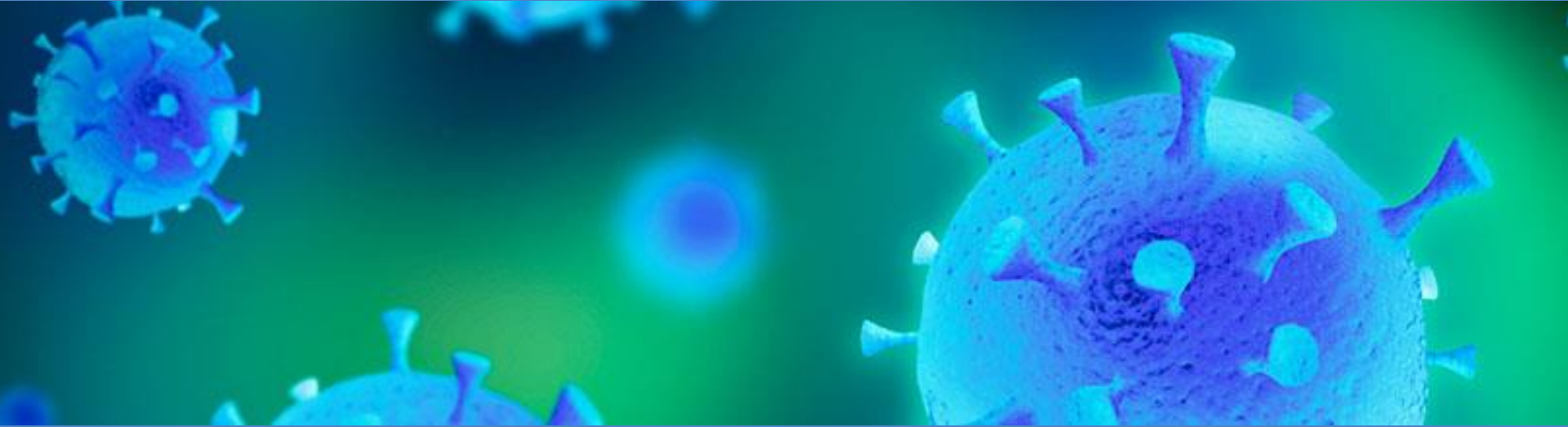


VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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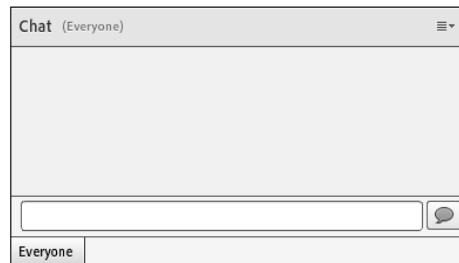
Technology Notes

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

If you dialed in or out, unmute by pressing #6 to ask a question (and press *6 to mute).

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

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



Overview

- Situation update
 - ▣ Surveillance
 - ▣ Testing
 - ▣ Other updates/announcements: special Pediatric Grand Rounds via Zoom next Wednesday, April 15, 2020
 - ▣ New Guidance: Emergency Childcare for Essential Workers
- Practice Issues: Revisiting telehealth/telephone coverage - All
- Question and Answer

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

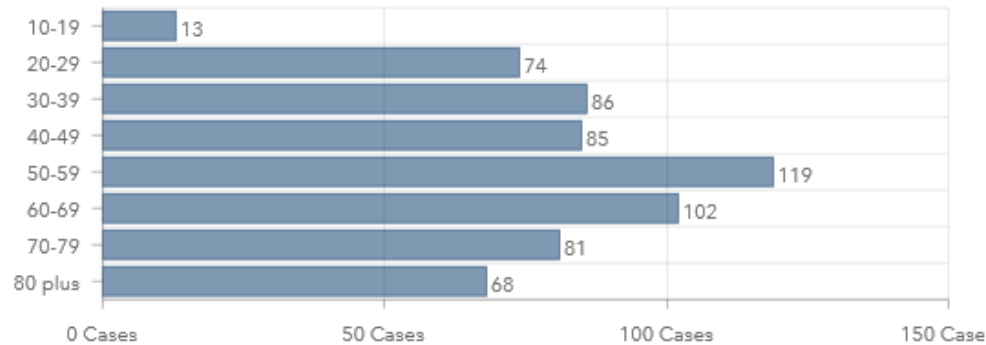
Situation update

Total Cases
628
Currently Hospitalized
33
Hospitalized Under Investigation
44
Deaths
23
Total Tests
8,181
People Being Monitored
47
People Completed Monitoring
777
Last Updated (M/DD/YYYY): 4/09/2020, 09:30 EDT

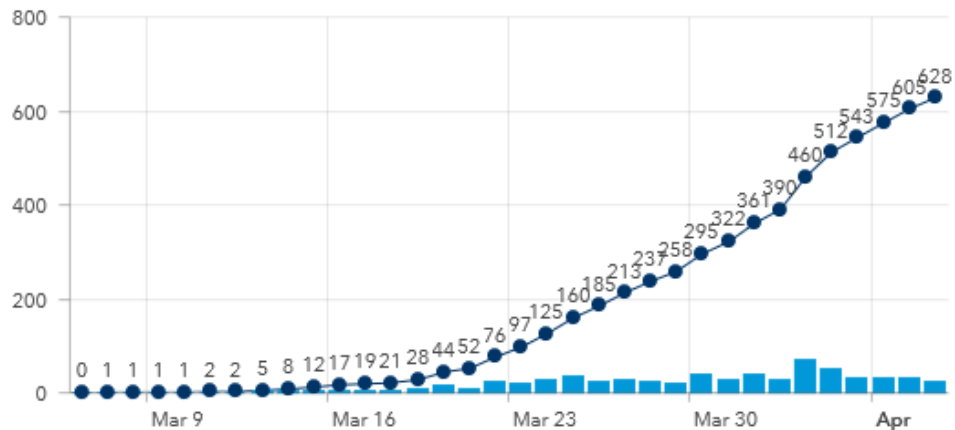
- 165 inmates at NW State Correctional Facility (St. Albans) tested last night (prompted by 1 pos.)
- 35 inpatients with COVID
- 42 PUI
- 11 patients in ICU
- 9 on ventilators

Situation update (updated 4/9/20)

COVID-19 Cases by Age Group



New and Cumulative Vermont COVID-19 Cases



Special (Zoom) *Pediatric Grand Rounds* – 4/15/20

- **Date and Time:** Wednesday, April 15th, 8:00-9:00, via Zoom (login details to follow)
- **Title:** “COVID-19 Town Hall: The Non-Infectious Complications of This Virus.”
- **Goal:** Discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and families, including access to basic needs, behavioral issues, mental health, and child safety (brief presentations followed by Q/A)
- **Speakers:**
 - **Beth Forbes MD:** behavioral challenges and management strategies
 - **Haley McGowan MD, Courtney Fleisher PhD, Erica Marden MD:** supporting and promoting mental health
 - **James Metz MD, Tracey Wagner RN, Mary-Ellen Rafuse LICSW:** promoting child safety
 - **Kate Cappleman-Sinz, LICSW:** resources to help families meet basic needs

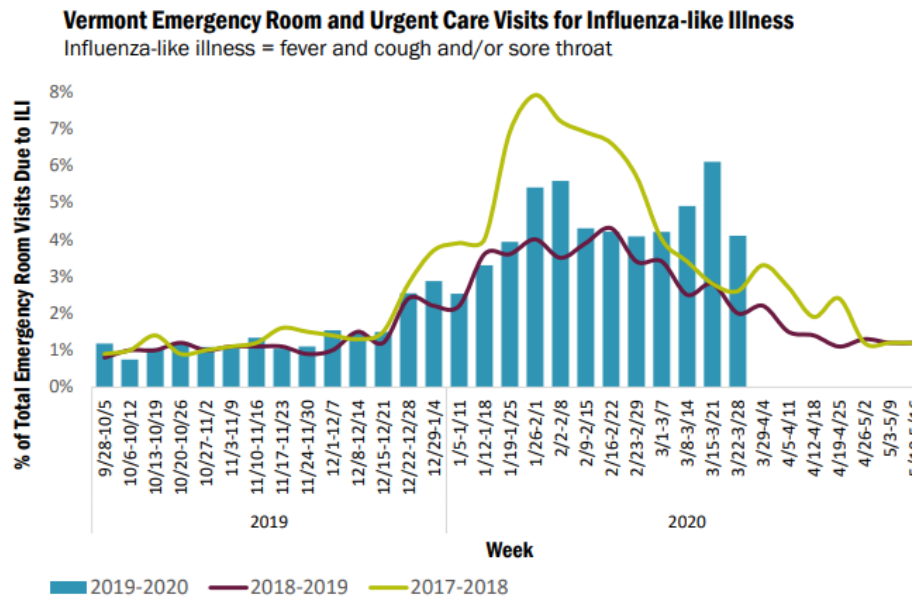
Other VDH Updates

- Abbott rapid test machines:
 - ▣ Concerns re: test sensitivity (~60%) & supply limitations
- **Health Advisory** (4/8/20): GLs on Requesting & Using PPE
 - ▣ New request form, location
 - ▣ When to use, respirator use/storage/decontamination
- Reminder: 'Tis the season – for TICKS!
 - ▣ “Out in abundance”
 - ▣ Excellent guidance for public & HCPs: VDH web site



Other VDH Updates

- Influenza surveillance (3/22-3/28/20, reported 4/320)
 - ▣ Geographic spread = “widespread”
 - ▣ 7% PCR tests run that week were positive (decrease)
 - ▣ Type/subtypes: A H3 (32), A H1N1 (84), B (34)



<https://www.healthvermont.gov/immunizations-infectious-disease/influenza/flu-activity-and-surveillance>

Emergency Childcare for Essential Workers

- New CDC Guidance for Emergency Childcare of Essential Workers Link to sign up as essential worker
 - ▣ <https://webportalapp.com/webform/essentialworkers>
- Health Screening at drop off includes eye protection, gloves and cloth facial covering
- As with general public, childcare providers must wear cloth facial covering all day
- Encourage same person to do drop-off and pickup
- Encourage Health Care workers to find ***alternative people*** to do drop-off and pickup

Emergency Childcare for Essential Workers (cont'd.)

- All children with any respiratory symptoms excluded
 - ▣ Request support for this provision by HCPs!
- Vermont Department of Health has public health nurses available to childcare programs & schools providing childcare to answer health-related childcare questions
 - ▣ 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday
 - ▣ Call: **802-863-7240** & select the option for “Childcare Services”
 - ▣ *After hours there will be a childcare question mailbox to leave a message and VDH staff will return your call the following business day.*

Practice Issues

Revisiting Telehealth and Telephone Coverage

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What we are hearing . . .

- ❑ Concern re: lack of full coverage for telehealth WCC for <2 y.o. Concern re: coverage challenges for combination phone/FTF (car)
- ❑ Possibly updated DVHA guidance this afternoon???
- ❑ RE Medicaid Retainer payments:
 - ❑ “We haven’t applied because we find it so vague. What amount is available per practice? Why don’t you know yet if it is a “forgiven” amount or you will “take-back” payments in the future? Is there another way from “taking back” other than from future payments, which is a biller’s nightmare?”

Resources

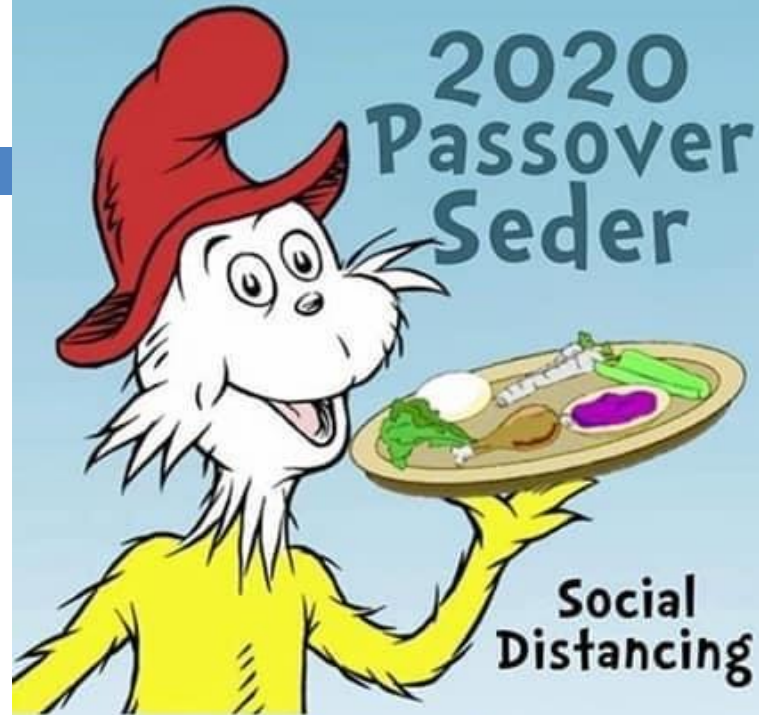
- <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/aap-guidance-telehealth-payer-policy-in-response-to-covid-19/>
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/15Y3RaKi13rOaT6rm_fbO3TSr7UIOnii-O9DHdLNn9j4/edit
- <https://www.vpqhc.org/statewide-telehealth-work-group>
- <http://vtmd.org/covid-19-resource-page>

Upcoming topics

- Follow-up re: telehealth, telephone coverage

- Mother-baby care:
 - ▣ AAP/VDH
 - ▣ UVM MC, NNEPQIN
 - ▣ WHO (?)

Today's Chuckle



I do not want you in my house.
I do not want you or your spouse.
I do not want to eat with you.
Seder One or Seder Two.
Don't get me wrong, I think you're nice.
But the CDC gave out this advice,
You must avoid one plague more
and shoo Elijah from your door.
At next year's Seder, we will tell
how we were all saved by Purell.

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)?
- ❑ **VCHIP CHAMP VDH COVID-19 website:**
https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip_champ_vdh_covid-19_updates
- ❑ Next CHAMP call: ***Friday, April 10, 12:15-12:45*** (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow)
- ❑ Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:
Tuesday, April 14, 12:15-12:45
Phone: 1-802-552-8456
Conference ID: 993815551