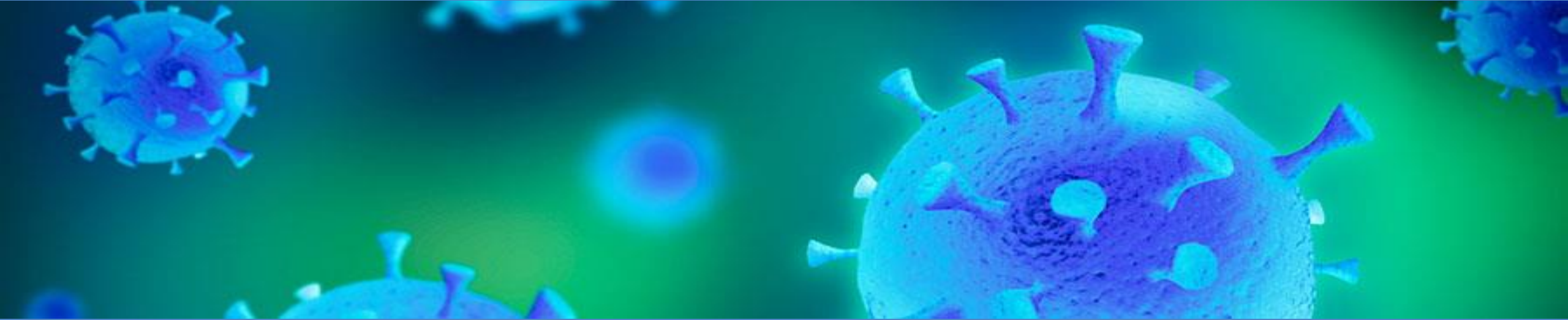


VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Senior Faculty, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM
Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH
May 10, 2021

Technology Notes

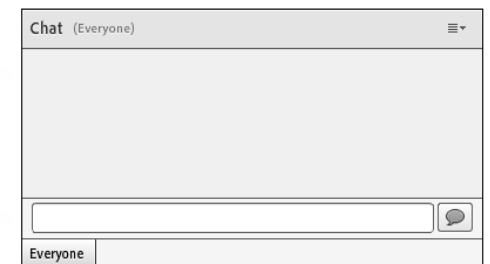
- 1) All participants will be muted upon joining the call.
- 2) If you dialed in or out, **unmute by pressing #6** to ask a question (and press *6 to mute).
If you are having audio difficulties and are using your computer speakers, you may wish to dial in:

Call in number – 1-866-814-9555

Participant Code – 6266787790

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

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



Overview

NWHW
NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK
MAY 9-15, 2021



- **Celebrating National Women's Health Week!**
 - ▣ Today is **National Women's Check-Up Day**
 - ▣ Find tools/resources at: <https://www.womenshealth.gov/nwhw/about>
- 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
- Practice Issues: ***VDH Immunization Program Update***
- Q & A/Discussion

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

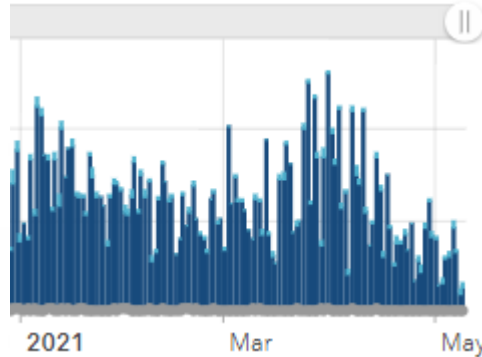
Scheduling Notes

Currently **NOT** planning to hold calls on:

- ❑ Friday, May 21, 2021
- ❑ Friday, May 28, 2021
- ❑ Monday, May 31, 2021 (Memorial Day)
- ❑ Friday, June 4, 2021 (Annual Child Psychiatry in Primary Care Conference – please register!)
- ❑ Wednesday, June 9, 2021 (Narkewicz Visiting Professor)
- ❑ Considering dropping to 1 – 2 days/week this summer; then continuing with frequency TBD in the fall – perhaps to include new/different topics?
- ❑ Please send us your thoughts/feedback: vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu

Situation update

New Cases	33
23,541 Total	
Currently Hospitalized	11
Hospitalized In ICU	2
Hospitalized Under Investigation	0
Percent Positive 7-day Avg.	1.1%
People Tested	385,292
Total Tests	1,627,711
Recovered	21,494
91.3% of Cases	
Deaths	249
1.1% of Cases	
Last Updated: 5/10/2021, 10:44:11 AM	



VT New Cases, Probables, Deaths

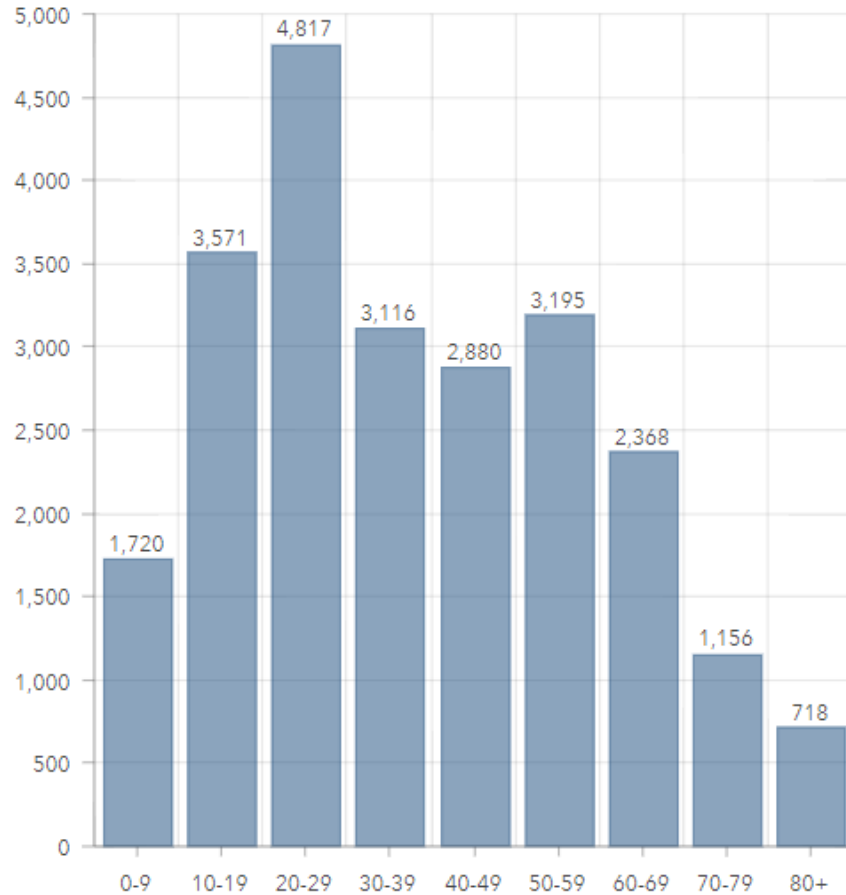
- U.S. **32.6 million+** cases; **579,634 deaths**
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 5/10/21)
 - 5/9/21: **22,391 new cases; 246 deaths** (ltd. public rep.)
 - Past week: av. 41,057 cases/day (14d. change -30%)
 - **3.2 million+ deaths worldwide; 158.3 million+ cases** (+1% & -5% 14-day change respectively)
- **VDH Weekly Data Summary(5/7/21)**
 - **Weekly Spotlight Topic:** COVID-19 Cases Among Fully Vaccinated Vermonters: 161 cases (<1% of cases) since Jan. 2021; 6 hosps.; <6 deaths. Breakthrough cases less likely to be symptomatic (42% reported no symptoms vs. 21% among those not vaccinated).
 - 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>

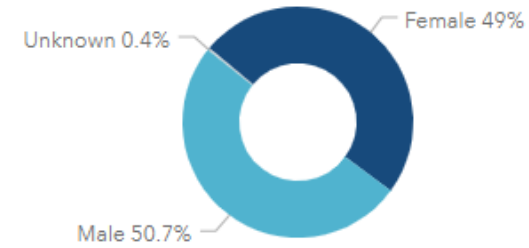
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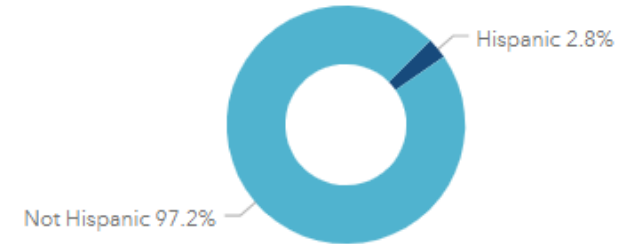
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Race if Known



Case Demographics

VERMONT FORWARD

ROADMAP TO REOPENING

Please refer to 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

4/9

Group A Sectors:
Move to required universal guidance

Cross State Travel

4/9

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

5/1

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

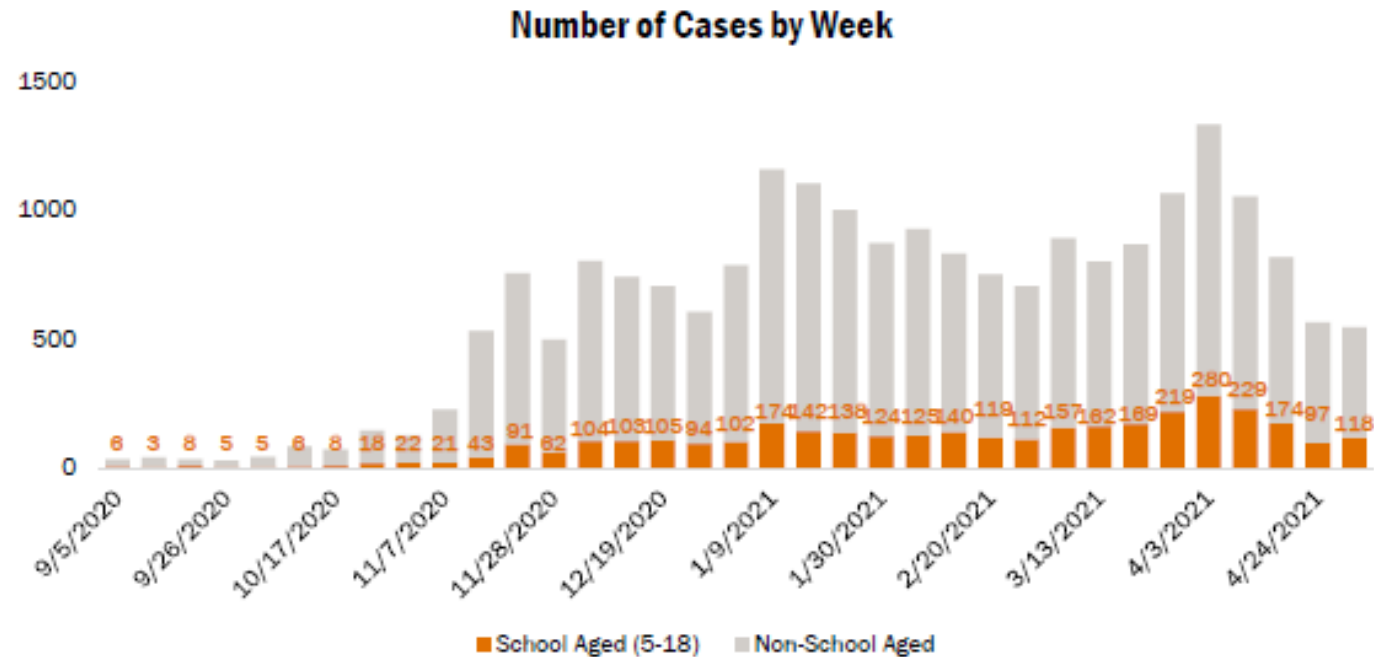
No capacity restrictions

Masks and Physical Distancing.

Encouraged

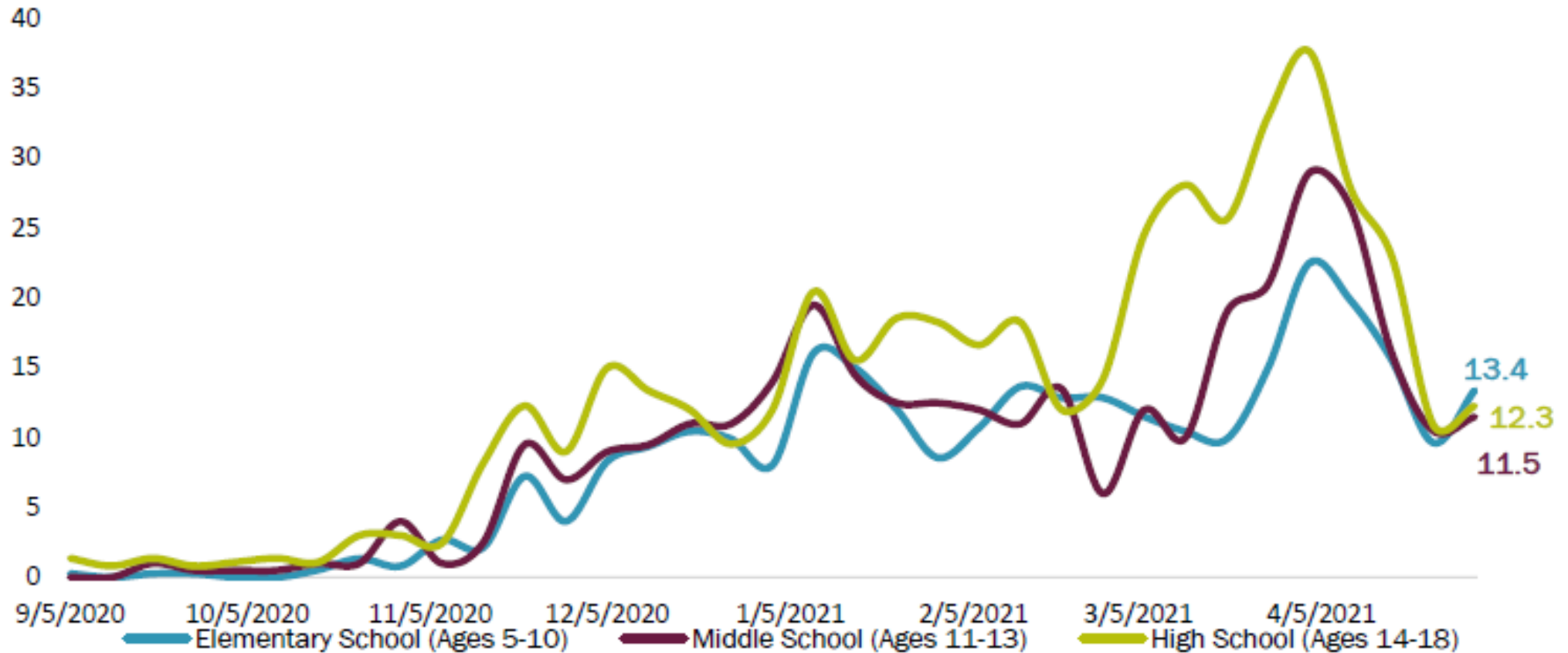
JULY

This brief reflects data as of May 1, 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

Rates by Week by School Category



[Compare to data from week of 4/17/21: rates were 10.9/10K (HS), 10.5 (MS), and 9.6 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.

May 5, 2021

May 2, 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.		
TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS	39	1299

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TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS	41	1291

VT College & University dashboards:

- UVM update** (week of 4/26-5/2/21): 22 new cases off campus; 18 on campus; 0 faculty; 0 staff
- Middlebury College results** (updated 4/20/21): 0 new cases & 1 active cases (employees).
- Norwich University:** 2 current positives

Return to In-Person Learning: A Tale of Two Schools

- ❑ **Woodstock Elementary:** 6th grade attending school at **Billings Farm & Museum**
 - ❑ <https://www.mynbc5.com/article/the-pandemic-has-these-vermont-woodstock-students-going-to-school-in-a-museum/36369066>
- ❑ **Burlington High School:** School Board & Supt. voted unanimously to scrap renovation plans & seek site for new building (due to PCB contamination). Macy's will remain "home" for now.
 - ❑ <https://www.wcax.com/2021/05/05/burlington-high-school-to-be-rebuilt-unanimous-vote/>



VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

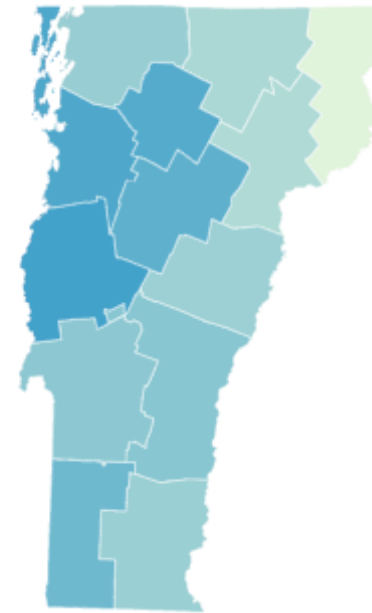
- Daily updates Tuesday thru Saturday
- Data = counts reported by end previous day; subject to change.
- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-dashboard>

Vaccination by County

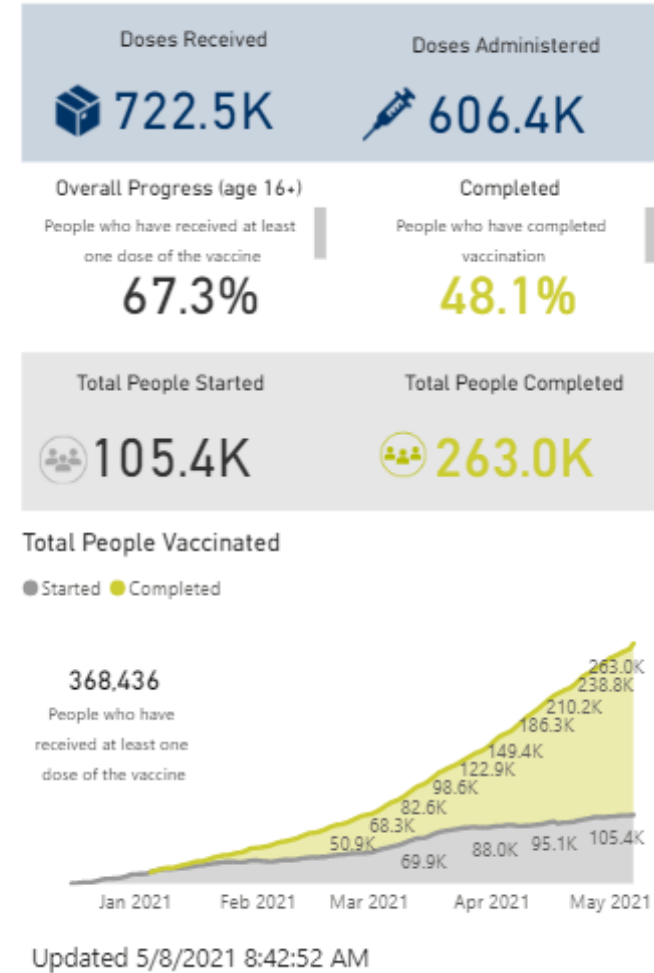
The percent of the county population that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Show Rates By: Overall Race/Ethnicity Ethnicity

County	Overall progress
Addison	75.1%
Bennington	68.2%
Caledonia	58.3%
Chittenden	73.2%
Essex	50.7%
Franklin	61.9%
Grand Isle	73.4%
Lamoille	72.4%
Orange	61.2%
Orleans	58.9%
Rutland	63.6%
Washington	70.9%
Windham	61.5%
Windsor	64.4%
Vermont	67.3%



50.7% 75.1%



Due to a reporting delay, data for May 5-6 (added to the dashboard on May 6-7) are lower than was actually administered. These figures will be updated when the data are available.

VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

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- **NOTE:** Select County to see age-specific rates

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Vermont Vaccination Data

Select County

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	40.3%
18 - 29	38.3%
30 - 39	58.6%
40 - 49	66.1%
50 - 59	72.8%
60 - 64	81.1%
65 - 69	89.4%
70 - 74	94.7%
75+	90.4%
Vermont	67.3%

By Sex - Statewide

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

Sex	%*
Female	71.5%
Male	62.9%
Vermont	67.3%

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	64.9%
Two or more races	49.1%
Pacific Islander	11.3%
Native American, Indigenous, or First Nation	22.7%
Black or African American	48.6%
Asian	60.6%
Vermont	64.2%

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	52.3%	78.8%	55.2%
Non-Hispanic White	53.7%	85.0%	61.5%
Vermont	53.6%	84.8%	61.1%

Race/ethnicity information is missing for 9% 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	67.2%
Not Hispanic	61.4%
Vermont	61.5%

Ethnicity information is missing for 13% of people vaccinated.

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

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Vermont Vaccine Uptake: 16 – 17 y.o.

By Age - Statewide

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

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Vermont	61.4%

April 30, 2021

By Age - Statewide

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

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16 - 17	40.3%
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May 8, 2021

VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration & Sites

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

All Vermont residents age 16 and older are eligible to be vaccinated! College students and [some residents of another state](#) are now eligible for vaccines.

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, Rite Aid, Shaws and Walmart.

BY PHONE

Can't make an appointment online or need help? Contact our call center at [855-722-7878](tel: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.



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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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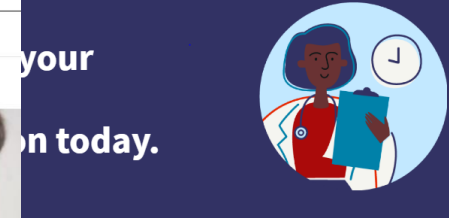
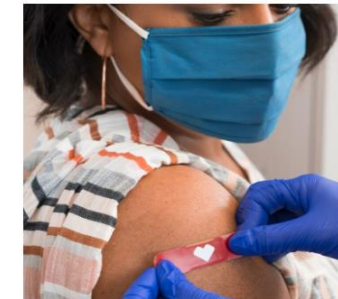
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Home > Pharmacy > COVID-19 Vaccine

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

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

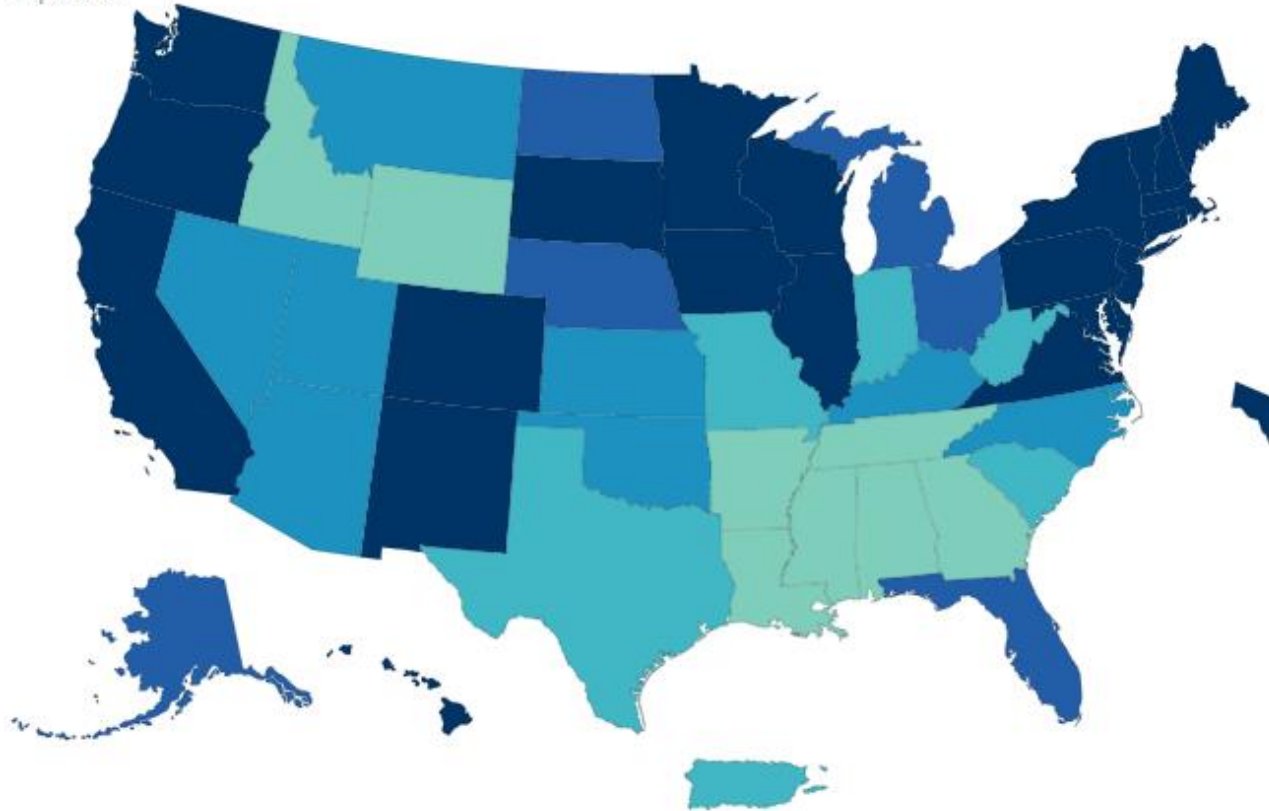
No cost with insurance or through federal program for the uninsured.



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

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



Total Doses Administered per 100,000

○ No Data ○ 0 ○ 1 - 65,000 ○ 65,001 - 70,000 ○ 70,001 - 75,000 ○ 75,001 - 80,000 ○ 80,001+

COVID DATA TRACKER

U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Progress



Find the latest data on **CDC's COVID Data Tracker**

Data as of May 6, 2021
Source: COVID Data Tracker - Vaccinations

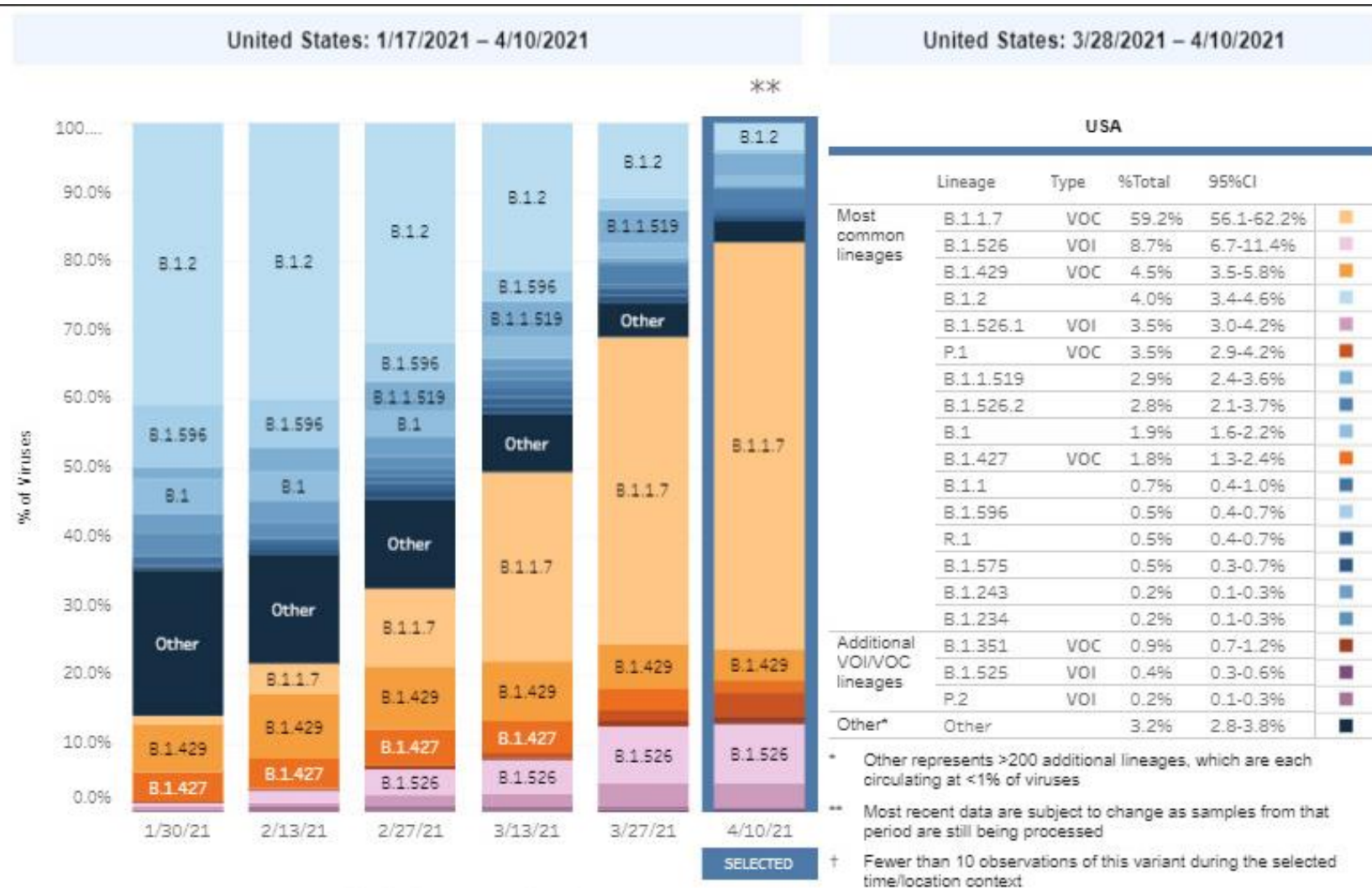


<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html>

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

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



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

From the CDC & FDA

- 5/4/21: CDC notes P.1 variant (originally identified in Brazil) circulating with increasing frequency in the state of IL (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/variant-proportions.html>).
- In vitro assays suggest that bamlanivimab & etesevimab together are **not active** against P.1 variant (assays use “pseudo-virus particles” to determine likely suscept.)
- REGEN-COV = alternative monoclonal Ab Tx currently authorized for the same use as above; based on similar in vitro assay data, REGEN-COV **is likely to retain activity** against P.1 variant. (FDA rec. HCPs in IL use this alternative)
- Other states not impacted by above; HCPs should monitor info from CDC/state re: frequency of the P.1 variant in their region.
- HCPs should review the Antiviral Resistance information, Sec. 15 of authorized Fact Sheets for each monoclonal Ab therapy available under an EUA for details regarding specific variants and resistance.
- ASPR & FDA working w/CDC & NIH on surveillance of variants that may impact Tx

Vaccine News

- **Moderna** announced COVID-19 vaccine “96% effective for ages 12-17 y.o. and has no serious safety concerns” (5/6/21)
 - ▣ Preliminary data from 3,235 pts. randomized to receive a vaccine or placebo: **12 cases** of COVID-19 reported but no additional details provided.
 - ▣ “Because the incidence rate of COVID-19 is lower in adolescents, the case definition is less stringent than for COVE (the adult study), resulting in vaccine efficacy against milder disease.”
 - ▣ Most common side effects incl. injection site pain, HA, fatigue, myalgia & chills; co. is discussing teen data w/regulators; no details re: projected timeline for FDA approval.
 - ▣ Also continuing to study vaccine in children ages 6 months to 11 years.
- Moderna also plans to request full licensure from FDA later this month & is studying **booster doses** & possibility current vaccine formulation could be stored at refrigerator temperatures for three months instead of one.

From the AAP

- Increasing pediatric share of new COVID-19 cases: **22.4% last week**
 - >3.78 m. children infected with SARS-CoV-2 & ≥ 303 have died. (Source: AAP and CHA)
- AAP continues to engage w/Biden administration re: pediatric vaccine:
 - (5/4/21) President Biden: if FDA approves vaccines for teens, officials will focus on making them available through pediatricians and family physicians.
 - AAP helping pediatricians prepare to administer vaccine in practices: recent updates to FAQs & new recs. on how to prepare, implement & get paid for vaccine administration.
 - <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/covid-19-vaccine-for-children/>
- AAP Pres. Lee Beers on children and vaccines: NPR Morning Edition (5/10/21)
 - <https://www.npr.org/2021/05/10/995340942/morning-news-brief>
- Kaiser Family Foundation survey
 - <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2021/05/07/covid-vaccine-parents-hesitancy-050721>

Vaccine Posters – from the VA Chapter AAP

Virginia Chapter
American Academy of Pediatrics
DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN

PARENTS...



Get vaccinated
and join us!

Want your teenager back in school?
Tired of quarantining after exposures?

SCHEDULE YOUR TEEN'S COVID VACCINE!

5 REASONS TEENS SHOULD GET THE COVID VACCINE

1 No need to quarantine after exposures

Freedom!

3 See your friends worry-free

Able to socialize, travel, and play sports

5 Life more like normal

Vaccine News

- **Vermont Vaccine Implementation Advisory Committee** met 5/7/21
 - ▣ Agenda: Partner Updates; Current Status Update; 12-15 year old Pfizer vaccine rollout
- Wednesday, May 12, CDC's **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices** will hold emergency meeting to consider expanding emergency use authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to cover adolescents ages 12-15 yo.
- Pfizer/BioNTech are the first companies to apply to FDA for full approval of vaccine for 16+; approval process may take months.
 - ▣ Companies' statement: have submitted clinical data, including six months of information on vaccine's safety and efficacy, to the FDA; plan to submit additional material, including information about manufacturing of vaccine, in the coming weeks.

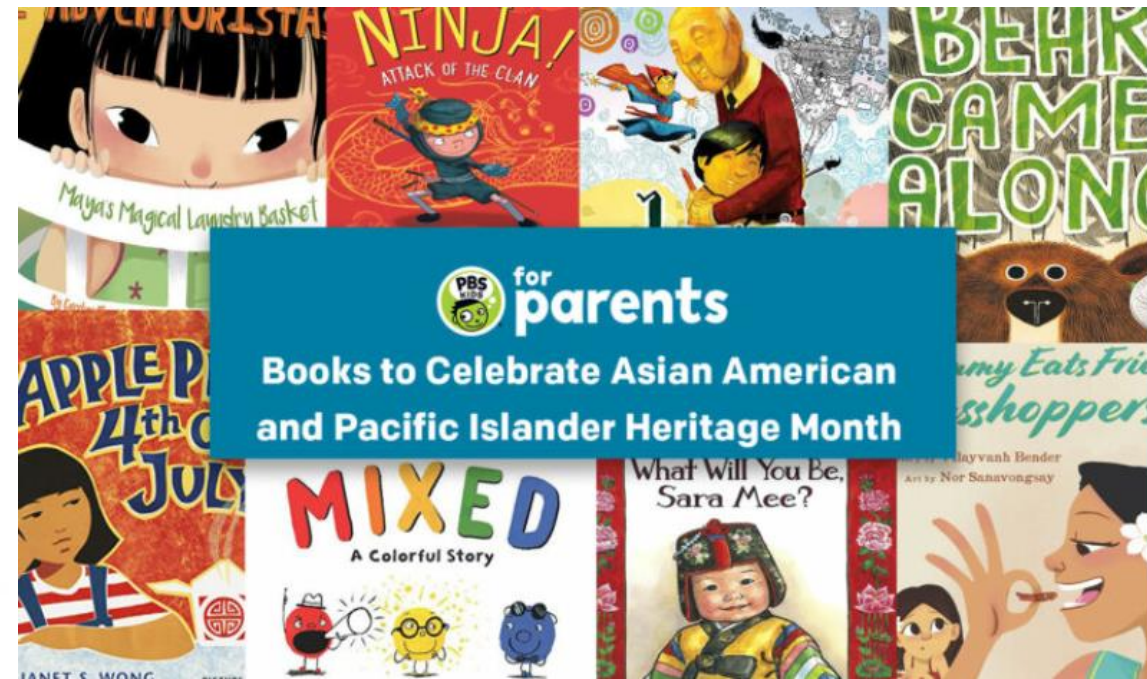
From the AAP Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT)

- (5/10/21): *“We are excited to celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Month!”*
- As for Black History Month: seeking **trainee** submissions – inviting AAPI trainees to share narrative of an experience during training as part of our **#AAPIvoicesinped** social media campaign.
 - ▣ Narratives will be posted on SOPT [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts.
- Would also like to **#celebrateAAPIpediatricians** by sharing a picture and a brief bio of our AAPI pediatrician role models on our social media accounts.
 - ▣ Nomination forms and trainee/pediatrician role model examples (from Black History Month campaign) available. Submission deadline is **Friday, May 21, 2021**.
- Shared by **Tatiana Ndjatou MD**, PGY-3 – NY Presbyterian Cornell, Weill Cornell Medical Center; Exec. Coord. of EDI, Section on Pediatric Trainees

Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month with Children

- 9 Books to Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
 - A list of favorite books featuring Asian characters, written by Asian authors, or illustrated by Asian artists
 - <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/books-to-celebrate-asian-american-and-pacific-islander-heritage-month>

Thank you, Melissa Kaufold!



Advancing Racial Equity

- From PolicyLink: **10 Priorities for Advancing Racial Equity Through the American Rescue Plan: A Guide for City and County Policymakers**

- <https://www.policylink.org/resources-tools/american-rescue-plan-10-priorities>

1	Explicitly name racial equity as a goal, with specific targets to produce results at scale	6	Invest in frontline, Covid-impacted, and disinvested communities
2	Engage historically underserved communities in prioritizing investments	7	Prevent displacement and increase community ownership of land and housing
3	Connect unemployed and low-wage workers with good jobs and careers	8	Strengthen civic infrastructure that builds the power and capacity of marginalized communities
4	Stabilize and grow businesses owned by people of color and immigrants	9	Prioritize a few deep, cross-sector, high-impact equity investments
5	Restore and expand public services that deliver critical physical and care infrastructure to disadvantaged communities	10	Track disaggregated data to ensure accountability to equity goals

From Our Colleagues at UVM HN VNA Home Health & Hospice

- ❑ Week-long virtual event to **support the McClure Miller Respite House**
- ❑ Fun Run/Walk is annual fundraiser to benefit end-of-life care: this year a week-long virtual fundraiser from Friday, May 7 – Friday, May 14.
- ❑ You are invited to engage in a wellness activity of your choice while raising crucial funds for the Respite House by reaching out to family and friends. It's easy and fun to join in! Register at: <https://www.uvmhomehealth.org/event/run-2/>
- ❑ Also welcome anyone to participate by making a gift to the Fun Run.
- ❑ Top fundraisers will receive a swag prize pack; anyone who posts to social media using the hashtag **#VTRunsforRespite** entered to win great prizes. Most important: every dollar raised will go right to work providing care for Vermonters.

Under Way: Youth/Parent COVID Vaccine “Town Halls”



- AAP Vermont chapter, in collaboration with VDH, area schools and medical homes
- Video by Rebecca Bell, MD FAAP addressing vaccine hesitancy
- Revised slide deck now available for use in ***your*** community
- **Please complete BRIEF email survey (AAPVT & VAFP members)** re: ***how*** you wish to be involved in adolescent COVID-19 vaccine administration. AHS is coordinating these efforts; let's be ready if the opportunity for collaboration is available.

Practice Issues

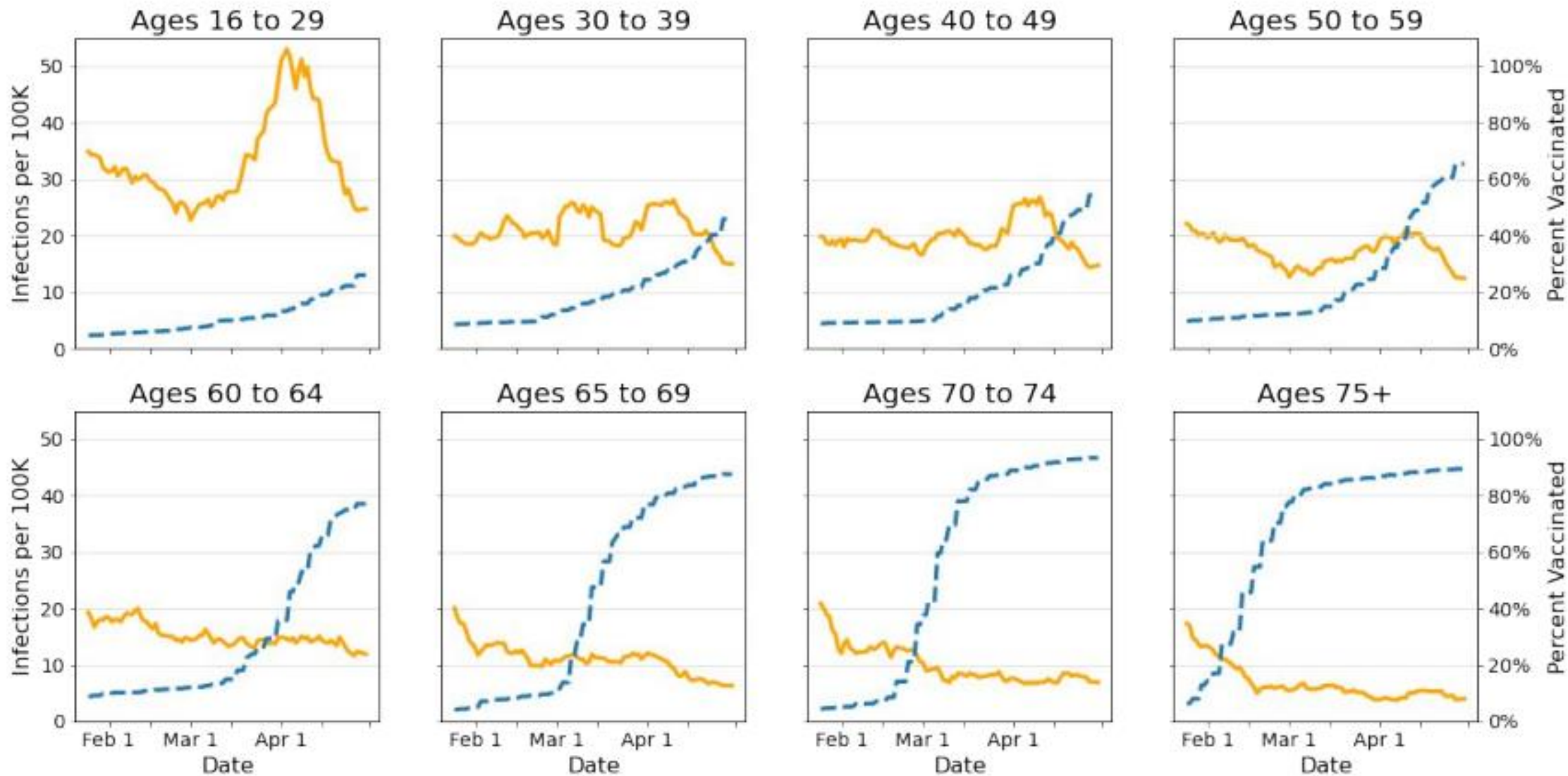
VDH Immunization Program Update

Christine Finley, APRN MPH – VDH Immunization Program Mgr.



Vermont Case Rate & Vaccination by Age Band

- New Infections per 100K (14-Day Average)
- - - Percent Received First Vaccine Dose



Planning for vaccination of 12-15 year olds with Pfizer vaccine

- ACIP/CDC approval is anticipated on 5/12
- List of school located clinics is being finalized
- School nurse involvement
- AAP physician community outreach – dates/times?
- Role of pediatric practices?
- What are the primary concerns you're hearing?

Allocation – changes continue

Federal vaccine pool – begins this week

On a weekly basis jurisdictions can either -transfer vaccine that isn't needed to the federal pool or request vaccine be transferred from the federal pool to the jurisdiction

Federal pharmacy allocation continues to change weekly – last week it was lower than previous weeks

Janssen – uncertain re: allocation

Pfizer – expecting a decrease in min order to 450

Moderna – 14 dose vials being implemented

The transition to providing COVID vaccines at PCP's is underway

Working to meet the unique needs of:

- FQHC's
- Hospital-based umbrella PCP's
- Independent practices

Reminder: Recent Vermont Guidance Updates

- ❑ **Vermont Forward** (4/6/21) <https://www.vermont.gov/vermont-forward#gsc.tab=0>
- ❑ A STRONG AND HEALTHY YEAR: Safety and Health Guidance for Vermont Schools, Spring 2021 (revised 4/8/21)
 - ❑ <https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-vdh-guidance-strong-and-healthy-year-school-health-updated-04-08-2021.pdf>
 - ❑ End of School Year Gatherings & Graduations (revised 4/23/21); **FAQ** also available
- ❑ COVID-19 Health Guidance for Child Care and Out-of-School-Time Care (published 4/23/21; effective 5/1/21)
 - ❑ <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/2021-child-care-and-summer-guidance.pdf>
- ❑ Overnight Summer Camp Operations Guidance (publ. 4/23/21; eff. 6/1/21)
 - ❑ <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Overnight-Summer-Camp-Guidance.pdf>

Important Clarifications/Updates

- **Child Care:** masks have always been **strongly recommended** for ages 0-5; this remains the recommendation & we added clarification that even outside, since distancing for this age group is hard, masks are **strongly recommended**.
- Visitors are discouraged until Step 3 of **Vermont Forward** (70-85 % of eligible Vermonters have had at least 1 dose of vaccine). Parents and childcare providers should talk together about drop off, entering buildings and also new parents' orientation & home/facility tours. Staggered drop off is an optional strategy in revised guidance
- **Schools:** guests from outside of the school community are allowed as long as mitigation strategies are followed and Strong and Healthy Year/**Vermont Forward** guidelines are adhered to.

In case you missed it . . .

Protecting Young Vermonters with COVID Vaccines



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Objectives

- Introductions
- Brief overview of COVID and children with Vermont data
- Reminder about mental health concerns in Children and Adolescents
- Video from AAP-VT Chapter President
- Information on Vaccine for children and adolescents
- Uptake of COVID vaccine for 16 & 17 year olds to date in VT
- Future planning: anticipating approval of vaccine for 12-15 year olds
- Questions and Answers

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A Message from AAPVT Chapter President Rebecca Bell, M.D.



“We (pediatricians) are so excited that the COVID Vaccine is available for young people....”

“...Pediatricians are so excited that the people we love, our patients, are getting vaccinated, or going to get vaccinated soon”

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- From VDH/MCH: ***Vermont 2-1-1 is ready and willing to help families navigate finding summer program***
- Recorded Summer Ambassador Webinar (from last week) is available for viewing: <https://youtu.be/guhz6pKSXDk>
- Visit the web site: resources for families & highlights of the summer health guidance for programs.

Save the Date: Friday, June 4, 2021



Course Director
David C. Rettew, M.D.

Join us virtually for the 14th 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**
 - ❑ **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 – ***Wednesday, May 12, – 12:15 – 12:45 pm***
- ❑ Generally back to **Monday/Wednesday/Friday** schedule
- ❑ Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:
Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:
- ❑ **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdIJ2ZG4yQT09>
 - ❑ Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
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