VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES

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Overview

- Celebrating Canadian Immigrants Day!
- Welcome special guests Patricia and Tian Berry (by phone)
- Situation update
  - Surveillance
  - VDH/Other Updates
- Today’s Media Briefing
- Practice Issues: Return to Testing!
- 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

- **Combined VDH Public Health Lab and UVMMC Lab**: 920 tests (5/21/20)

- **Hospitalized patients**: 1 patient in ICU, 1 patient on ventilator

As of May 16, the total testing numbers decreased by about 1,000 due to a change in reporting data. The “total tests” number no longer includes serology tests (also known as antibody tests) that were being reported by some labs. The “total test” number now only reflects people who were tested for a current COVID-19 infection.

Reminder: “Total People Recovered” based on the number of confirmed positive cases (VT residents & non-VT residents who tested positive in VT; does not include deaths or patients currently hospitalized).
Situation update (cont’d.)

COVID-19 **Cases** and Deaths by Age Group

Vermont COVID-19 **New** and **Cumulative** Cases, **Cumulative** Deaths

Hover over chart to see values

Cases and Deaths by Date and Age

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NEW HAN: Pharmacists Ordering and Administration of Testing for COVID-19 in Vermont (May 21, 2020)

- Asymptomatic individuals only
- Sample collection must occur in separately designated testing areas outside of pharmacies, such as drive-up windows or parking lots.

- Additional clarification of quarantine guidance (including for out-of-state visitors) may be forthcoming – on hold for now

- Testing – will discuss under Practice Strategies segment
  - Continuing to follow/inform “practice testing plan” guidance
Recent Webinar Reminders

- **May 19:** CDC COCA (MIS-C) – recording and slides posted at: https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2020/callinfo_051920.asp
- **May 20:** Vermont Edition, VPR, Dr. Becca Bell – “Restarting Health Care”
- **May 21:** CHAMP MOC Project call – Transition to Adult Care for Kids with ADHD," presented by James Tallmadge, PhD, Psychiatry Assistant Professor, LCOM
- **May 21:** PMI – PCC Webinar (#10): The Business Impact of COVID-19 on Pediatric Practices
  - Topics include: update on SBA loans, data trends, advocacy, well visit and telemedicine update
  - Panelists include: Mark Del Monte, JD – AAP CEO/EVP
#CallYourPediatrician campaign: help get patients back into your offices and to help make sure children are vaccinated on time.

SEE: details of digital media campaign:
- New toolkit on AAP.org includes downloadable images and videos along with pre-written sample social media posts
Today’s Media Briefing

Governor Scott:

- Continued low rates of positive tests in Vermont; but must consider **regional data** and implications for every opening
  - (5/20) ACCD issued GLs for outdoor seating for bars/restaurants – now **effective TODAY**
  - **May 29**: salons/barbers may open with limits, safety measures in place
  - **Tomorrow**: churches may open at 25% capacity
  - Expects to announce time frame for gym reopening 1 week from today

- **Fairs?** “Not ready for large, unstructured events for 100s, 1000s of attendees. Cancelling all traditional fairs & festivals for this season.”

- **Does NOT** prohibit fairground use if guidelines (VDH, ACCD) may be met
Today’s Media Briefing

Commissioner Levine:

- **Further healthcare restart** in 3 areas:
  - 1) Hospitals, health systems, office-based medical (MD) physicians:
    - Had previously allowed visits w/o potential impact on hospital resource use
    - Today: adding inpatient surgeries/procedures, with mitigation measures in place: screen pts./staff/visitors; PCR testing plans; adequate PPE supplies; test all pts. undergoing procedures; hospitals must be able to promptly increase inpt. capacity
  - 2) Expansion of services by providers licensed by OPR:
    - Care w/o physical contact: e.g., LADCs, psychologists; allied MH, SWs, others
    - See additional guidance re: acupuncture, chiropractic, opticians optometrists, osteopathic & naturopathic physicians, PAs, other nursing personnel
  - 3) Dental – details vary by procedure based on risk of aerosolization
Today’s Media Briefing

Vermont DFR Commissioner Pieciak:

- Data trends remain positive for further “reopening”
- Vermont’s doubling rate continues to slow (now >46 weeks = 2\textsuperscript{nd} slowest in U.S., following Hawaii)

- Mobility
  - Early March – Vermonter were most mobile in northern New England
  - Vermonters quickly became the least mobile (trend remains stable)

- 4 key metrics:
  - Syndromic surveillance (goal <4%): currently well below
  - Rate of viral growth (goal: trend down/flat): 3- & 7-day averages < \( \frac{1}{2} \) %
  - % new positive tests (goal <5%): currently safely below & trending down X wks.
  - Hospital & ICU bed availability (goal 30% available): targets met
Let’s Talk Testing!

*Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – MCH Director, VDH*
Testing platforms, supply chain management continue to evolve

In development – VDH HAN re: anterior nares testing

Under discussion – prioritization of anterior nares test kits/swabs for groups most likely to benefit (DRAFT ONLY – NOT FINAL):

- Children under the age of 16
- Patients with health conditions that put them at increased risk of bleeding (e.g. thrombocytopenia, anticoagulation) or complications (neutropenia)
- Patients with nasal abnormalities (polyps, deviated septum)
- Persons being testing repetitively (e.g. weekly or more frequently)
- Persons with other health conditions for whom anterior nares testing is deemed optimal

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Upcoming Topics

- Refining guidance re: testing of HCWs in practices
- Continue to follow developments in telehealth/telephone coverage
- Health care “restart” details
- Summer camps/other recreational activities – following emerging guidance
- OneCare Vermont all-payer model adjustments
- School reopening/reentry; adolescent well care; IZ catch-up (flu)
- MIS-C (Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome)
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: Wednesday, May 27, 12:15-12:45 (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow) – Happy Memorial Day/Weekend!

Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:

Tuesday, May 26, 12:15-12:45
Phone: 1-802-552-8456
Conference ID: 993815551