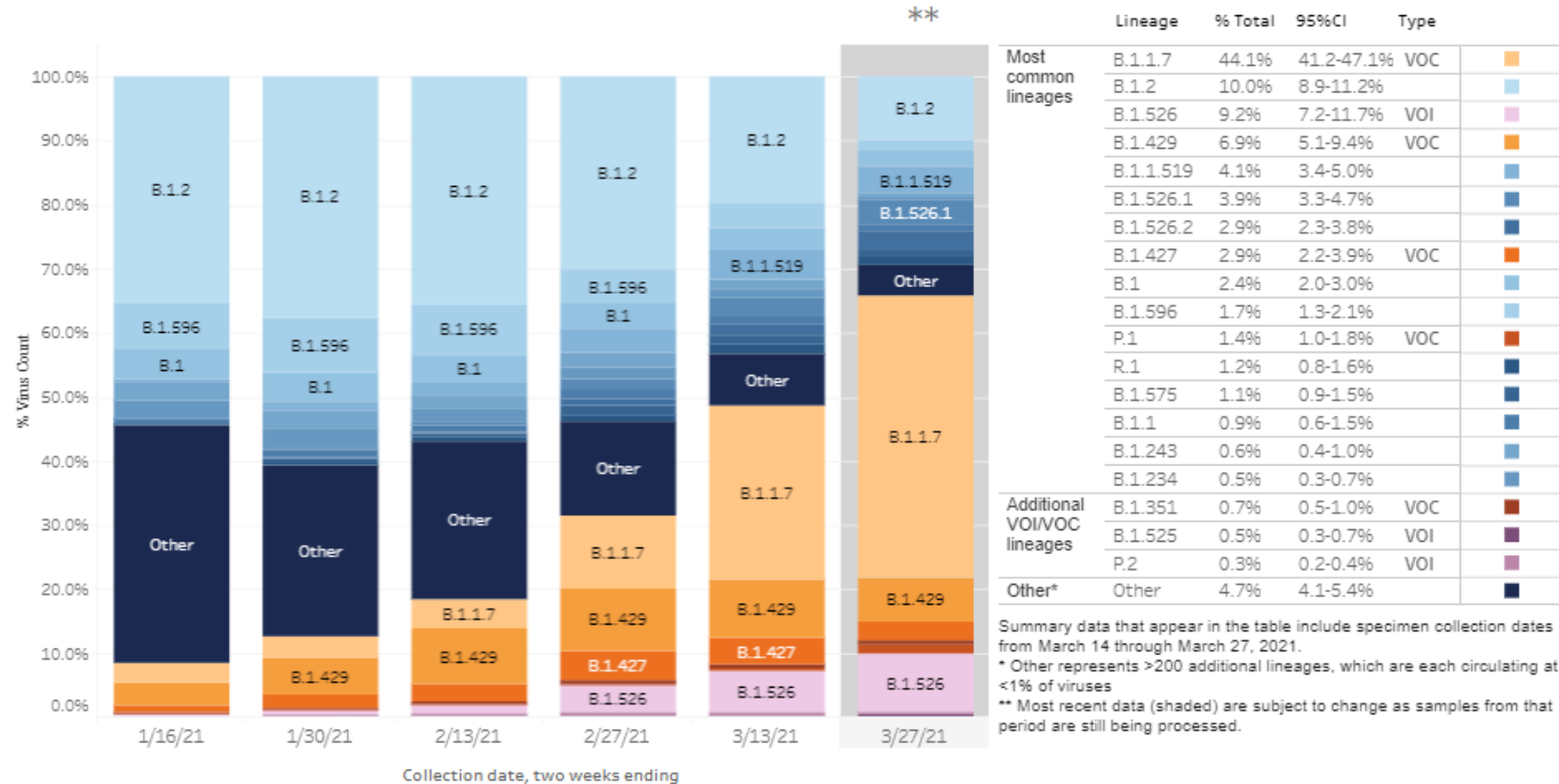
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

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# From the CDC: SARS-CoV-2 Variants in the U.S.

## SARS-CoV-2 Variants Circulating in the United States

SARS-CoV-2 Variants Circulating in the United States, January 3 – March 27 2021



† Estimated weights come from laboratory data providing the number of reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests and number of positive RT-PCR test results stratified

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/variant-proportions.html>

# From the CDC

- Preliminary Findings of mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine Safety in Pregnant Persons
  - [https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2104983?query=featured\\_home](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2104983?query=featured_home)
  - No safety concerns for vaccinated pregnant women or their infants. Over 3,900 women enrolled in v-safe pregnancy registry, both side effect & pregnancy outcomes were similar to those among the general population.
  - Total of 35,691 v-safe participants 16 to 54 years of age identified as pregnant.
  - Injection-site pain was reported more frequently among pregnant persons than among nonpregnant women; HA, myalgia, chills, fever were reported less frequently.
  - Among 3958 participants enrolled in v-safe pregnancy registry, 827 had a completed pregnancy, of which 115 (13.9%) resulted in a pregnancy loss and 712 (86.1%) resulted in a live birth (mostly among participants with vaccination in the third trimester).

# From the CDC

- Preliminary Findings of mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine Safety in Pregnant Persons (cont'd.)
  - [https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2104983?query=featured\\_home](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2104983?query=featured_home)
  - Adverse neonatal outcomes included preterm birth (in 9.4%) and small size for gestational age (in 3.2%); no neonatal deaths were reported.
  - Although not directly comparable, calculated proportions of adverse pregnancy and neonatal outcomes in persons vaccinated against Covid-19 who had a completed pregnancy were similar to incidences reported in studies involving pregnant women that were conducted before the Covid-19 pandemic.
  - Among 221 pregnancy-related adverse events reported to the VAERS, the most frequently reported event was spontaneous abortion (46 cases).

# In the News



- ACIP meeting today (11 a.m.):
  - ▣ Federal health officials leaning toward lifting recommended pause on Johnson & Johnson vaccine – found only ltd. # of additional cases of blood clotting disorder among recipients; waiting to act until ACIP issues recommendation.
  - ▣ CDC Director Walensky said federal officials had found “needles in haystacks,” an indication of how thorough the government’s oversight was. “We would like to make a decision quickly after ACIP . . . America & world are interested in moving forward.”
- FDA considered likely to attach warning to label to inform HCPs & public re: exceedingly uncommon side effect.
  - ▣ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/22/us/politics/johnson-and-johnson-vaccine.html>
  - ▣ European regulators have recommended this week that J & J vaccine rollout continue as long as a risk warning was added to the product.

# In the News (cont'd.)

- In Vermont: **House Health Care Committee** identifies crisis re: youth waiting in ED due to lack of mental health services.
  - ▣ Testimony by Christian Pulcini, MD FAAP: ED not appropriate place for youth to wait – detrimental to their health & wellbeing.
  - ▣ Parents testified on their lived experiences.
  - ▣ SEE WCAX story from last evening & link to hearing (YouTube)
- VT Digger story: Unlicensed fight promoter issued top fine for child fighting, pandemic violations
  - ▣ <https://vtdigger.org/2021/04/22/unlicensed-fight-promoter-issued-top-fine-for-child-fighting-pandemic-violations/>
- National (WaPo): “Burned Out by the Pandemic, 3 in 10 HCWs Consider Leaving the Profession”

# NEW VDH Multilingual Vaccine Resources

- Talking points on J & J vaccine pause translated into several languages – are on translation & multilingual pages.
- Arabic, Burmese, French, Nepali, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Vietnamese, English
- Kirundi in review process & will be posted when ready.
- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources>
- Multilingual Task Force have also released video on same topic (includes Kirundi & Maay Maay)



# Friday Media Briefing (4/23/21)



## Governor Phil Scott

- Will pay close attention to ACIP J & J vaccine discussion this afternoon; *“VT preparing for resumption of use”* if appropriate.
- On pace for 60% VT adults vaccinated by May 1.
- Continued summer planning by Scott & Sen. Sanders
- VT Afterschool web site: >400 offerings listed on interactive map
  - Goal: successful, affordable, impactful summer programs.
- Obstacle from administrators is **staffing** – many full & PT positions summer available across VT.
- VT Afterschool also has web page w/summer employment openings including for HS & college students.
- ACCD will issue full summer camp guidance in next 24-48 hrs.

# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

## AOE Secretary Dan French

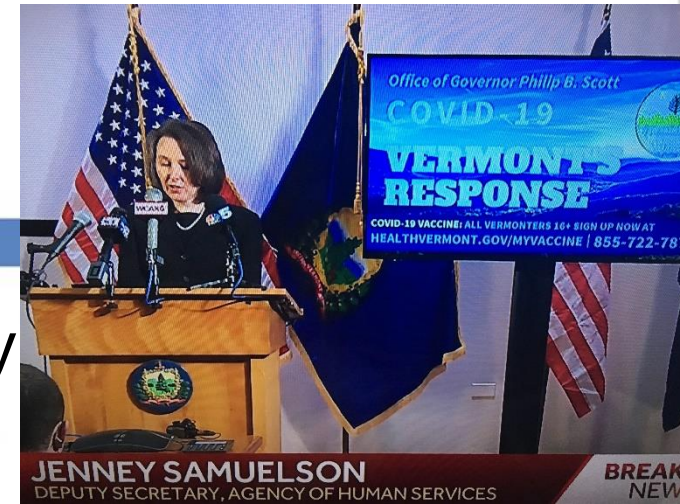
- ❑ PCR testing: 226 staff (20% usual #); no pos. to date (3<sup>rd</sup> week in a row) – 0% pos. rate for April.
- ❑ Ending surveillance testing for school staff after next week; working on pilot for students (incl. summer) w/CDC funding – expect updates in coming weeks.
- ❑ School meal program funding extended through June 2022.
- ❑ ESSER 3 fund guidance (primary federal K-12 relief; 90% to Districts and 10% for state)
- ❑ Graduations & proms **will** be permitted – expect additional guidance this afternoon. These events “*strongly encouraged.*”



# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

AHS Deputy Secretary Jenney Samuelson – (Secretary Smith off this week)

- ❑ CDC ACIP meeting today – hope to have more info this aft.
- ❑ Could begin vax as early as Tues. in NEK.
- ❑ Reached another milestone this week: >300K have rec'd. at least one dose (56% of elig. Vermonters – close to step 2 milestone of Vermont Forward Plan).
- ❑ April 29: registration opens to out-of-state college students & part-time VT residents.
- ❑ BIPOC Vermonters: 52% have been vaccinated or made appt.



# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## VDH Commissioner Levine

- Data continues to move in v. pos. direction: 36% decline in cases in past 2 weeks.
- Positivity rate *“dramatically decreased”* to 1.2%.
- Two powerful forces at play: virus variants & vaccination.
- B.1.1.7 increasing proportion circulating virus in U.S. – CDC reports nearly 45% for the 2 weeks ending 3/27/21.
- VT #s: B.1.1.7 is well >50% specimens sent for genomic sequencing.
- B.1.429 in several VT cos.; P.1 recently in small # Rutland/Windham Cos.
- But not seeing increased viral transmission – so “cautious optimism.”

# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## VDH Commissioner Levine

- Substance misuse – referenced tomorrow as National Prescription Take Back Day

## Q & A

- Reporter referenced an individual who developed Bell's palsy 5d. after receipt of vaccine.
- Long haul COVID: “we’re aware of a number of patients in this situation” – met with a support group recently.
- Uptake (appointments) among younger age bands: 50% in 16-18 y.o.; 41% up to age 29 y.o.

# Practice Issues

## *Revised Guidance: Child Care & Out-of-School Time*

*Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Sr. Faculty; physician advisor VDH*



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# VERMONT FORWARD

ROADMAP TO REOPENING

Please refer to [vermont.gov](http://vermont.gov) for complete guidance and additional details. Education and health care retain specialized guidance.

*Note: All dates are subject to change.*



## STEP 1

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):  
Vulnerable population substantially complete;  
35–45% of all Vermonters; 45–55% of Vermonters 16+

### Business Operations

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**Group A Sectors:**  
Move to required universal guidance

### Cross State Travel

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No quarantine required with negative test within 3 days of arrival in or return to the state

### Masks and Physical Distancing



Required when in the presence of those outside your household.

APRIL

## STEP 2

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):  
50–60% of all Vermonters;  
60–70% of Vermonters 16+

### Business Operations

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**Group B Sectors:**  
Move to required universal guidance

### Gatherings and Events

5/1

**Indoor:** 1 unvaccinated person per 100 sq ft up to 150, plus any number of vaccinated people  
**Outdoor:** 300, plus any number of vaccinated people

### Masks and Physical Distancing



Required when in the presence of those outside your household.

MAY

## STEP 3

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):  
60–70% of all Vermonters;  
70–85% of Vermonters 16+

### Cross State Travel

6/1

No quarantine or testing requirements

### Gatherings and Events

6/1

**Indoor:** 1 unvaccinated person per 50 sq ft up to 300, plus any number of vaccinated people  
**Outdoor:** 900, plus any number of vaccinated people

### Masks and Physical Distancing



Required when in the presence of those outside your household.

JUNE

## JULY 4

### Business Operations

Universal guidance encouraged for all sectors

### Gatherings and Events

No capacity restrictions

### Masks and Physical Distancing.

Encouraged

JULY

# JULY 4

## **Business Operations**

Universal guidance  
encouraged for  
all sectors

## **Gatherings and Events**

No capacity  
restrictions

## **Masks and Physical Distancing**

Encouraged





# Childcare and Out of School Time Revised Sections

- Health Screenings and Travel
- Return to Work/Care Post-Vaccine
- Transportation
- Drop off/Pick Up
- Hand Hygiene
- Masks
- Cleaning
- Physical Distancing and Pods
- Volunteers/Visitors

# Health Screenings

- All children, their families and staff must comply with and ensure daily monitoring of COVID-19 exposure and COVID-19 symptoms
- Staff and children and/or their families should complete an exposure and symptom screening before arriving at the care. Anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 (unless [vaccinated](#)) or who has COVID-19 symptoms (regardless of vaccine status) should remain home, and should follow [Department of Health guidance](#) regarding quarantine and testing.
- Temperature checks should be performed at home before departing for child care/recreational programs. Individuals with a fever (100.4 or greater) should not come to care.
- Children arriving visibly sick to care should be screened (including a temperature check) and sent home if symptomatic.

# Travel and Return to work/care after vaccine

- As part of Vermont's phased reopening plan, there is new travel guidance, effective April 9, 2021. Except for [international travel](#), no quarantine after travel and test required within 72 hours of return.
- Individuals experiencing symptoms potentially related to receipt of the COVID-19 vaccine may not come to work if they do not pass the health screening. There are some signs and symptoms that could be attributable to receipt of the COVID-19 vaccination, SARS-CoV-2 infection or another infection like influenza. These include fever, chills, fatigue and muscle aches. Students/teachers/staff experiencing these symptoms, regardless of vaccination history, should not attend work and should consult with their health care provider to determine if symptoms are attributable to the vaccine or to infection. If symptoms are determined to be associated with the COVID-19 vaccine, an individual may return to work if they feel well enough to do so.

# Bus, Van and Car Transportation

## Bus Guidance

- Opening all the bus roof hatches to exhaust bus indoor air unless rain is actively coming inside. Hatches should be partially opened on the rearward side.
- Opening windows to increase outdoor air ventilation
  - Even an inch of opening with at least four windows open can help:
    - Two windows in the front of the bus (each of the front passenger seats)
    - Two windows in the rear of the bus (the very last windows on each side of the bus)
  - Preferably the windows should remain fully open. For modifications for inclement weather, see [inclement weather considerations](#).
  - If feasible, leave the seat or two behind the bus driver empty. To reduce the number of children riding the bus:.

## Transport Considerations for private car and vans

Space out passengers for the available space in the vehicle. Operate the ventilation blowers at full power and 100% outside air, keeping windows open to maximize fresh air and the usual cleaning guidance and asking ill or symptomatic persons to stay home.

The use of masks on buses, vans and private car must follow the Vermont Forward Plan

# Drop off and Pick up

- Programs shall structure arrival and departure in a manner that ensures the health and safety of children, staff and families. Signs must be posted at all entrances clearly indicating that no one may enter if they have symptoms of respiratory illness or fever. **Staggered drop off is an optional strategy.**
- Individuals who show symptoms of COVID-19, are quarantining or are in isolation should not do drop-off or pick-up.

# Hygiene, Masks and Cleaning

## **Hand hygiene**

- Basic infection control practices

## **Masks- follow Vermont Forward**

- Required in Step 1, 2 and 3
- Encouraged after Step 3

## **Cleaning and disinfecting**

- Basic infection control practices
- Less attention to surfaces

# Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Based on available epidemiological data and studies of environmental transmission factors, surface transmission is not the main route by which SARS-CoV-2 spreads, and the risk from surfaces is considered to be low. The principal mode by which people are infected with SARS-CoV-2 is through exposure to respiratory droplets carrying infectious virus.
- Cleaning surfaces, including high touch using soap or detergent, and not disinfecting, is enough to reduce risk in most situations.

# Distancing

Physical distancing in order to reduce the frequency of close contact between individuals is still one of the most effective ways to slow the spread of the SARS-CoV-2.

Physical distancing guidance should follow the [Vermont Forward](#) plan.

While physical distancing is still in effect, programs should follow the following guidance:

- Staff and adult visitors or volunteers: 6 feet of distance from other adults and children
- Children and youth: 3 feet of distance from other children, as much as possible

Best practice guidance:

- Be outside as much as possible.
- Plan activities that do not require close physical contact between multiple children.
- When eating, work to maintain as much distance as possible.
- Space out children when waiting in line.
- Avoid opportunities where staff or children are likely to congregate.
- Ensure distance between children when participating in singing and music that involves woodwind or brass instruments.
- Rearrange furniture to avoid clustering in common areas.



# Volunteers and Visitors

- Outside visitors are discouraged during Step 1 and 2 of **Vermont Forward Plan** with the exception of employees or contracted service providers for the purpose of special education or required support services, as authorized by the program or district. Individuals who ensure the health and safety of the program, such as STARS assessors, licensors, fire inspectors, maintenance, etc. are allowed when following proper procedures and do not count in the group size.
- Volunteers are now allowed if they are considered protected against COVID-19 according to CDC criteria (vaccination or natural infection).
- Student teachers, interns and other learners from established educational programs are allowed. These individuals must follow all precautions outlined in this guidance.
- Field trips are allowed if the program can maintain all health guidance in this document.
- After Step 3 of **Vermont Forward** plan, programs are encouraged to work with their communities and/or families to re-establish practices for visitors, volunteers, field trips, and community activities. This includes regulated programs following child care licensing regulatory requirement for parents to have free access to their child, their child's teacher, and their child's classroom.

# Overnight Camps

- **Preadvival Protocols**
  - Lists of low risk activities to minimize exposure (not quarantine)
- **Arrival and travel to camp**
  - **Evidence of negative test 72 hours before arrival**
- **Start of season precautions**
  - **Masks required until end of Step 3 Vermont Forward, then encouraged**
- **Limited Off-Campus Activity**
- **Additional considerations**
  - Health Screening/Surveillance for Campers
  - Illness Management
  - High Risk Populations
  - Communication with State and Local Public Health Authorities

# COVID-19 Vaccine for Adolescents

- Clinical question: patient in need of MCV#2 but also needed COVID-19 #2 – how to address timing?
  - (from Bill Raszka, MD): my bias is that the COVID timing should take priority. Unless the vaccine is needed for urgent care (such as a tetanus shot after a deep wound), would schedule routine vaccinations so that they are **given either at least two weeks before a COVID vaccine or at least two weeks after a COVID vaccine.**
  - May result in additional visits, but if counseling for the vaccination has already been done during the health supervision visit, the patient could simply return for the routine vaccination without a physician visit at that particular time.
  - There is always the risk that we will have some difficulty getting the patient back for the vaccine – but these vaccines are not required for school entry and we have ample time to catch up.
  
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- Focus on: summertime engagement and how to support youth and families to connect this summer.
  - ▣ Updated summer health guidance for summer camps & programs
  - ▣ Information on language & strategies for parents to reduce anxiety & trepidation as children begin to re-engage w/schools, peers & communities
  - ▣ Highlights from new **Summer Matters** website & interactive map for families to identify summer programs and camps.
- Agenda: Welcome; Health Guidance Updates for Summer Programs; Family Engagement; Vermont After School Website and Maps; Q & A
- Register at:  
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/VermontAfterschool/SummerAmbassadorEngagementWebinar>;  
will receive Zoom link (email) when registration complete.

# COVID-19 Vaccine for Adolescents

- Requesting your feedback: are you eager to provide COVID-19 vaccine in your office?
- Are you aware of storage and handling requirements and, if so, is your practice prepared to follow these?
- What resources would you need to administer COVID vaccine in your practice?
- Note: AAP COVID-19 web site has many current resources:  
<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/covid-19-vaccine-for-children/>
  - ▣ Implementation in pediatric practices; FAQs; what pediatricians can do now; getting paid.

# From the AAP

- **President-elect candidates** for 2021 election just announced:
  - ▣ Sandy Chung, MD FAAP (Fairfax Pediatric Associates, Fairfax, VA; immediate past-president Virginia chapter)
  - ▣ Joseph Wright, MD FAAP (Pediatric Emergency Medicine; Sr. VP & CMO, U. of Maryland Capital Region Health. AAP at-large Board member)
- Now live – A AP “course” on **Fighting Racism to Advance Child Health Equity** available at:
  - ▣ From the Peds 21 Symposium, NCE 2020: **FREE**/register at <http://shop.aap.org/fighting-racism-to-advance-child-health-equity>; Bitly: <http://bit.ly/childhealth-racism> (available 4/15-2021 thru 4/14/2024)
- In case you missed it: COVID-19 Town Hall (4/23/21) – **Ask the Red Book Committee, part 3** – <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/connecting-with-the-experts/>



# Vaccine Myth-Busting Video in 11 Languages

**Result of collaboration among many partners!** *(thank you, Melissa Kaulfold)*

- **Nepali:** सारा सोध्नुहुन्छ: साराले कोभिड-१९ खोपको बारेमा डाक्टरबाट धेरै जानकारीहरु सिक्नुहुन्छ। <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNkA0K6Euik>
- **Arabic:** ساره تسأل الدكتور لتعرف المزيد عن لقاح COVID-19  
ال: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HXu8Fdng7I&t=8s>
- **Somali:** Sara waxay wax ka weydiineysaa tallaalka COVID-19:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BPGUduQNsl&t=7s>.
- **Spanish:** Sara pregunta sobre la vacuna contra el COVID-19:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESHDb\\_XiCPc&t=17s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESHDb_XiCPc&t=17s)
- **Swahili:** Sara Auliza: Sara Anajifunza Zaidi kuhusu Chanjo ya COVID-19  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICUqTiNhFsw&t=35s>

# Vaccine Myth-Busting Video in 11 Languages (cont'd.)

- ❑ **Kirundi:** Sara arabaza kugira atahure neza urucanjo rwa COVID19  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rprKNI20g9M>
- ❑ **Burmese:** ဆာရာသည်ကိုဗစ်-၁၉ ကာကွယ်ဆေးအကြောင်းကိုပိုမိုလေ့လာခြင်း။  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BSVV\\_vCFFo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BSVV_vCFFo)
- ❑ **Maay Maay:** Sidi talaalk COVID-19: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fsb-BtG1smU>
- ❑ **Vietnamese:** Sara hỏi: Sara tìm hiểu thêm về vắc-xin ngừa COVID-19:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLOG6Dd2JI4>
- ❑ **French:** Sara en apprend davantage sur le vaccin contre la COVID-19:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24AICle6M2w>
- ❑ **English:** Sara Asks About the COVID 19 Vaccine:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldq1kyVwZHk>



# 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, April 26, 2021 – 12:15 – 12:45 pm**
- Generally back to **Monday/Wednesday/Friday** schedule
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:  
**Thursday, April 29, 2021 – 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:**
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdJl2ZG4yQT09>
  - ▣ Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
- One tap mobile - +1 646 876 9923,,86726253105#,,,,0#,,540684#