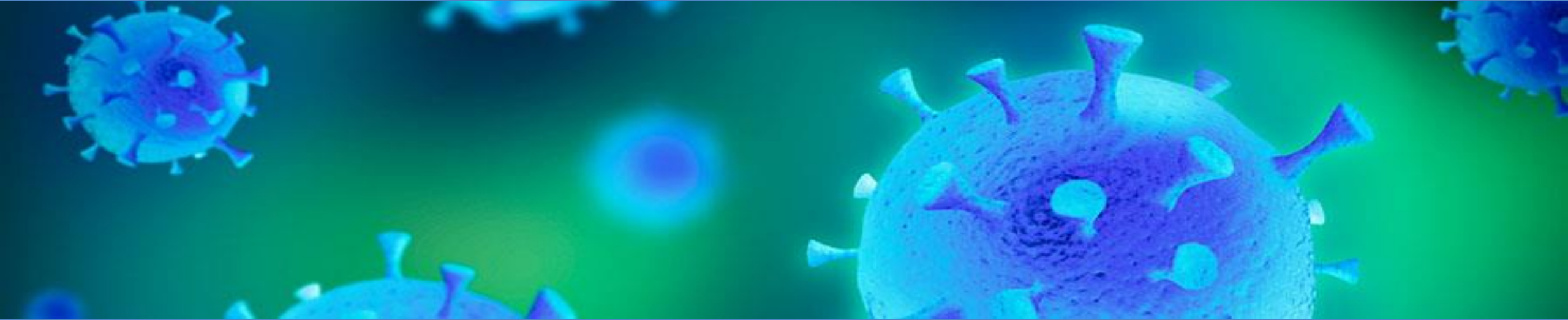


VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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 19, 2021



Technology Notes

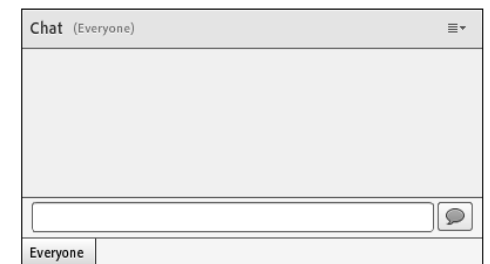
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- 2) If you dialed in or out, **unmute by pressing #6** to ask a question (and press *6 to mute).
If you are having audio difficulties and are using your computer speakers, you may wish to dial in:

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

- **Emergency Medical Services for Children Day**
 - EMS Week 2021 theme – ***This Is EMS: Caring for Our Communities***
- 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; Tues. Media Briefing
- Practice Issues: ***Wednesday Potpourri***: EMSC, Vaccines, Masks, Return-to-Play
- 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:

- ❑ ***THIS 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

Future Scheduling: *Request Your Assistance!*

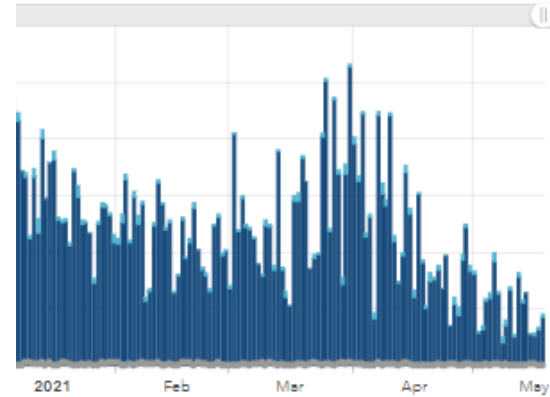
- **Brief** REDCap survey to collect your feedback on future call frequency, day(s) of the week, topics
- Click the link in chat and take right now (but please come right back)!
- **OR**, watch for email today from “**VCHIP CHAMP**”
- Please complete this survey even if you have already sent us individual feedback
- **Thank you!**



Situation update

New Cases	45
23,988 Total	
Currently Hospitalized	9
Hospitalized In ICU	2
Hospitalized Under Investigation	0
Percent Positive 7-day Avg.	1.1%
People Tested	390,045
Total Tests	1,670,412
Recovered	22,290
92.9% of Cases	
Deaths	255
1.1% of Cases	

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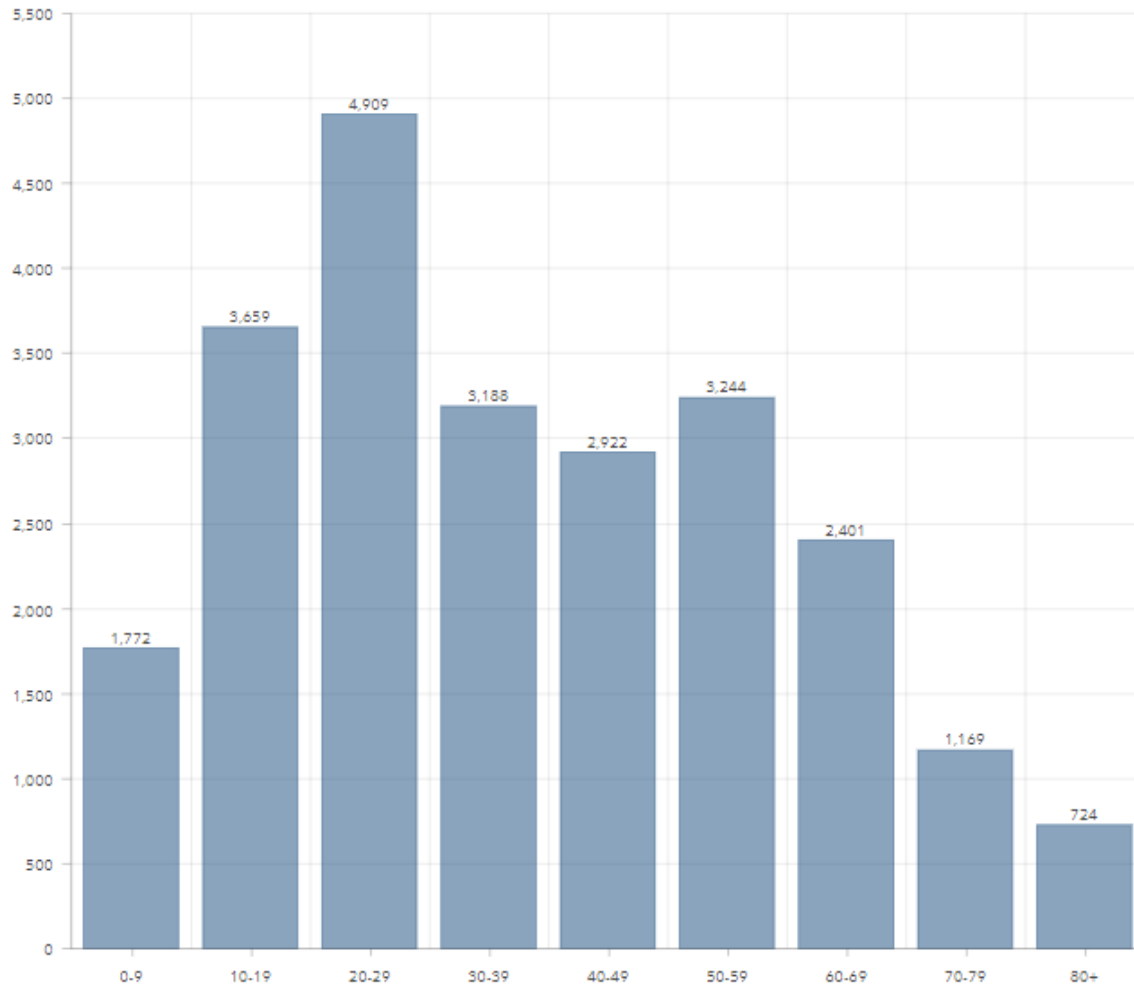


VT New Cases, Probables, Deaths

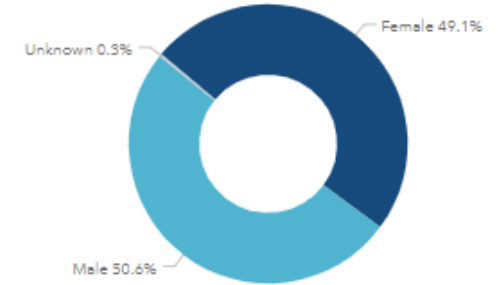
- U.S. **32.8 million+** cases; **583,990 deaths**
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 5/19/21)
 - 5/18/21: **27,910 new cases; 867 deaths**
 - Past week: av. 31,149 cases/day (14d. change -35%)
 - 3.3 million+ deaths worldwide; 163.9 million+ cases** (-7% & -20% 14-day change respectively)
- VDH **Weekly Data Summary**(5/14/21)
 - No Weekly Spotlight Topic**
 - Find previous summaries at: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary>

Situation update

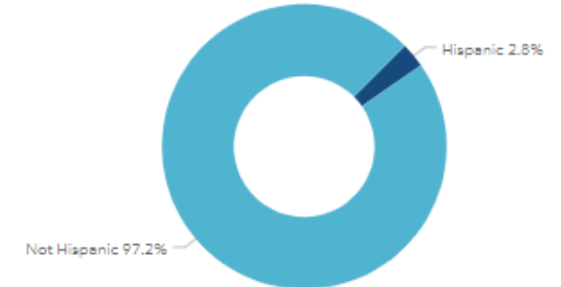
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Race if Known



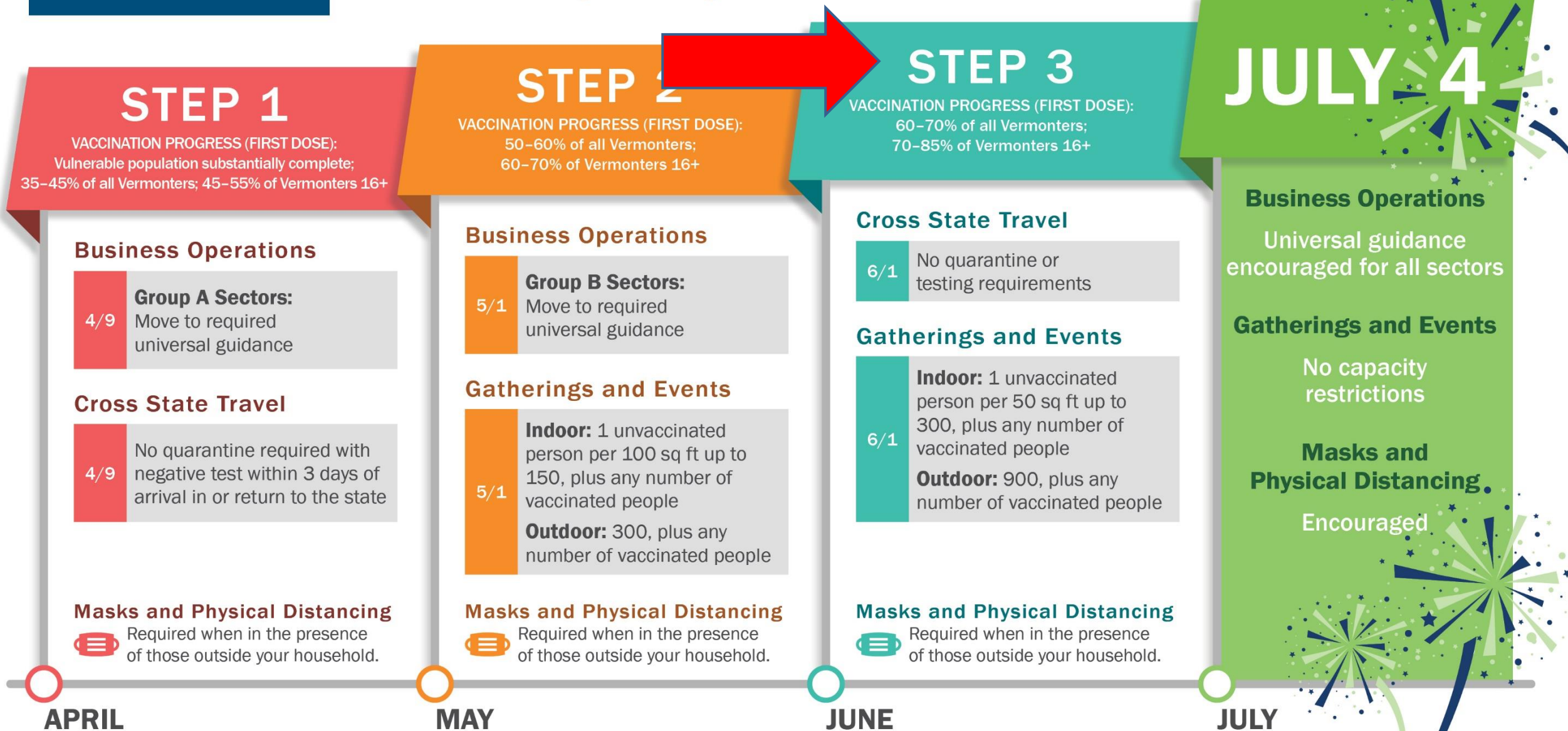
VERMONT FORWARD

ROADMAP TO REOPENING

Note: moved to Step 3 as announced at Governor's Media Briefing

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.



Vermont Forward – Effective 5/14/21

STEP 3

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):

60–70% of all Vermonters; 70–85% of Vermonters 16+

CROSS STATE TRAVEL

REVISED: Effective 5/14

6/3 No quarantine or testing requirements

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

REVISED: Effective 5/14

6/3 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

REVISED Not required if vaccinated. Required if unvaccinated.

JULY 4

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Universal guidance encouraged for all sectors

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

No capacity restrictions

MASKS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

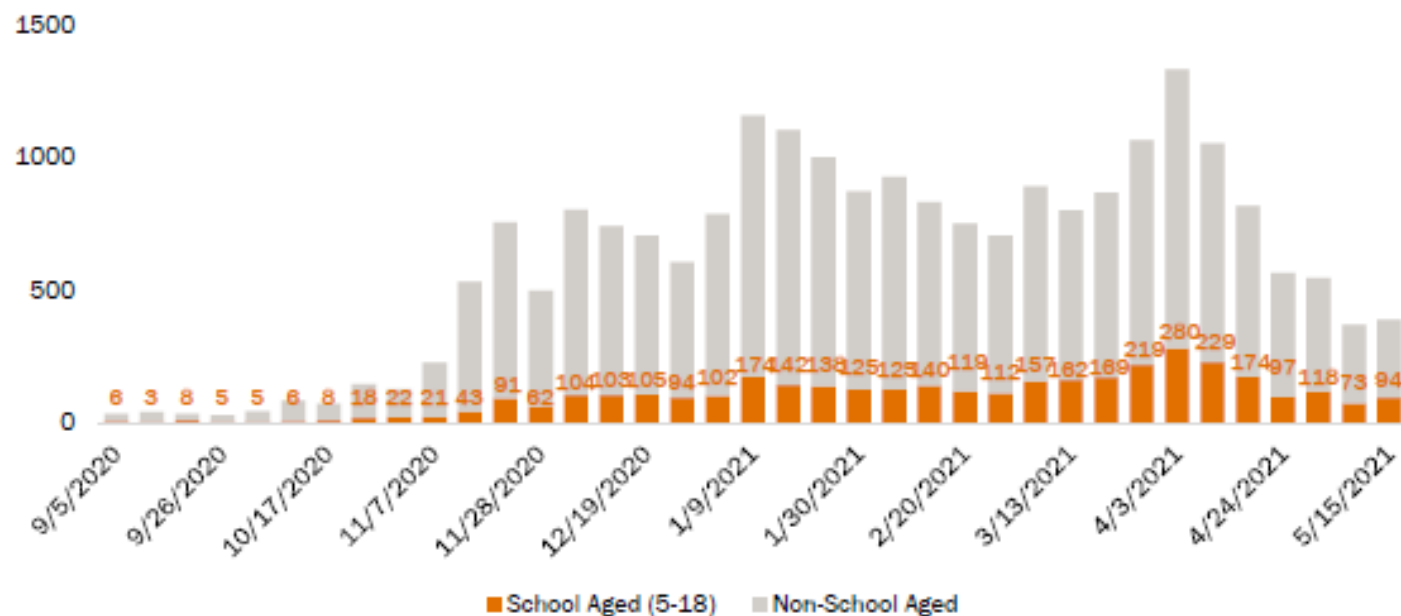
REVISED Encouraged if unvaccinated



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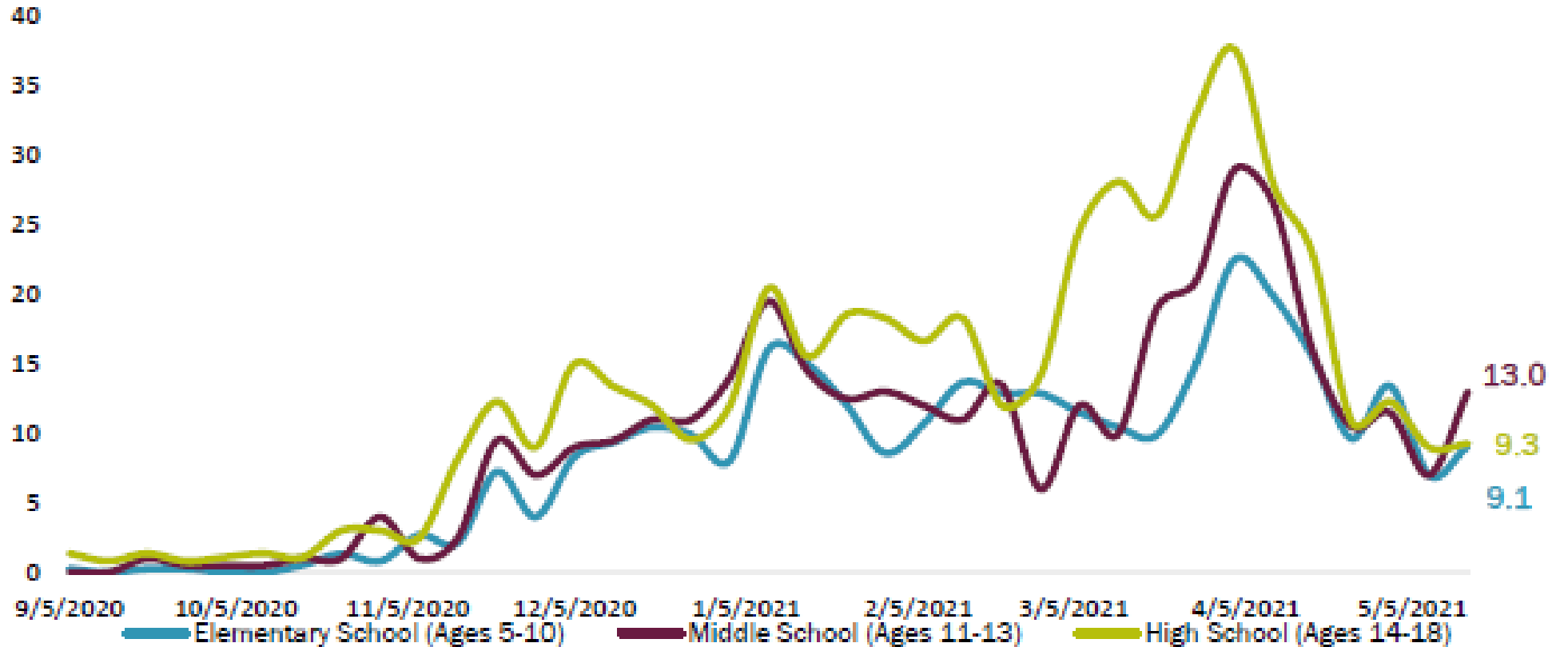
This brief reflects data as of May 15, 2021 at 7 pm (the last complete MMWR week). All rates are calculated per 10,000 people. The 14-18 year old age group does not include college students. Data is preliminary and subject to change.

Number of Cases by Week



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

Rates by Week by School Category



Note: rate among middle school aged children doubled compared to previous week.

[Compare to data from previous week: rates were 9.0/10K (HS), 7.0 (MS), and 7.2 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 16, 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	34	1362

May 12, 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	45	1346

VT College & University dashboards:

- UVM update** (week of 5/9): 0 new cases off campus; 3 on campus; 0 faculty; 0 staff – **graduation 5/20-21/21**
- Bennington College** (May 19, 2021): 0 new/active cases – **graduation 5/28-29/21**

VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration & Sites

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

ELIGIBILITY

All Vermont residents age 12 and older are eligible to be vaccinated! College students and some residents of another state are now eligible for vaccines.

NEW: Find out about vaccines for people 12-15 years old.

GET YOUR VACCINE WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT!

> [Find a walk-in clinic here](#)

CELEBRATE EMS WEEK WITH A COVID-19 SHOT

May 21-23, EMS stations across Vermont will open their doors and host appointment free vaccination clinics. Say thank you to your local EMS workers this year by getting vaccinated.

> [EMS Week Vaccination Sites](#)

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

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COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling at Kinney Drugs in Ver

Currently, the State of Vermont all

- Vermont residents age 65+

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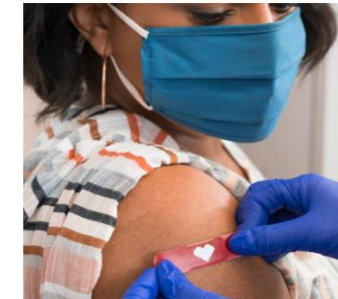
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Pharmacy > COVID-19 Vaccine

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No cost with insurance or through federal program for the
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icines are now available in some states at select stores to individuals 16 years of age and
or Pfizer; 18 years of age and older for Moderna) who meet state-specific eligibility

Special Vaccine Clinics

- In partnership with the Vermont Chamber of Commerce and Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, VDH will host walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinics for restaurant, hospitality, and tourism workers over the next week.
- Initial wave of clinics at seven locations, with each site offering J & J vaccine for hospitality workers on a walk-in basis. Clinics will be staged at restaurants, lodging properties, ski resorts, and other tourism attractions in an effort to bring the vaccine directly to the workers of this sector.
- The first wave of clinics will be in Waterbury, Middlebury, Woodstock, Waitsfield, Windsor, South Burlington, and Warren. To see all dates, times, and locations for these hospitality worker vaccine clinics, please visit <https://accd.vermont.gov/vaccine>.
- More than a dozen additional clinics, including in Rutland, Killington, Stowe, and Vergennes are being planned now & will be added as details are confirmed.

TO: Vermont Health Care Providers and Health Care Facilities
FROM: Jennifer S. Read, MD, FIDSA; Medical Epidemiologist

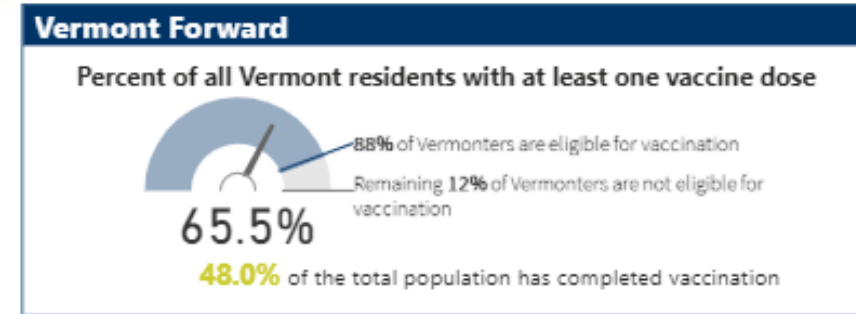
Interim Recommendation for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19
in Adolescents Aged 12-15 Years

- ***Interim Recommendations for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in Adolescents Aged 12 – 15 Years***
- Includes:
 - ▣ Background
 - ▣ (Clinical) Efficacy: 100% in preventing symptomatic, lab-confirmed COVID-19 w/o evidence of previous SARS-CoV-2 infection.
 - ▣ Safety
- Requested Actions:
 - ▣ Understand efficacy & safety data related to use in 12 – 15 y.o.
 - ▣ Ensure patients receive EUA factsheet for this vaccine.
 - ▣ Report adverse events to **VAERS**; encourage enrollment in **v-safe**.

VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard: *Improvements!*

Dashboard Changes on May 19:

- Data has been adjusted to include 12-15 y.o. (recently eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine).
- New dial added that uses CDC data to show **the percentage of all Vermonters who have had at least one COVID-19 vaccine.**
- New box in the “Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity” tab shows key measures referenced in the ***Vermont Forward*** Plan – measures come from CDC data.
- Also in the “Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity” tab, age groups by race are now broken into ages 12-30, 31-64, 65+, and Age 12+.



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>

Vermont Vaccination Data

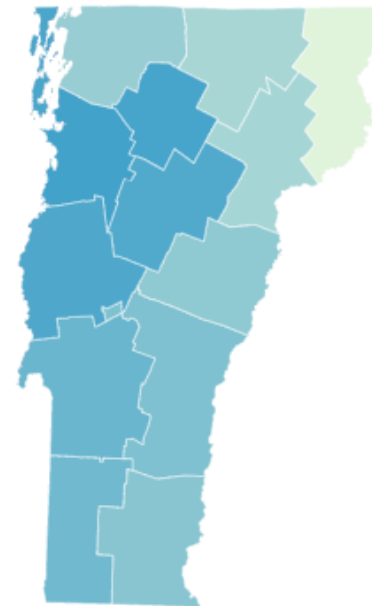
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Vaccination by County Age 12+

The percent of the county population age 12+ that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Show Rates By: **Overall** Race/Ethnicity Ethnicity

County	Overall progress
Addison	73.0%
Bennington	68.0%
Caledonia	60.0%
Chittenden	74.8%
Essex	51.3%
Franklin	62.3%
Grand Isle	73.6%
Lamoille	74.1%
Orange	63.4%
Orleans	59.8%
Rutland	69.0%
Washington	72.7%
Windham	64.5%
Windsor	65.8%
VT Age 12+	69.0%



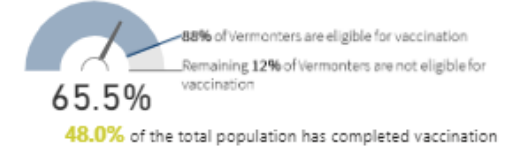
51.3% 74.8%

Summary

By Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity

Vermont Forward

Percent of all Vermont residents with at least one vaccine dose



Vaccine Distribution

Doses Received

805.1K

Doses Administered

669.5K

Total People Vaccinated

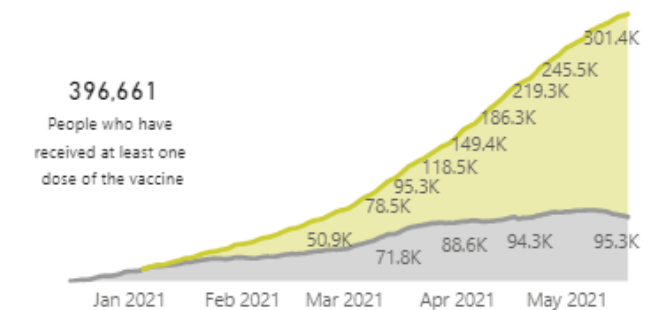
Total People Started

95.3K

Total People Completed

301.4K

● Started ● Completed



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

Vermont Vaccination Data

Vermont Forward

Percent of Vermont Residents with at least one vaccine dose

All VT Residents 65.5%

Age 12+ 74.2%

Percentages above are from the CDC and include VT vaccinations not reported to the Vermont Dept. of Health. See notes below dashboard for more details.

By Age - Statewide

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

Age	%*
12 - 15	9.0%
16 - 17	54.3%
18 - 29	45.9%
30 - 39	67.2%
40 - 49	70.7%
50 - 59	76.0%
60 - 64	83.4%
65 - 69	90.7%
70 - 74	95.6%
75+	91.2%
VT Age 12+	69.0%

Statewide numbers and percentages are capped at 100%. County numbers and percentages are capped at 95%. Values above 95% are suppressed to protect personal health information. See notes below for more information.

Select County

All

Summary

By Race - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population age 12+ of each race that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Race	%*
Asian	62.2%
Black or African American	50.7%
Native American, Indigenous, or First Nation	23.3%
Pacific Islander	13.3%
Two or more races	48.0%
White	66.6%
VT Age 12+	65.8%

Race information is missing for 5% of people vaccinated.

By Race/Ethnicity and Age - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population age 12+ of each race/ethnicity that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Race*	12-30	31-64	65+	Age 12+
BIPOC	42.8%	65.6%	80.2%	57.0%
Non-Hispanic White	36.0%	66.6%	86.9%	63.3%
Vermont	36.7%	66.6%	86.7%	62.9%

Race/ethnicity information is missing for 9% of people vaccinated.

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

By Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity

By Ethnicity - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population age 12+ of each ethnicity that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Ethnicity	%*
Hispanic	71.8%
Not Hispanic	63.1%
VT Age 12+	63.3%

Ethnicity information is missing for 8% of people vaccinated.

By Sex - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population age 12+ of each sex that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Sex	%*
Female	72.5%
Male	65.2%
VT Age 12+	68.9%

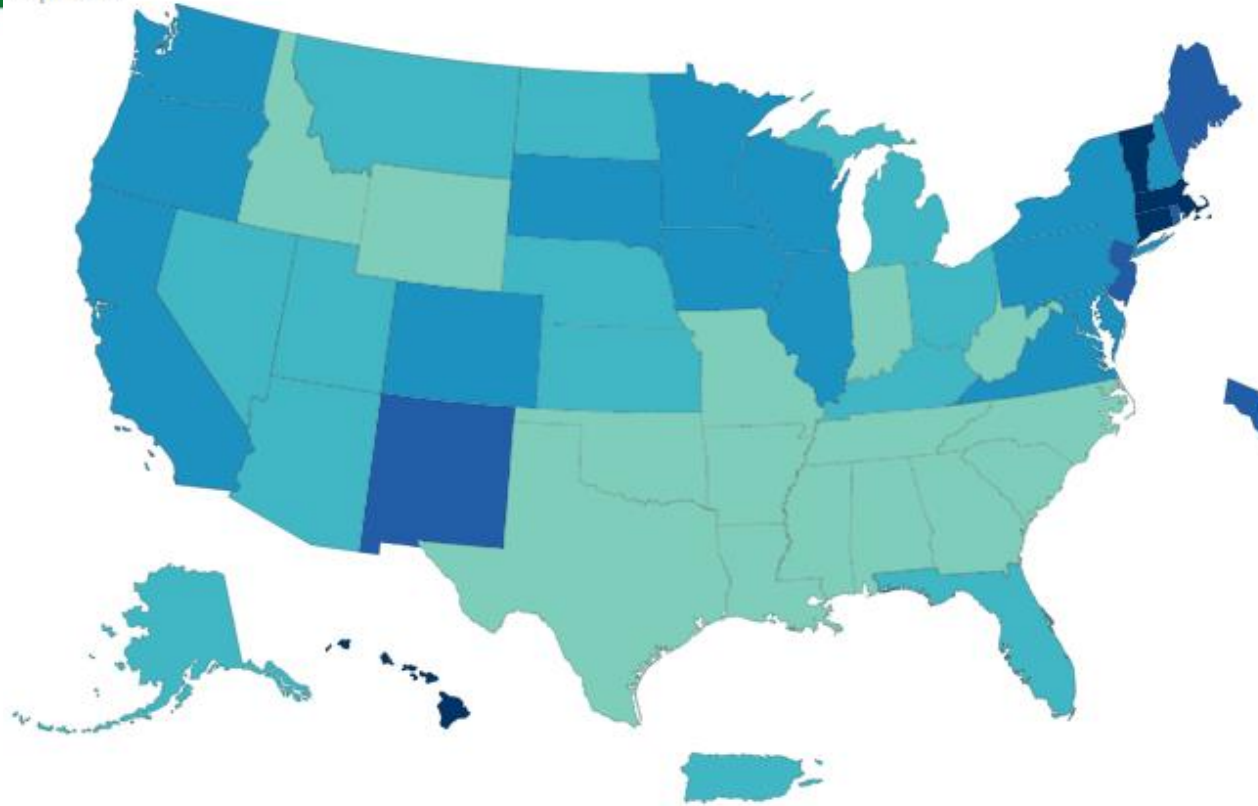
Sex information is missing for 0% of people vaccinated.

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From the CDC Vaccine Tracker

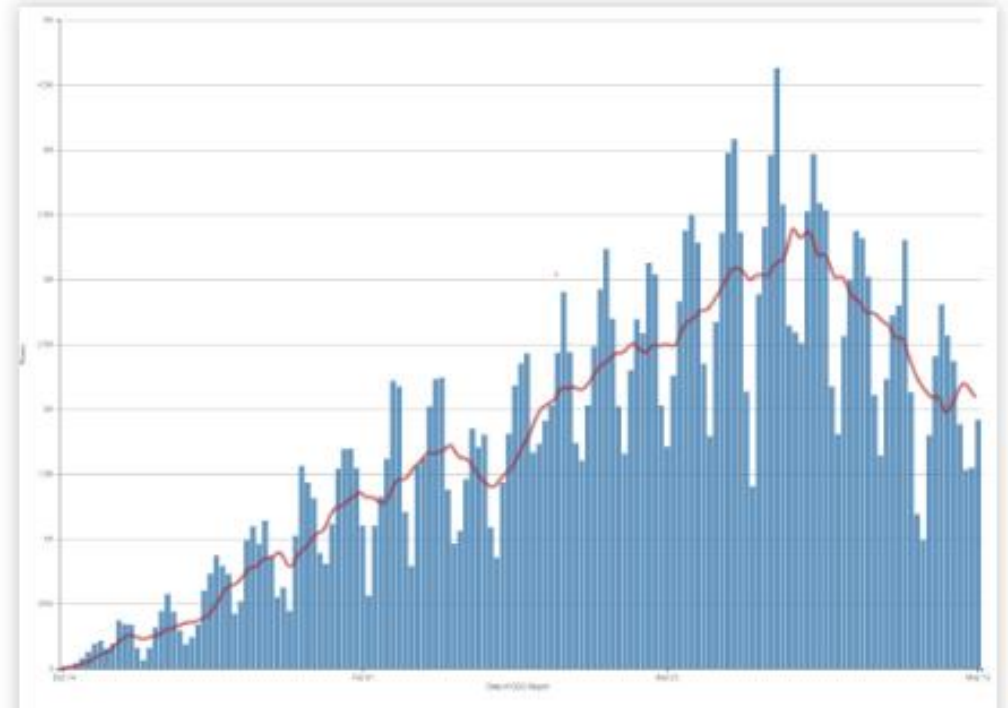
Total Doses Administered Reported to the CDC by State/Territory and for Select Federal Entities per 100,000 of the Total Population



Note: NEW color key 5/14/21



7-Day moving average



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

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

May 20, 2021

Slay the Virus

On May 10, 2021, the [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#) for use in adolescents ages 12-15 years. On May 14, CDC's [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) (ACIP) issued an [interim recommendation](#) in support of the EUA for the prevention of COVID-19 in adolescents ages 12-15 years. Additionally, CDC recently announced that [fully vaccinated](#) people, including adolescents, no longer need to wear masks in most situations. These announcements come as many families are looking forward to summer plans, including [camp](#), [youth sports](#), and [travel](#). Authorization also comes as young people make up a rising proportion of new coronavirus [cases](#) in the United States.

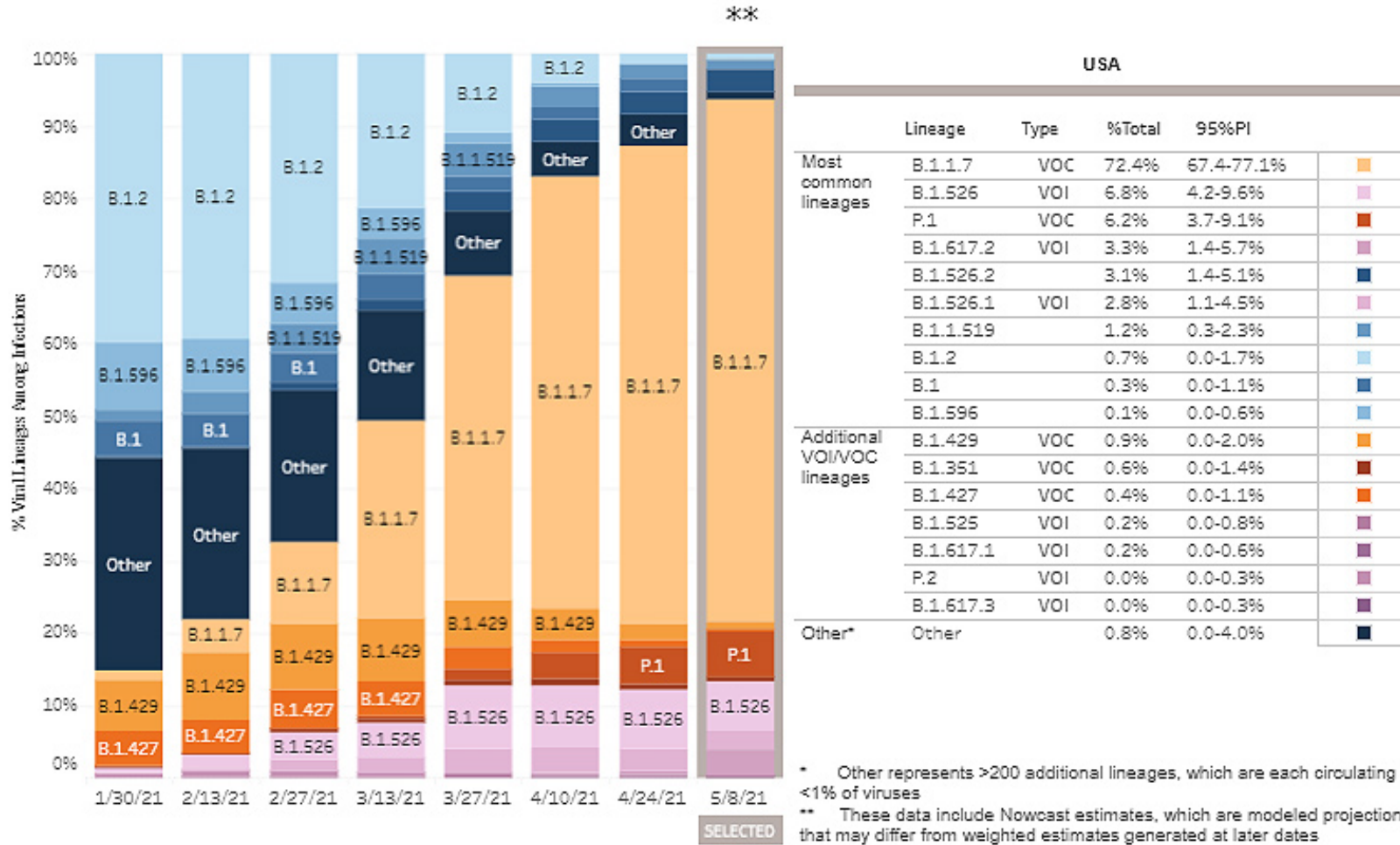
Vaccinating adolescents is an important step toward stopping the spread of COVID-19. Yet, adolescent vaccination has been met with mixed reactions, with some parents eager to vaccinate their children against COVID-19, and others expressing hesitancy. Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine was found to be [safe and effective](#) in adolescents between the ages of 12-15 years in clinical trials. [Side effects](#) were generally [consistent](#) with those experienced by people ages 16-25 years. Side effects are typically normal signs that the body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19.



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

United States: 1/17/2021 – 5/8/2021 United States: 4/25/2021 – 5/8/2021 NOWCAST



From the AAP

AAP Webinar *tomorrow*: Becoming a COVID-19 Vaccinator

- Goal: help pediatricians prepare to participate in the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines in communities:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8kYhuqX5Q8mZ5sbuzIR-5w

- What: a practical “how to” presentation/interactive Q&A session
- When: **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 8 pm Eastern**
- Who: AAP members who have implemented COVID-19 vaccination in their practice & community.
 - ▣ **Suzanne Berman, MD, FAAP** – Chairperson, AAP Sec. on Admin. & Practice Mgt., Plateau Pediatrics, Crossville, TN
 - ▣ **Sanand Menon, MD, FAAP** – Reading Pediatrics, Wyomissing, PA

AAP-VT Parent/Caregiver Vaccine Information Nights

Happening now:

- ❑ AAP-VT “Parent Night” presentations aligned with VDH/AHS **school-located** COVID-19 clinic schedules (clinics also open to community members)
- ❑ Presenters include pediatric health care professionals, VDH (District-based) School Liaisons & school nurses/COVID coordinators
- ❑ Outreach to school nurses in District includes request to assist with getting the word out to families
- ❑ VDH Communications providing assistance with:
 - ▣ VDH web site & social media posts: District offices, Facebook/Twitter/IG
 - ▣ News outlets: TV, VT Digger, Seven Days
- ❑ PowerPoint continuously updated to remain current; “fireside chat” video by Dr. Becca Bell, AAP-VT Chapter President

AAP-VT Parent Forums

- AAP Vermont Chapter holding Family Forums for conversation on COVID-19 Vaccine for Adolescents
- Find AAP-VT press release, Becca Bell video, & PDF of all dates and links at:
 - <https://www.aapvt.org>
 - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/about-covid-19-vaccines-vermont#vaccinesforchildren>
- All events are open to anyone and will be held from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Please share w/pts. & on social media!

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Please Join Us

FOR A CONVERSATION ON
COVID-19 VACCINE FOR ADOLESCENTS

All events are open to anyone
All events are from 7-8pm on Zoom

Thursday, May 13th

- Burlington - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTBurlington>
- Middlebury - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTMiddlebury>

Sunday, May 16th

- Brattleboro - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTBrattleboro>
- Central VT - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTCentralVT>

Monday, May 17th

- Newport - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTNewport>
- St. Johnsbury - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTStJ>

Tuesday, May 18th

- Bennington - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTBennington>
- St. Albans - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTStAlbans>

Wednesday, May 19th

- Morrisville - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTLamoille>
- Rutland - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTRutland>

Thursday, May 20th

- Springfield - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTSpringfield>
- Hartford - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTWhiteRiver>

Sunday, May 23rd

- Burlington - <https://tinyurl.com/AAPVTBurlington2>

AAP-VT Info Sessions – In the Bank & On Deck!

Thank you, logistics team/chat support: Stephanie Winters, Becca Bell, Breena Holmes, Ilisa Stalberg, Ben Lee, Bill Raszka – and **thank you**, presenters/moderators:

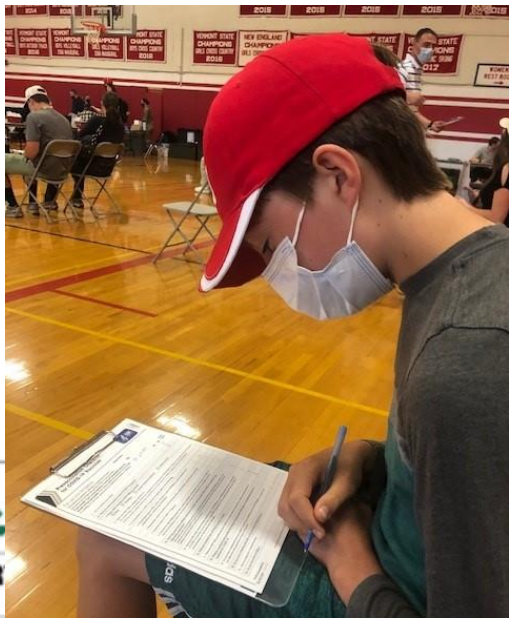
- ☑ **Brattleboro** (5/10/21): Drs. Liz Richards, Val Rooney; Kat Goodell, VDH School Liaison
- ☑ **Burlington** (5/13/21): Drs. Leah Costello, Elizabeth Hunt
- ☑ **Middlebury** (5/13/21): Monica Benjamin, Breena Holmes, Becca Bell
- ☑ **Central Vermont** (5/16/21): Drs. Anna Hankins, Carolyn Lorenz-Greenberg, Ashley Miller; VDH School Liaison Karen Nelson
- ☑ **Brattleboro** (5/16/21): Drs. Val Rooney & Kristan Outwater, Kat Goodell
- ☑ **Newport** (5/17/21): Drs. Alex Bannach & Sarah McAuliff
- ☑ **St. Johnsbury** (5/17/21): Drs. Josh Kantrowitz & Kim Johnson
- ☑ **Bennington** (5/18/21): Dr. Judy Orton
- ☑ **St. Albans** (5/18/21): Drs. Tracy Tyson & Michelle Shepard
- ☐ **Morrisville** (5/19/21): Drs. Steve Soriano and Katie Marvin
- ☐ **Rutland** (5/19/21): Dr. Elliot Rubin
- ☐ **Springfield** (5/20/21): Dr. Sarah Weidhaas & Kristin Morgan, APRN
- ☐ **Hartford** (5/20/21): Dr. Jill Blumberg
- ☐ **Burlington** (5/23/21): Drs. Michelle Dorwart & Stan Weinberger

COVID-19 Vaccine: Pediatrician & Youth Voices **Hall of Fame!**

- VTDigger.org: ***Pediatricians lead campaign to sell wary parents on vaccinating their kids*** – by Seamus McAvoy, May 16, 2021
 - ▣ Quotes from: Denise Aronzon, MD, Josh Kantrowitz, MD, Colleen Moran, MD, Joe Nasca, MD
 - ▣ *“Series of virtual panels, hosted by pediatricians, to give parents a chance to ask questions about the vaccine and their children.”*
 - ▣ First panel hosted by Leah Costello and Elizabeth Hunt; also included a video message from Rebecca Bell, president of the VT chapter of the Amer. Academy of Pediatrics, who deconstructed science behind mRNA technology used in the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.
 - ▣ <https://vtdigger.org/2021/05/16/pediatricians-lead-campaign-to-sell-wary-parents-on-vaccinating-their-kids/>

COVID-19 Vaccine: Pediatrician & Youth Voices Hall of Fame!

- ❑ WCAX: **CVU hosts vaccine clinic on campus Tuesday (5/18/21)**
- ❑ **Leah Costello, MD FAAP:** *“Doing this in school setting shows kids how it is a community effort to keep us safe.”*
- ❑ CVU Activities Director Dan Shepardson: *“Schools are a central & essential element of any community.”*
- ❑ <https://www.wcax.com/2021/05/18/cvu-hosts-vaccine-clinic-on-campus-tuesday/>



Power Point template – available for your use:

Protecting Young Vermonters with COVID Vaccines



May, 2021

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Objectives

- Introductions
- Brief overview of COVID in children with Vermont data
- Reminder about mental health concerns in children and adolescents
- Video from AAP-VT Chapter President Rebecca Bell, MD FAAP
- Information on COVID-19 vaccine for children and adolescents
- Questions and Answers

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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PADRES...

¡Abrazáanos,
estamos
vacunados!



¿Quieren que sus hijos vuelvan a la escuela sin preocupaciones?
¡HAGAN CITA PARA LA VACUNA CONTRA COVID DE SU ADOLESCENTE!

5 REASONS TEENS SHOULD GET THE COVID VACCINE

1

No need to quarantine after exposures

Freedom!

2

3

See your friends worry-free

Able to socialize, travel, and play sports

4

5

Life more like normal

Tuesday Media Briefing (5/18/21)



AHS Secretary Mike Smith

- Governor will join after White House call w/fellow Governors.
- Vax progress: beginning 5/20/21, **removing residency requirement** for vax – anyone 12+ in or visiting VT may be vaccinated here (do **not** need to be a part-time resident).
- As of this a.m., **>9K** 12-15 y.o. have made appts. Consent is needed from parent/ guardian.
- Doses avail. for walk-ins at most locations – but youth must come w/parent or guardian or w/signed consent form (schools may call)
- Pop-up vaccine clinics: e.g., 5/17 began Windham Co. “barnstorming.”
- 5/20/21 North Beach (no appt. nec.); 5/21 Lancaster, NH, fairgrounds (appt. or walk-in); 5/22/21: Church St., Burlington – partnership w/city.

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



AHS Secretary Mike Smith

- ❑ **EMS Week:** 2800 providers make up VT EMS system – critical role as first responders.
- ❑ Mobilized to vaccinate homebound Vters; facilitated mobile clinics; assisted w/other community-based vax & testing initiatives.
- ❑ 31 (?33) walk-in only EMS clinics this week.
- ❑ School-based clinics started 5/17: >100 scheduled (66 *in* schools). Families/children may go to any site; all open to public (Pfizer vaccine). Kinney's, Walgreens, CVS web sites.
- ❑ First wave restaurant/hospitality workers completed; organizing 2nd wave & for work sites & at parks, incl. VT State Parks.
- ❑ SEE: <https://accd.vermont.gov/vaccine> or VDH web site.

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



AHS Secretary Mike Smith

- Transitioning to more localized, smaller settings for vaccine.
- Overall progress: closing in on 400K: 393,700 vaccinated (5/17) – 97,700 first doses & 296,000 1st and last doses.
- Three important metrics:
 - ▣ Eligible Vermonters (12+): 73.8%
 - ▣ 18+ with at least one dose: 78.1% (metric used by Pres. Biden)
 - ▣ All Vermonters with at least one dose: 65.2%
- ***Please come and get vaccinated – the time is now!***

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



DFR Commissioner Pieciak – Modeling:

- Plenty of good news – trends cont. to be favorable & future remains optimistic
- 358 new cases this wk. (30< last). 7d. av. down 75% since 4/1; fewer active cases than at any point during last 6 mos.
- No active outbreaks in LTCFs; 1st time since November (first reported).
- Each age band reflects decreased cases as vax rates higher.
- Updated modeling anticipates cont'd. case decline; hosp. rate lowest in past 6 mos. (down 19% this wk.); lowest hosp. rate per capita in U.S. Predict May will have fewest fatalities in past 6 mos.
- **VT leads in 4 CDC metrics: total doses administered; % of pop. w/≥1 dose; % of 65+ who have started/completed vaccination; % of new people who have started vaccination.**

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



DFR Commissioner Pieciak – Modeling:

- ❑ Surpassing ***Vermont Forward*** goals.
- ❑ Regional: 6th straight week northeast conditions improving.
 - ❑ Just >28K cases this week; down 8800 vs. previous week.
 - ❑ Hospitalizations/death also down across region. & fatal.
- ❑ Northeast leading U.S. in vaccine uptake; all 6 New England states in **Top 10** for % of population who has started vaccination.
- ❑ Regional forecast anticipates cases will fall next 6 weeks to lowest levels in pandemic.

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



VDH Commissioner Levine

- Vaccination rate is the one data point we care about the most – impacts all of the other metrics. Small technical issue w/ updating vaccine dashboard – should be resolved soon.
- Rates good – leading the nation. B/c so many vax already, daily rates may appear to be slowing. Work not over but take a moment to celebrate how far we've come together.
- So many partners & providers. Adding my own profound thanks to EMS providers for their role as **PH work force**.
 - Examples: transport network for testing/medical appts.; emerg. resp. fit-test in SNFs; in-home/on-site testing in collab. w/Outbreak Prev. & Response; vaccine to homebound VTers & huge role in all vax efforts: shots in SNFs, state clinics, Corrections, schools, drive-thru, incl. reaching more rural areas.

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



VDH Commissioner Levine

- ❑ Your decision to get vaccinated can make a difference for those around you – incl. children who can't get vaccinated.
- ❑ If virus does come into VT, even w/variants, our high vax rate creates a wall. The vaccine works – plain & simple. Vaccination = Protection. Our great rates here in VT are why we can ease up on masks/dist.
- ❑ Many completely comfortable w/new mask policy – for others, will take time to feel comfortable. Please continue to keep a mask with you when you're out; please don't judge others & follow the rules.
- ❑ It's OK for fully vaccinated people to be thoughtful about their decisions.

Tuesday Media Briefing (5/18/21)



Governor Phil Scott

- From White House call: Dr. Walensky reviewed new guidance rationale: U.S. real-world vaccine efficacy data, incl. against variants; vaccinated individuals highly protected & far less likely to spread virus
- Regular vax allocation same as last wk. (no J & J); but 1K from pool.
- EMS Week: providers continue to go above & beyond w/vax clinics. *Thank them by getting your vaccine!*
- Most still adjusting to changes in masks/distancing – no state in U.S. in better position than VT to transition back to normal. ***If VT was a country, we would have one of the highest vaccination rates in the world.***
- ***Tomorrow is the 14th month since our first loss to COVID – flags at half staff.***

Q & A

- **Q:** 9K out of ~27K 12 – 15 y.o. have made vaccine appts. as of 5/18 a.m.
- **Q:** Update on Astra-Zeneca trial? Dr. Levine: suggests anyone with questions communicate w/UVM research team; “we’re working closely with them. If fully vaccinated w/A-Z, no need to seek another vax – doesn’t mean they can’t if want to. Investigators not recommending another vaccine if they were in the vaccine arm of the trial. The full EUA is not complete in U.S., although approved in numerous other countries in world.
- From Ben Lee (today): CDC now has official guidance regarding individuals who got vaccines not currently under FDA EUA but approved elsewhere. As stated, people fully vaccinated with AZ are considered vaccinated without need for additional vaccination. ... *AZ has been one of the most scrutinized vaccines ever and is the most widely used for COVID-19.*

Practice Issues

Wednesday Potpourri: EMSC, COVID-19 Vaccine, Masks, Return-to-Play, and More!



Global Impact of COVID-19: **Nepal** *(Thank you, Molly Rideout)*

- **Monitoring continuing crisis in Nepal**, driven in part by shortage of oxygen:
<https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.theguardian.com/world/2021/may/10/hopeless-situation-oxygen-shortage-fuels-nepal-covid-crisis>
 - **Mohini Joshi**, lead Nepali interpreter at UVM MC, recommended the following organizations for donations if you are able:
 - Help Nepal Network (www.helpnepal.net)
 - Institute for Nepal (www.i4nepal.org) – link to specific fundraiser for oxygen :
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/oxygen-bank-support-by-unhn-institute-for-nepal>
- Two more links from **Anisha Rimal**, new UVM Children’s Hospital hospitalist who will be joining us (relocating from Minnesota) in September:
 - Health Foundation Nepal: <http://www.healthfoundationnepal.org/>
 - America Nepal Medical Foundation: <https://www.anmf.org/>
- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources>

EMSC Vermont

- Thank you, **Merrill Pine**, Vermont EMSC Coordinator, VDH
- Dr. David Nelson, Kate Soons, & Mariah McNamara awarded 2021 Vermont EMS for Children Champion of the Year award
 - ▣ Presented virtual conference session Nov. 2020 & four case reviews to date in 2021 w/average attendance of 60+ EMS providers from all over the state.
- Team is conducting telehealth expansion project w/federal funds in collaboration with national EMSC Innov. & Improvement Center. Also seeking **local medical home champions** to partner w/hosp. EDs & local EMS
- Dr. Christian Pulcini – partnership among Depts. of Psychiatry & Pediatrics & Div. of Emergency Medicine to develop strategies for children boarding in the ED for mental health concerns
- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/emergency-preparedness-ems/ems-children/resources>

2021 EMS for Children Champions of the Year

This award recognizes individuals that exemplify outstanding dedication and service to the contribution, development and/or enhancement of EMS for children



AEMT & RN Kate Soons
St. Michael's Rescue

AEMT Mariah Whitcomb
Thetford Vol. Fire Dept.

Dr. David Nelson
UVMHC

5% of EMS calls in Vermont involve pediatrics and most of those are stable patients. Kate, Mariah, and Dave work tirelessly to ensure Vermont EMS is ready for the moment you get dispatched to a critical pediatric call regardless of the frequency in which you take care of children. They have been the heart of EMSC for some time, but the pandemic has highlighted just how much they do to support pediatric training and preparedness in Vermont EMS. With the EMSC program manager deployed to COVID work, these three have pushed forward multiple pediatric training initiatives in the last year and a half including pediatric case reviews, pediatric virtual conference sessions, telehealth pediatric medical direction, and creating ready to go pediatric trainings for training officers.

Praise for Pediatric Case Reviews from Vermont EMS Providers

- "Pediatric case reviews are awesome in that you all connect scenarios with on scene and in hospital thought process, communication, PEP and protocols."
- "We do so few pediatric calls in general and, as volunteer EMS providers, we simply don't have the call volume that others do, so these sessions have been a great education."
- "Pediatric continuing education is difficult to find, and we love these opportunities to learn from pediatric experts."



Post-COVID Return to Play/Cardiac Screening

- School nurses seeking guidance on **return to play for Fall 2021**
 - ▣ E.g., how far back re: COVID infection should they think about using protocols? If a child has COVID in July, should they do return to play assessment in late August?
- Propose medical home & family/child/youth consider in shared dec-making?
- From Dr. Jonathan Flyer: no definitive answer; has not seen anything more in recent literature to update current protocol.
 - ▣ Medical home discussion could vary depending on the characterization of the illness severity, extent of sport, and the comfort/practice in assessment.
 - ▣ For ex: 1) more conservative approach = consider an illness w/in past 3 months; 2) much less conservative approach would be forgo if already greater than the post-isolation period & already back in athletics prior to the season (for asymptomatic/mild cases).
- Pediatric Cardiology team remains available to assist with cardiovascular questions.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Good News!

- South Royalton Health Center working with Vaccine Planning Team to conduct school-based clinic
- NEJM: *Effectiveness of the BNT162b2 Covid-19 Vaccine against the B.1.1.7 and B.1.351 Variants*
 - BNT162b2 vaccine was effective against infection and disease in the population of Qatar, despite the B.1.1.7 and B.1.351 variants being predominant within the country; however, vaccine effectiveness against the B.1.351 variant was approximately 20 percentage points lower than the effectiveness (>90%) reported in the clinical trial¹ and in real-world conditions in Israel⁴ and the United States.⁵ In Qatar, as of March 31, breakthrough infections have been recorded in 6689 persons who had received one dose of the vaccine and in 1616 persons who had received two doses. Seven deaths from Covid-19 have been also recorded among vaccinated persons: five after the first dose and two after the second dose. Nevertheless, the reduced protection against infection with the B.1.351 variant did not seem to translate into poor protection against the most severe forms of infection (i.e., those resulting in hospitalization or death), which was robust, at greater than 90%.

To Mask or Not to Mask?

- ❑ Masks for adults working with children: schools have declared this will continue for all pre-K – grade 12 through end of school year.
- ❑ Child Care team still working on any update to guidance – should be issued soon!
- ❑ Healthcare settings – Vermont references: *“Following CDC guidance, masking and physical distancing for fully vaccinated Vermonters – except in limited circumstances like in schools, on public transportation, healthcare settings, long term care facilities, prisons etc. – is no longer required. The mandate remains in place for those who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, including children who are not yet eligible for a vaccine.”* SEE updated Executive Order.

Masks in Children: from the AAP

- AAP monitoring CDC & Director Walensky's statements: masking guidance has not changed for unvaccinated children.
- AAP experts are looking at AAP interim guidance to see if anything needs updating; otherwise, will affirm current stance.
 - ▣ Anecdote re: parent falsifying the date of birth of an 11-year old to get them vaccinated.

Future Scheduling: *Request Your Assistance!*

- ❑ **Brief** REDCap survey to collect your feedback on future call frequency, day(s) of the week, topics
- ❑ Click the link in chat and take right now (but please come right back)!
- ❑ **OR**, watch for email today from “**VCHIP CHAMP**”
- ❑ Please complete this survey even if you have already sent us individual feedback
- ❑ ***Thank you!***



Scheduling Notes

Currently *NOT* planning to hold calls on:

- ❑ ***THIS 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

CDC: Choosing Safer Activities

NOW! (5/13/21)

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, 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	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Then

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
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		Indoor	
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	
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		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
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		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

CDC COCA Call *(in case you missed it)*



COCA Call



CDC Clinician Outreach
and Communication Activity

Objectives:

- Cite background information
- Describe CDC's role in this topic
- Describe topic's implications for clinicians
- Discuss concerns and/or issues related to preparedness for and/or response to urgent public health threats.
- Promote health improvement, wellness, and disease prevention in cooperation with patients, communities, at-risk populations, and other members of an interprofessional team of healthcare professionals.

What Clinicians Need to Know About Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccination

Friday, May 14, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM-3:00 PM ET

Zoom link

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1613161163?pwd=eHpsTDNXa3A2TXNVcKJTSmRTaWV6QT09>

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Webinar ID: 161 316 1163

Passcode: 810483

- 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 – ***NO VCHIP-VDH CALL Friday, May 21, 2021! (Next Call: Monday 5/24)***
- Generally back to **Monday/Wednesday/Friday** schedule
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:
Thursday, May 20, 2021 – 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdlJ2ZG4yQT09>
 - ▣ Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
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