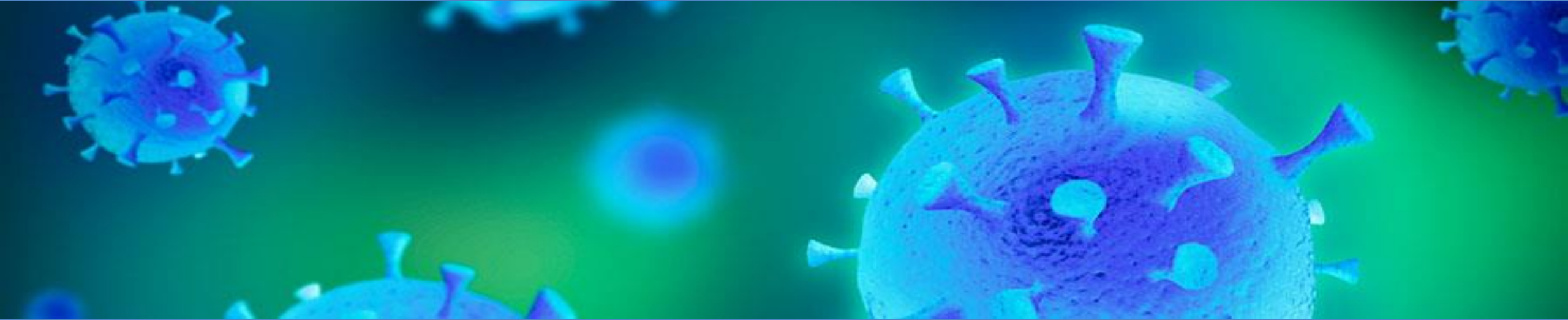


# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



*Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Senior Faculty, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM*  
*Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH*  
*April 28, 2021*



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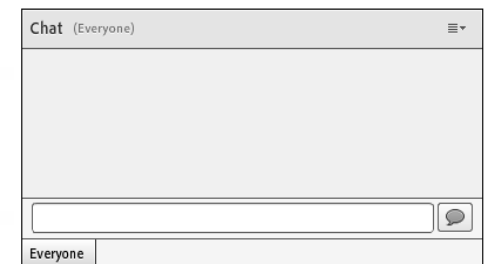
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**Participant Code – 6266787790**

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# Overview

- **World Day for Safety and Health at Work (U.N.)**
- **President Biden's first 100 days:**
  - 11 bills signed; 42 EOs (62 Trump orders reversed); 53% job approval; 6% unemployment; COVID-19 cases down 73%; 140m. Americans vaccinated; 11 judicial nominations; 589 tweets <https://www.npr.org/2021/04/27/988822340/bidens-1st-100-days-a-look-by-the-numbers>
- **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, Tuesday Media Briefing
- Practice Issues: Clarifying ***Vermont Forward***; updated CDC guidance
- Q & A/Discussion

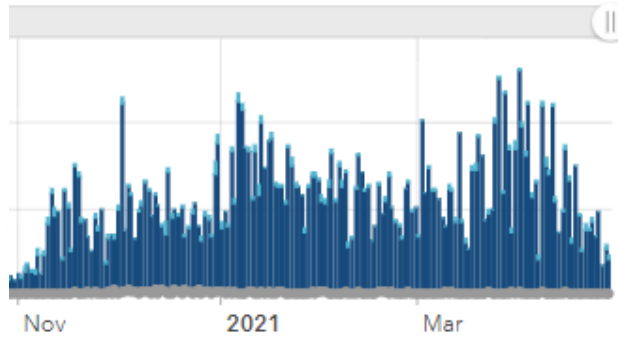
*[Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve very rapidly – so the information we're providing today may change quickly]*



<https://www.un.org/en/observances/work-safety-day>

# Situation update

New Cases	<b>48</b>
22,723 Total	
Currently Hospitalized	<b>17</b>
Hospitalized In ICU	<b>7</b>
Hospitalized Under Investigation	<b>3</b>
Percent Positive 7-day Avg.	<b>1%</b>
People Tested	<b>378,719</b>
Total Tests	<b>1,554,699</b>
Recovered	<b>19,853</b>
87.4% of Cases	
Deaths	<b>246</b>
1.1% of Cases	
Last Updated: 4/28/2021, 10:41:55 AM	



VT New Cases, Probables, Deaths

- U.S. **32.2 million+** cases; **573,001 deaths**
  - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 4/28/21)
  - 4/27/21: **51,938 new cases; 764 deaths**
  - Past week: av. 53,803 cases/day (14d. change -24%)
  - **3.1 million+ deaths worldwide; 148.3 million+ cases**

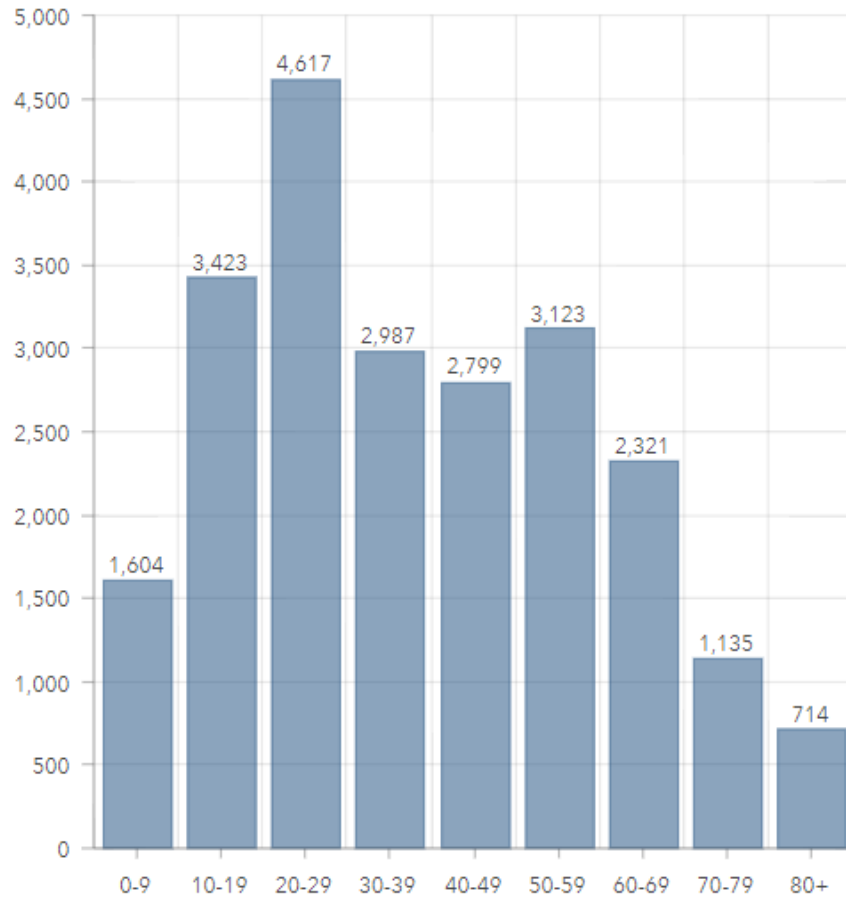
## □ VDH Weekly Data Summary(4/23/21)

- **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>

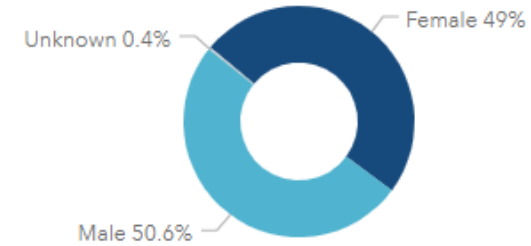
# Situation update

Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group

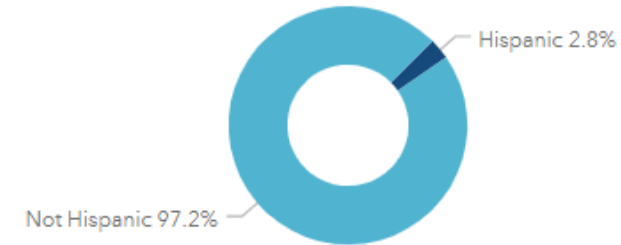


Case Demographics

Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



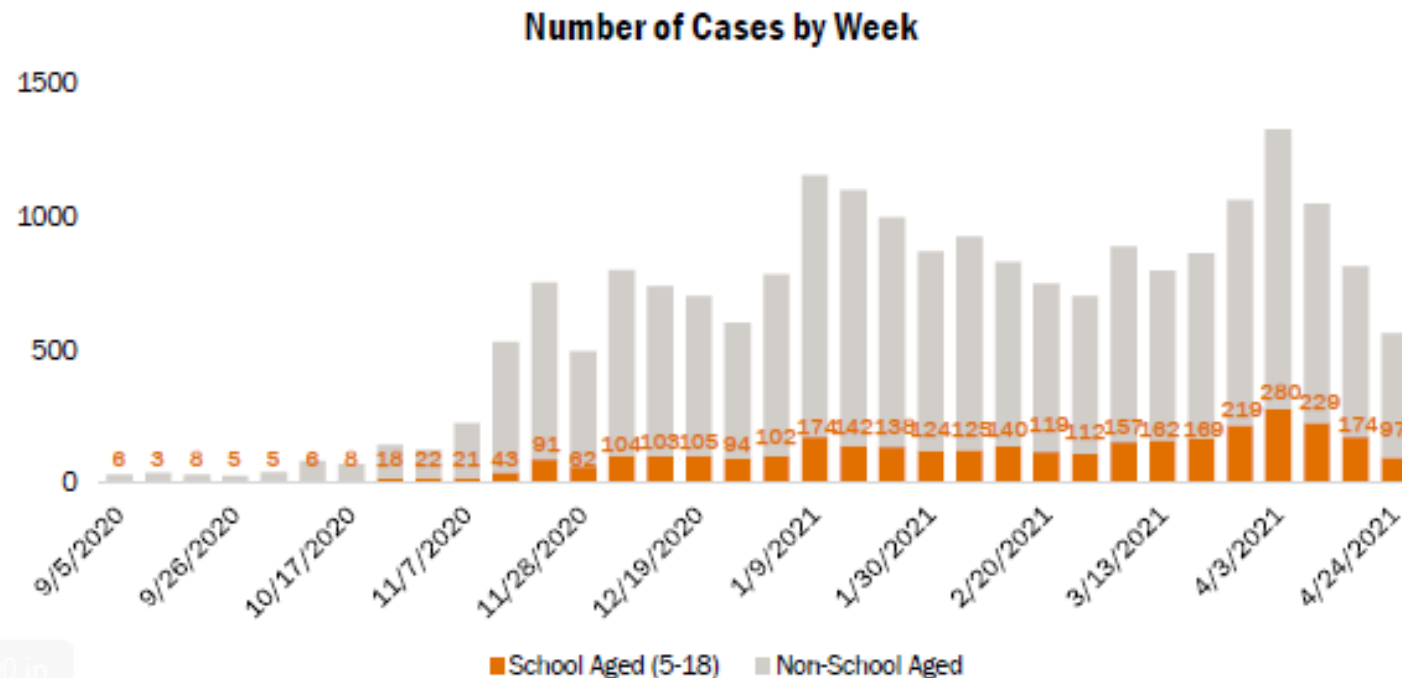
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Race if Known



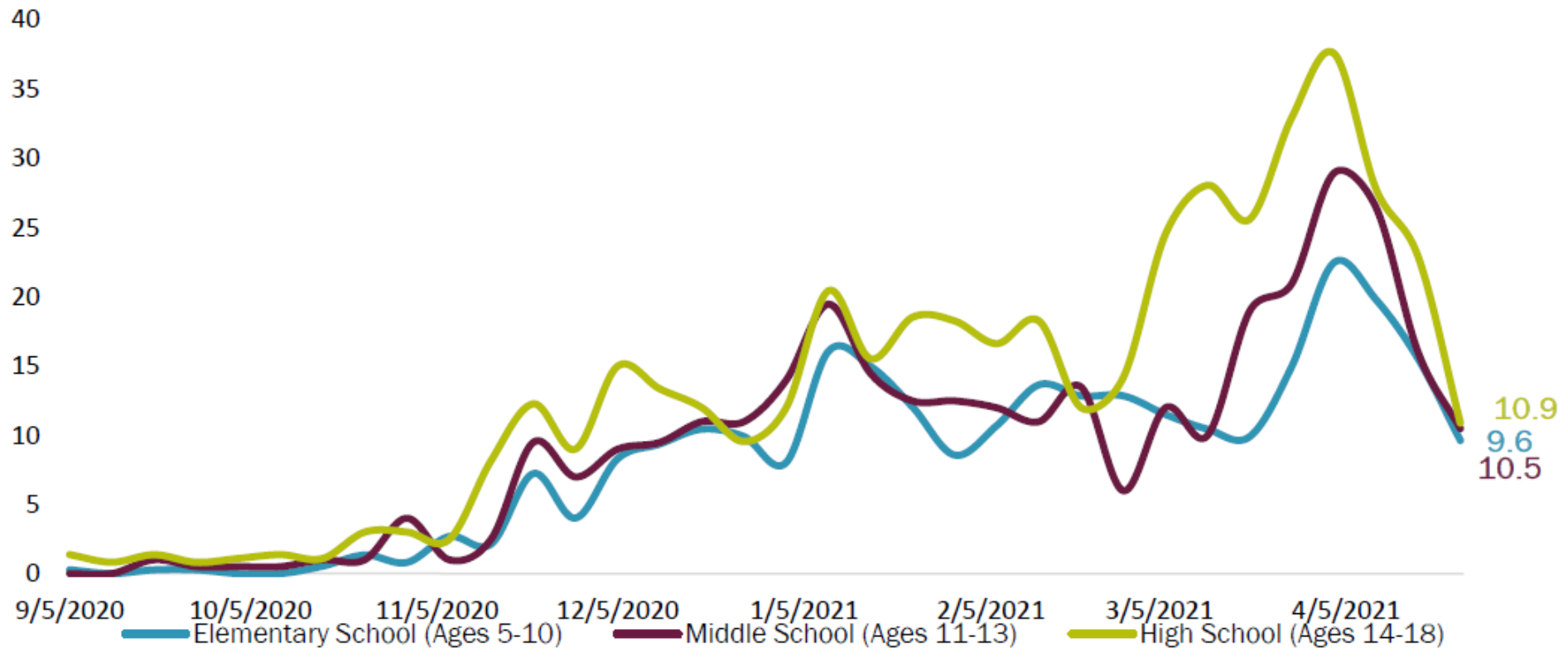
This brief reflects data as of April 24, 2021 at 7 pm (the last complete MMWR week). All rates are calculated per 10,000 people. The 14-18 year old age group does not include college students. Data is preliminary and subject to change.



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

## Rates by Week by School Category



[Compare to data from week of 4/10/21: rates were 22.9/10K (HS), 16.0 (MS), and 15.5 Elementary School respectively]

# 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 25, 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>17</b>	<b>1250</b>

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>

## VT College & University dashboards:

- UVM update** (week of 4/19-4/25/21): 24 new cases off campus; 20 on campus; 0 faculty; 0 staff
- Middlebury College results** (updated 4/20/21): 0 new cases & 1 active cases (employees).
- Norwich University: 3 current positives**



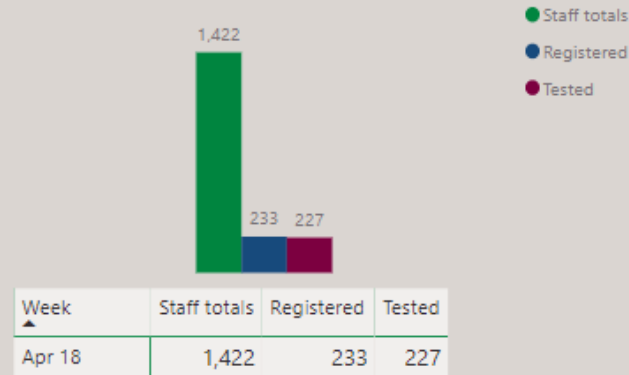
# AOE School Staff Testing Dashboard

## School Staff Testing: Weekly Summary



### Summary

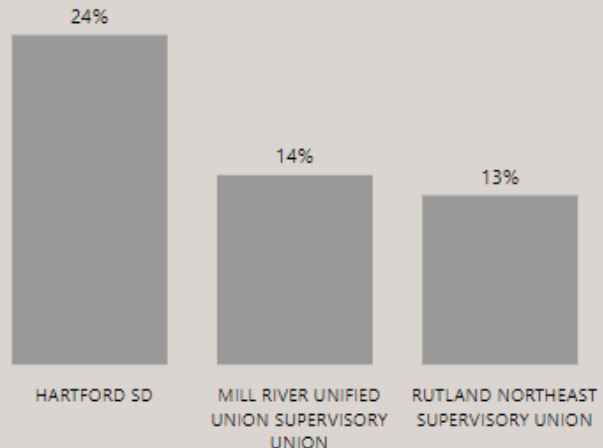
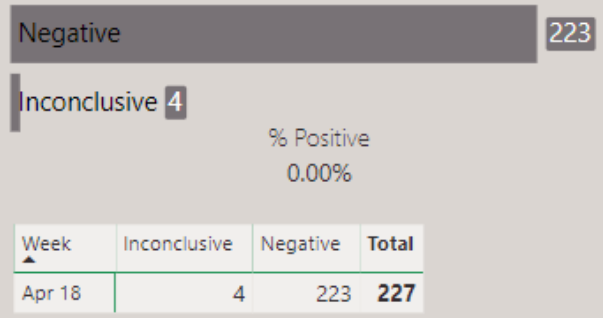
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### % Registered by SD/SU

SD/SU	% Registered
HARTFORD SD	24%
MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SUPERVISORY UNION	14%
RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16%</b>

### Test Results



Data source: Vermont Testing/Vaccine Registration System.  
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# 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-19-vaccine-dashboard>

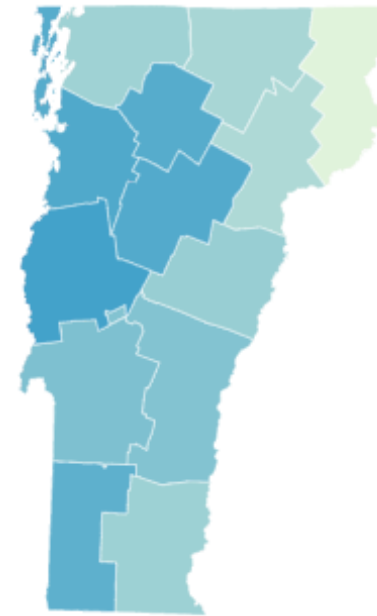
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## Vaccination by County

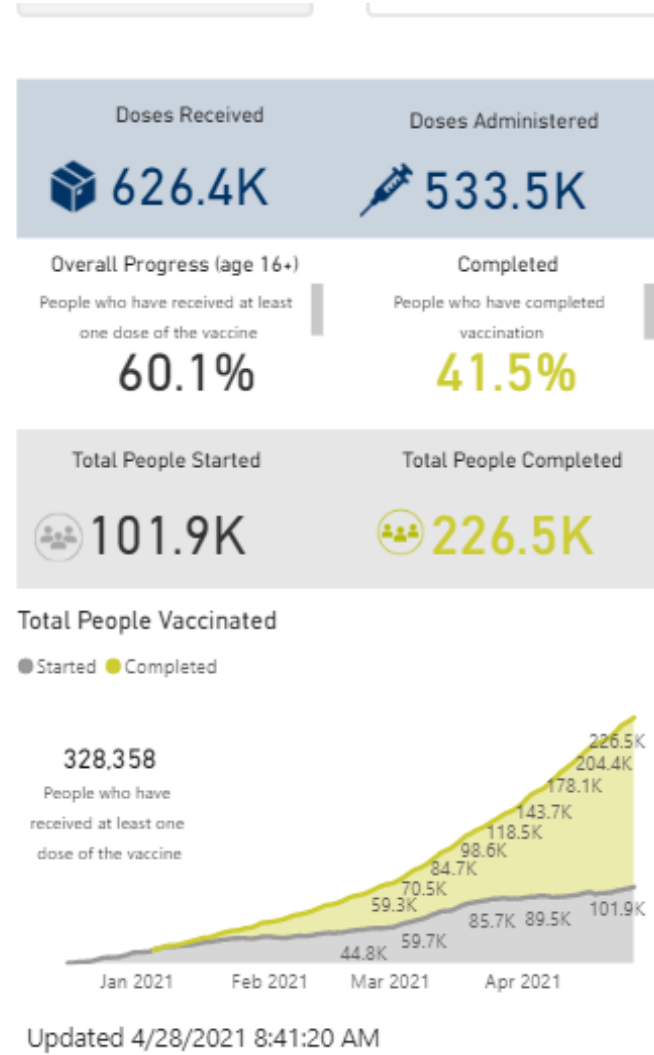
The percent of the county population that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Show Rates By:

County	Overall progress
Addison	66.2%
Bennington	62.6%
Caledonia	52.3%
Chittenden	64.5%
Essex	45.7%
Franklin	54.1%
Grand Isle	63.7%
Lamoille	63.7%
Orange	55.1%
Orleans	53.0%
Rutland	58.5%
Washington	64.1%
Windham	54.4%
Windsor	57.8%
Vermont	60.1%



45.7% 66.2%



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## Vermont Vaccination Data

Select County

All

Clear filters

### 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	22.3%
18 - 29	28.6%
30 - 39	46.8%
40 - 49	55.3%
50 - 59	66.3%
60 - 64	77.4%
65 - 69	87.7%
70 - 74	93.4%
75+	89.5%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>60.1%</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	65.1%
Male	54.8%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>60.0%</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	57.8%
Two or more races	42.9%
Pacific Islander	7.8%
Native American, Indigenous, or First Nation	18.9%
Black or African American	41.6%
Asian	52.5%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>57.1%</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	43.9%	76.1%	47.4%
Non-Hispanic White	45.2%	82.8%	54.5%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>45.1%</b>	<b>82.6%</b>	<b>54.1%</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	57.1%
Not Hispanic	54.5%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>54.5%</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.

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# 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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Currently, the State of Vermont all

- Vermont residents age 65+

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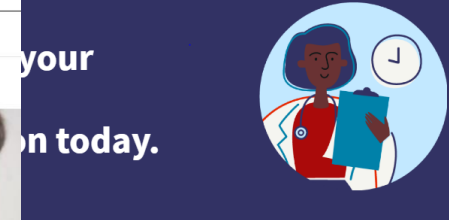
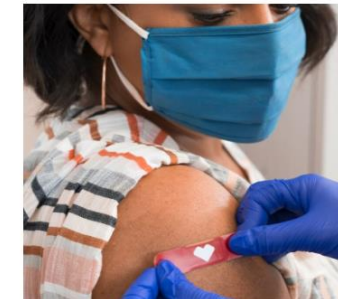
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Now offering the **FREE\* COVID-19 vaccine in select stores**

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

## NEW DATES VACCINATION TIMELINE:

All Vermonters 16+ **NOW**

Part-time VT residents **APRIL 29**  
Including out-of-state  
college students

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

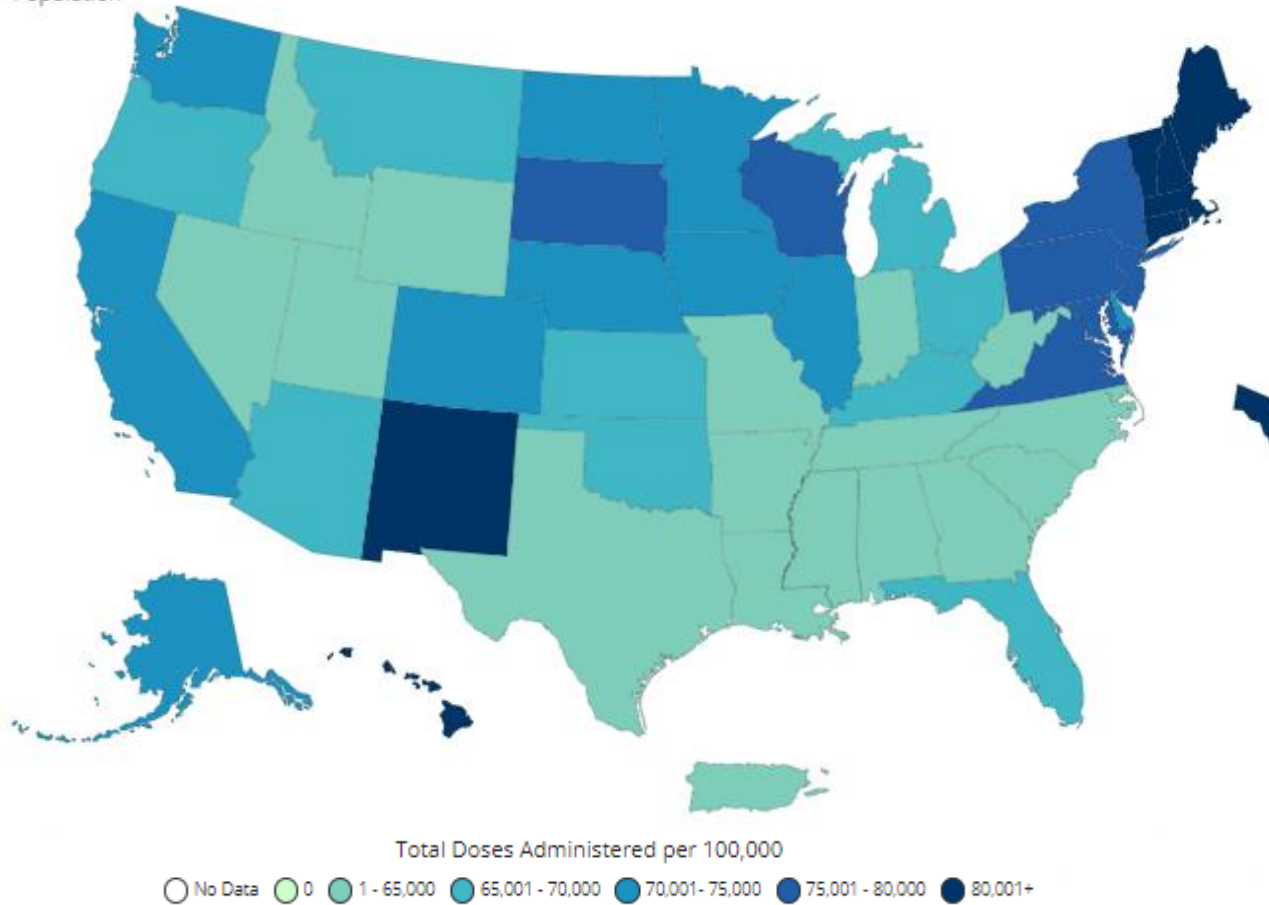
- Appointments from **4/28/21 – 7/2/21**
  - **242,720 total appointments clinics:** health care, VDH (Local/District Health Office POD), and some pharmacies (e.g., Costco, Hannaford, Price Chopper, Rite Aid, Shaws, Walmart)
- **Online (preferred) for most** and **phone** appointment scheduling:
  - 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.
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# COVID-19 Vaccine for Children & Youth

- ❑ Vermont continues early stages of planning for COVID vaccination for children and youth ages 12-15 y.o.
- ❑ Anticipate EUA for Pfizer for this age group in mid May, with potential to start vaccinating in late May
- ❑ Existing vaccination sites (state sites/pharmacies) are effective; need to explore whether they will work for this age group
- ❑ AAP-VT leaders support exploring school-located vaccine clinics; will require school nurse-medical home partnerships and buy-in
- ❑ Medical home administration of COVID vaccine also being considered in planning; must consider storage/handling requirements and medical home interest/willingness/ability. ***Your feedback needed here!***

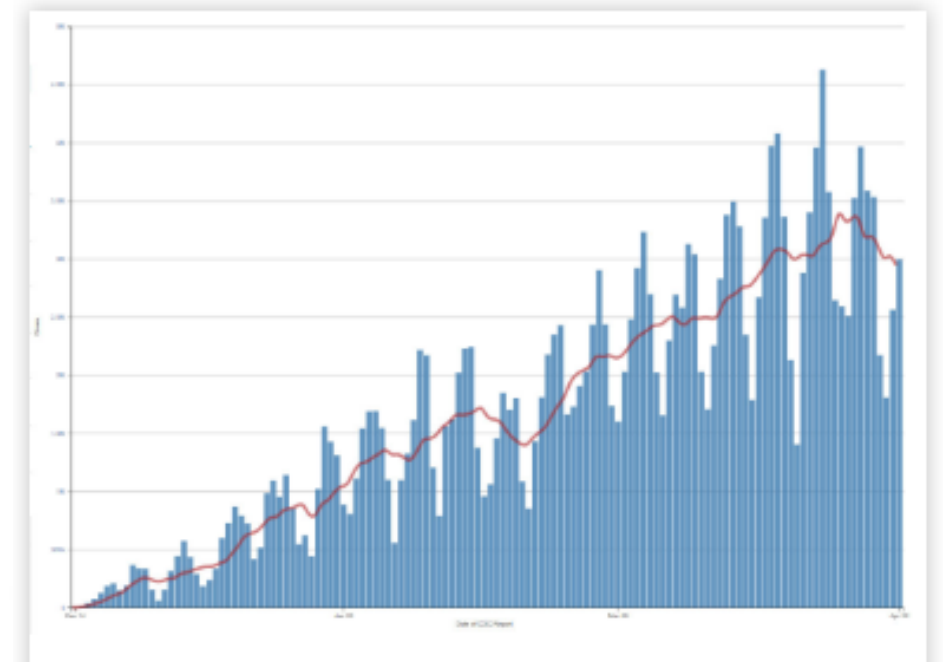
# From the CDC Vaccine Tracker

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/covid-data/covidview/index.html>

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

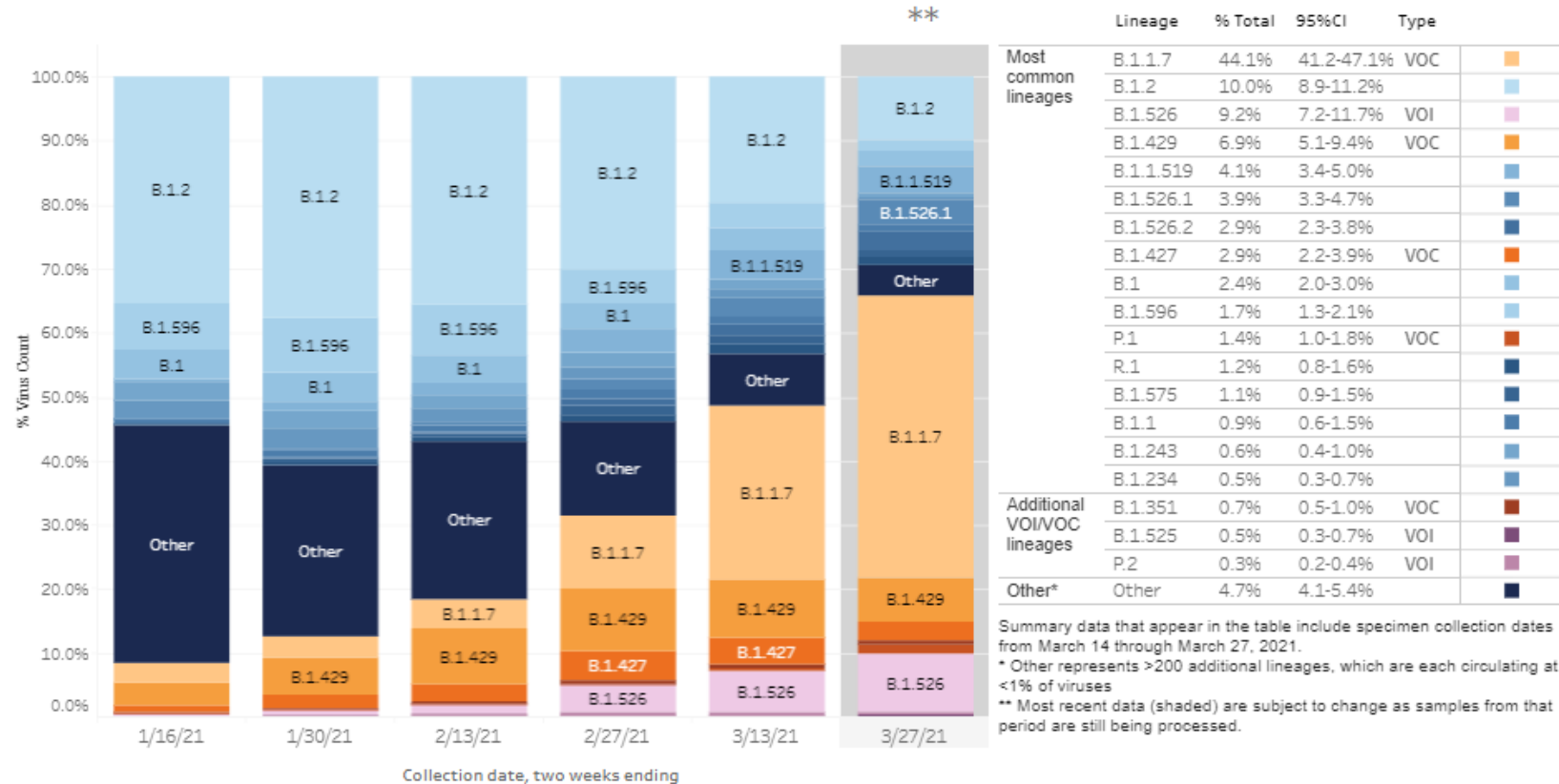
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# From the CDC: SARS-CoV-2 Variants in the U.S.

## 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>

# Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Vermont

- Vermonters age 18+ able to sign up starting April 24 for clinics that will offer the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
  - ▣ People age 16 and 17 are only eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.
  - ▣ Certain participating pharmacy partners, including CVS and Walgreens, are making plans to also offer Johnson & Johnson vaccine. People can contact those pharmacies directly.

- Updated Recommendations from the ACIP for Use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine After Reports of Thrombosis w/Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Among Vaccine Recipients — United States, April 2021 (*Early Release / April 27, 2021 / 70*)
  - ▣ **Already known:** On April 13, 2021, CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended pausing use of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine after reports of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) among vaccine recipients.
  - ▣ **Added by this report:** On April 23, ACIP concluded benefits of resuming Janssen COVID-19 vaccination among persons aged  $\geq 18$  years outweighed the risks and reaffirmed its interim recommendation under FDA's Emergency Use Authorization, which includes a new warning for rare clotting events among women aged 18–49 years.
  - ▣ **Implications for public health practice:** Resuming use of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine will ensure flexibility, choice, and improved access. Education about TTS risk with Janssen COVID-19 vaccine is critical.

**Note: this slide added after today's call**

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- Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines Against COVID-19 Among Hospitalized Adults Aged  $\geq 65$  Years – U.S. January–March 2021 (*Early Release / April 28, 2021 / 70*)
  - ▣ **Already known:** clinical trials suggest high efficacy for COVID-19 vaccines, but evaluation against severe outcomes in real-world settings & populations at high risk, incl. older adults, is needed.
  - ▣ **Added by this report:** in multistate network of U.S. hospitals Jan-March 2021, receipt of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines was 94% effective against COVID-19 hospitalization among fully vaccinated adults and 64% effective among partially vaccinated adults aged  $\geq 65$  years.
  - ▣ **Implications for public health practice:** SARS-CoV-2 vaccines significantly reduce the risk for COVID-19–associated hospitalization in older adults and, in turn, might lead to commensurate reductions in post-COVID conditions and deaths.

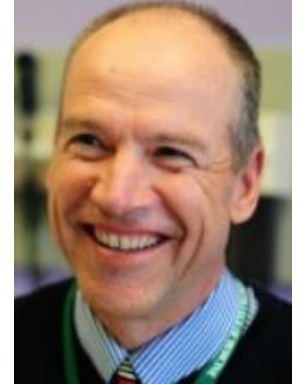
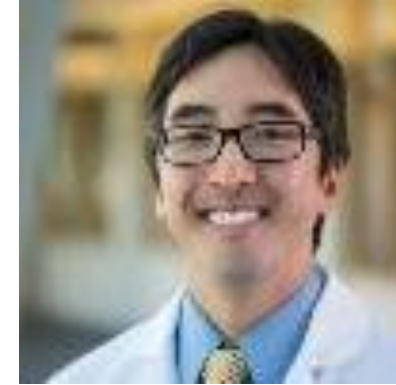
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*In case you missed it...*

## Congratulations to AAP Awardees!

### □ 2020 AAP Special Achievement Awards – Vermont Chapter Recipients:

- ▣ Leah Costello, MD, FAAP
- ▣ Benjamin Lee, MD, FAAP
- ▣ William Raszka, Jr, MD, FAAP



- These awards are in recognition of outstanding AAP work of individuals
  - ▣ Nominations are reviewed by the AAP District Vice Chairpersons and approved by the AAP Executive Committee.
  - ▣ Awards will be presented at a special District I virtual meeting to honor recipients on Thursday, May 6, 2021

# Congratulations KidSafe Vermont Awardees



- Lifetime Achievement: **Dr. Lewis First** Chief of Pediatrics UVM Children's Hospital/UVMMC and Larner College of Medicine, UVM
- Outstanding Professional: **Jean Shea**, Director Student Support Services, Colchester School District
- Janet S. Munt Prevention: **Scottie Taylor**, Pediatric Physical Therapist, UVM Health Network Home Health& Hospice
- Gregory Packan Outstanding Advocacy: *, retired*, VT Department for Children and Families **Ken Schatz**
- Promising Professional: **Kelsey Conroy**, Family Engagement Specialist, Lund
- Outstanding Collaboration: Dr. Breena Holmes & Dr. Wendy Davis,

***Covid-19 Team VDH VT Health Department/VCHIP-CHAMP***

# 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"*

# Action Alert: Let's Grow Kids



- Please email your state Senators and ask them to vote **YES** on H.171 (the Child Care Bill)
- Template available
- Visit: <https://letsgrowkidsactionnetwork.org/legislator-dashboard>
  - ▣ Easy to navigate link to where the bill is and who to contact
  - ▣ *Thank you, Becca Bell!*
- Please join the **LGK Action Network** if not already a member



# Tuesday Media Briefing (4/27/21)



Commissioner Pieciak (Governor Scott on White House call)

- Overview: modeling update; Harrington/work search requirement; Samuelson on vaccine progress; Levine w/health update; Governor Scott.

## Modeling

- Plenty of good news: VT cont. to emerge from v. long & cold winter; record COVID-19 cases in a steady retreat; last 7d. VT had 2<sup>nd</sup> fewest in U.S.
- Have already met May 1 vaccine goal under VT Forward Plan (goal 50%: now at 51.1%)
- This week: 504 new case (293 < last wk.); rate down 61% since 4/1. Under 100 new cases X 9 straight days (1<sup>st</sup> time in nearly 5 months).
  - Matched by sim. decrease 7d. average April 2020 (82%) vs. current down 61%.
- Large decrease while leading U.S. in per capita testing.

# Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## Modeling – Commissioner Pieciak:

- ❑ But now working our way out through life-saving vaccine.
- ❑ VT cases by age, 14d. averages: 10-19 yo down 70% so far this month; 20-29 yo down 60% so far this month.
- ❑ Campus cases relatively low: 52 in higher ed this week vs. 47 last week; still down significantly overall.
- ❑ Cases decreased in 13/14 VT counties; 42 % drop in NEK; slight increase Lamoille Co. only (6 cases).
- ❑ But neighboring counties in NH/ME not seeing same trend (esp. Coos Co., NH).
- ❑ Recall last Nov.: NH increases spilled over into the Kingdom.

# Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## Modeling – Commissioner Pieciak:

- Modeling shows that **daily cases will return to single digits in June.**
- Hosp. trends stable (slight decrease this wk.); weekly fatality rate trending down; 14 Vermont fatalities this month.
- VT **2<sup>nd</sup>** in vaccine doses administered (behind CT); **2<sup>nd</sup>** in vaccinating older/more vulnerable Vermonters (94.6% started vaccination). **First** in U.S. for 65+ fully vaccinated (82.8%).
- **VT vaccination rates decreased by 3% last week**, natl. 9% weekly decrease.
- Northeast region cases down 28% – lowest # of cases since early November.

# Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

VT Dept. of Labor (DOL) Commissioner Michael Harrington

- ❑ **Work search requirement will be reinstated beginning week of May 9.**  
Claimants will need to report job contacts to the DOL when claim filed in order to remain eligible. DOL will provide more guidance in coming days.
- ❑ **Valid work search** consists = 3 formal job inquiries per week (submission of application, formal request, or interview). Claimants must be able to provide proof. If can't submit online, will be provided alternate means of submitting.
- ❑ All claimants required to create job seeker profile in Vermont Job Link; refusing offer of suitable work will result in loss of benefits.
  - ❑ Exemptions are made for COVID qualifying circumstances.
- ❑ More information can be found at [www.labor.vermont.gov](http://www.labor.vermont.gov)
- ❑ **Widespread fraud in unemployment ins. claim filings**; filers may be asked for addtl. ID verification; report suspicious activity immediately online/**802-828-4104**

# Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

## AHS Deputy Secretary Jenney Samuelson

- ❑ CDC & FDA lifted pause on J&J vaccine w/confidence “it’s safe & effective.”
  - ▣ Known & potential benefits outweigh known & potential risks in 18+ yo.
  - ▣ Chance of blood clot occurring is low; CDC & FDA will continue to monitor.
- ❑ Vaccine recipients/caregivers: review factsheets at [FDA.gov](https://www.fda.gov).
- ❑ Clinics offering J&J vaccine have resumed in Vermont including in Chittenden, Addison, Windham, and Orleans counties.
- ❑ 4/27: Barton drive-through clinic from 9am-3pm (up to 100 people).
- ❑ Clinics with avail. appts.: Doubletree/S. Burl., Middlebury HS.
- ❑ As of 4/27: **52%** of 16/17 yo & **43%** of 18-29 yo registered or vaccinated.
- ❑ **54%** of BIPOC Vermonters have registered/been vaccinated.



# Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## VDH Commissioner Levine

- ❑ Data trending in a more positive direction: cases <100/day since 4/18.
- ❑ Vaccine progress: at least 60% have had at least one dose.
  - ❑ **Fewer than 3% did not get their second dose** after getting the first dose.
- ❑ Pleased to offer again J&J vaccine.
  - ❑ Total of 15 cases of TTS, all women 15-59 w/sx onset 6-15 days after vaccination.
  - ❑ 13 age < 50; est. 7 cases per million in this age group. TTS v. rare; COVID risk greater.
- ❑ Anyone with concerns or questions should contact their healthcare provider.
- ❑ Guidance may be forthcoming shortly from CDC regarding wearing masks outdoors. **We have not seen cases from the North Beach gatherings.**

# Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## VDH Commissioner Levine

- We have now released summer camp guidance.
- Story: Never underestimate the power of this virus. It is easy for young people to think that this will never happen to them. Loss of taste or smell could also happen. One Vermonter has had this condition for over 6 months.

# Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## Governor Phil Scott

- ❑ Just off White House call w/Governors, Dr. Fauci, Dr. Walensky
- ❑ Reinforced confidence in J&J vaccine; benefits far outweigh the risks.
- ❑ Today CDC will announce new guidance for vaccinated people; no details yet.
- ❑ Pfizer and Moderna supply will be steady; pharmacies will see a slight increase; some J&J will be shipped. VT will receive about 1,800 more doses this week than last week. Expect significant J&J increase next week or soon after.
- ❑ We are in a strong position to move into Step 2.
- ❑ Last Saturday was **Drug Takeback Day**. We collected over 7,000 lbs. of medication. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/doyourpart](http://www.healthvermont.gov/doyourpart)



# Practice Issues

## *Clarifying Vermont Forward; Updated CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People*



# VDH: Guidance Clarification

- ❑ Vermonters do not need to quarantine after domestic travel because case counts are down around the country and travel is no longer a high risk activity from an epidemiologic perspective. Only 5 percent of our cases since the beginning have been travel associated.
- ❑ Each step in ***Vermont Forward*** is based on increasing percentages of eligible Vermonters being vaccinated which will lead to fewer cases in communities. By summer, masks and distancing will be personal choices assessed by individuals, not state govt. so mandate will be lifted.
- ❑ We **removed health screenings from responsibility of childcare or school** because the need to do this is shifting back to individuals and families. In addition, fever is a low percentage symptom for pediatric COVID so not necessary to screen for temperature at school/childcare.

# Updated Interim Guidance from the CDC (April 27, 2021)

- Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

## Summary of recent changes:

- Guiding principles for fully vaccinated people are now provided.
- Underscores immunocompromised should consult HCP, even if fully vaccinated.
- Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors, except in certain crowded settings and venues.
- Asymptomatic fully vaccinated workers not restricted from work post-an exposure
- Fully vaccinated residents of non-healthcare congregate settings no longer need to quarantine following a known exposure.
- Fully vaccinated asymptomatic people without an exposure may be exempted from routine screening testing, if feasible.

# Updated Interim Guidance from the CDC (4/27 cont'd.)

- Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

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## Key Points:

- Will be updated/expanded based on the level of community spread, the proportion of the population that is fully vaccinated, & evolving vaccine science.
- People are considered fully vaccinated  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (J&J)/Janssen).
  - Applies to COVID-19 vaccines w/current EUA; can also be applied to COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization (e.g. AstraZeneca/Oxford).

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## Key Points:

- Following apply to **non-healthcare settings** – fully vaccinated people can:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
  - Visit with unvaccinated people (including children) from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
  - Participate in outdoor activities and recreation without a mask, except in certain crowded settings and venues
  - Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel

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## Key Points:

- Following apply to **non-healthcare settings** – fully vaccinated people can:

- Refrain from testing before leaving U.S. for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States

- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings

- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic



















- Refrain from routine screening testing if asymptomatic and feasible

- For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take precautions in indoor public settings like wearing a well-fitted mask

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# Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		<b>Outdoor</b>	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		<b>Indoor</b>	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	

# CDC “Choosing Safer Activities” (cont’d.)



## Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



Take prevention measures

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask

Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).

- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



# Vermont Camp Guidance: Overnight Camps

- **SEE VCHIP-VDH call and email 4/23/21:**  
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Overnight-Summer-Camp-Guidance.pdf>
- **Prearrival 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**

# Camp Guidance: **CDC** (Updated April 24, 2021)

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

## Key Points

- Intended for all types of youth day camps with additional guidance provided for overnight camps.
  - ▣ Organizations that provide summer day camps on school grounds should use the guidance.
  - ▣ Summer learning programs on school grounds should follow CDC's Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools.
- Consistent and layered use of multiple prevention strategies can help camps open safely for in-person activities; protect children, families, and staff; and slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

# Camp Guidance: CDC (cont'd.)

## **CDC: Key Points** (cont'd.)

- ❑ This guidance describes physical distancing recommendations for day camps that align with current evidence for physical distancing in schools, including at least 3 feet physical distance between campers in the same cohort, except when eating and drinking (at least 6 feet); at least 6 feet physical distance between campers and staff; and at least 6 feet between campers in different cohorts. Additional guidance on physical distancing in overnight camps is also provided.
- ❑ This guidance outlines strategies that camp programs can use to maintain healthy environments and operations, lower the risk of COVID-19 spread in their programs, prepare for when someone is sick with COVID-19, and support coping and resilience.

- 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.

# 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/>



# 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 – ***Friday, April 30, 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
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