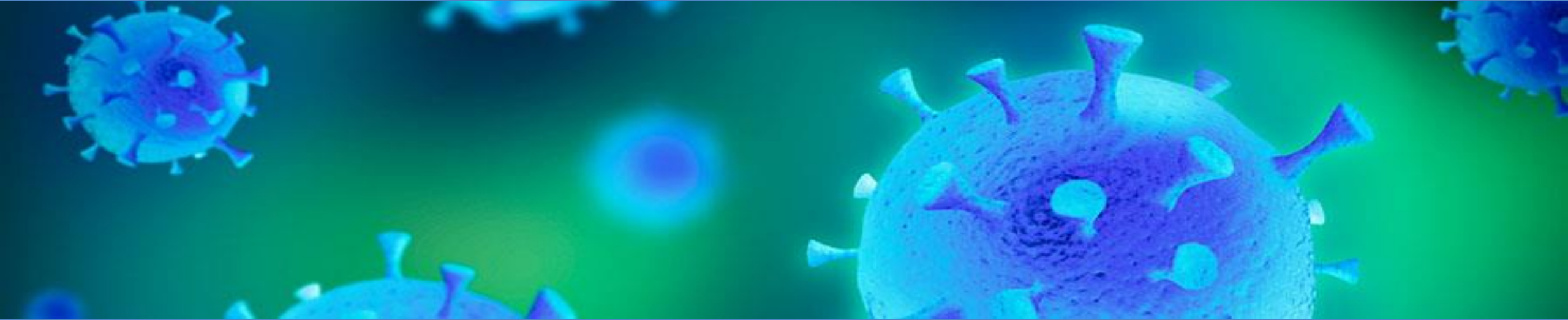


# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



*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 24, 2021*



# Technology Notes

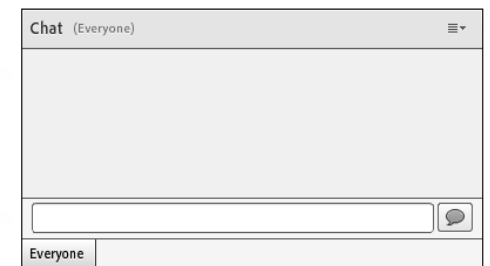
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**Call in number – 1-866-814-9555**

**Participant Code – 6266787790**

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# Overview

- **One-year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd – May 25, 2021**
- Approaching the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Greenwood Massacre**
- ***Happy Victoria Day, Canada!***
- 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; Fri. Media Briefing
- Practice Issues: ***Monday Potpourri – Myocarditis, Masking and More!***
- 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 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?
- ❑ **Survey under way** – please complete if you haven't already!
- ❑ Please send us your thoughts/feedback: [vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu](mailto:vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu)

# Future Scheduling: *Request Your Assistance!*

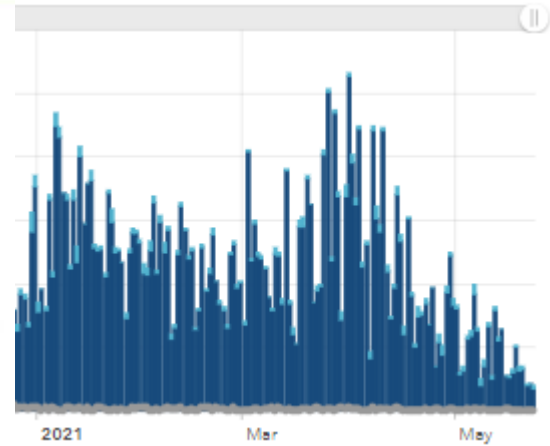
- **Brief** REDCap survey to collect your feedback on future call frequency, day(s) of the week, topics
- Click the link in chat and take right now (but please come right back)!
- **OR**, see email 5/19/21 from “**VCHIP CHAMP**”
- Please complete this survey even if you have already sent us individual feedback
- ***Thank you!***



# Situation update

New Cases	<b>21</b>
24,127 Total	
Currently Hospitalized	<b>5</b>
Hospitalized In ICU	<b>3</b>
Hospitalized Under Investigation	<b>1</b>
Percent Positive 7-day Avg.	<b>1.2%</b>
People Tested	<b>391,976</b>
Total Tests	<b>1,683,860</b>
Recovered	<b>22,593</b>
93.6% of Cases	
Deaths	<b>255</b>
1.1% of Cases	

Last Updated: 5/24/2021, 10:46:48 AM



VT New Cases, Probables, Deaths

- U.S. **33.1 million+** cases; **589,517 deaths**
  - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html> (updated 5/24/21)
  - 5/23/21: **14,144 new cases; 189 deaths**
  - Past week: av. 25,318 cases/day (14d. change -38%)
  - **3.4 million+ deaths worldwide; 167.1 million+ cases** (-7% & -26% 14-day change respectively)

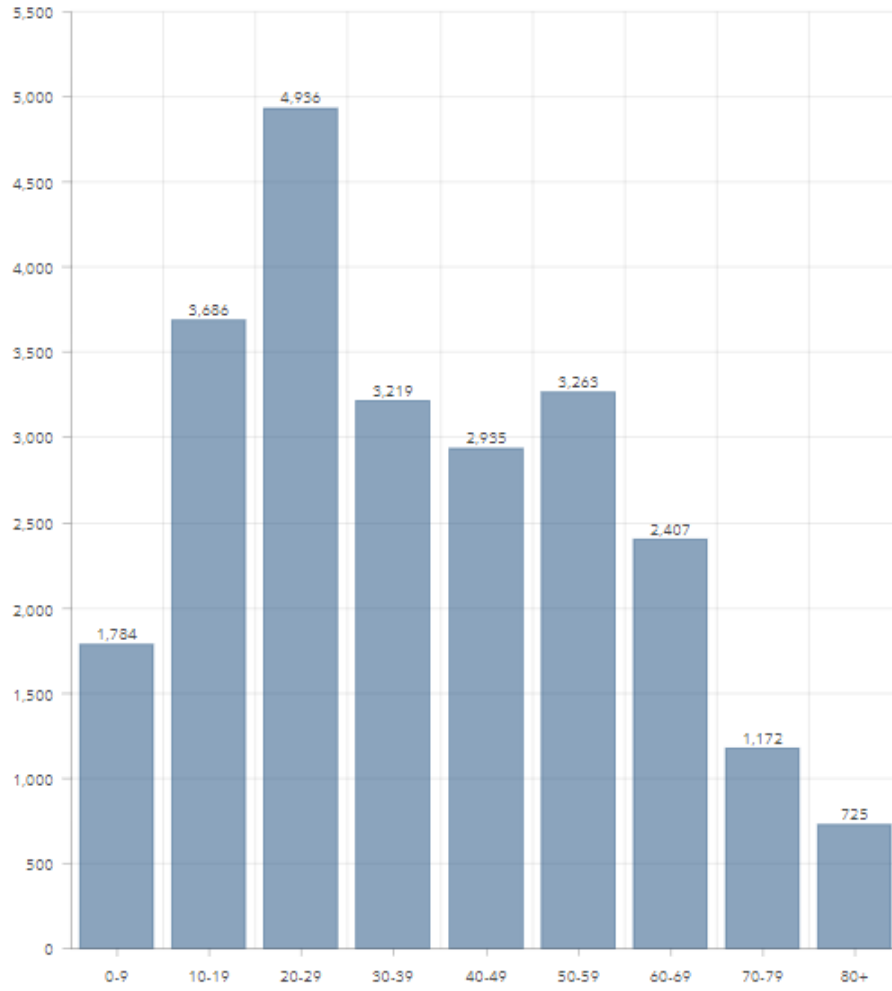
## □ VDH Weekly Data Summary(5/21/21)

- Weekly Spotlight Topic – **Cases among Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC):** disproportionate number of BIPOC w/COVID-19 in VT. 2,674 Vermont resident cases who are Asian, African American or Black, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Hispanic or race other than white.
- Find previous summaries at:

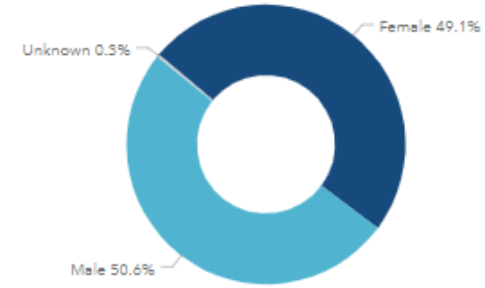
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary>

# Situation update

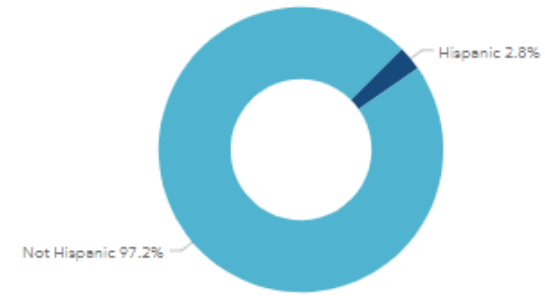
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known

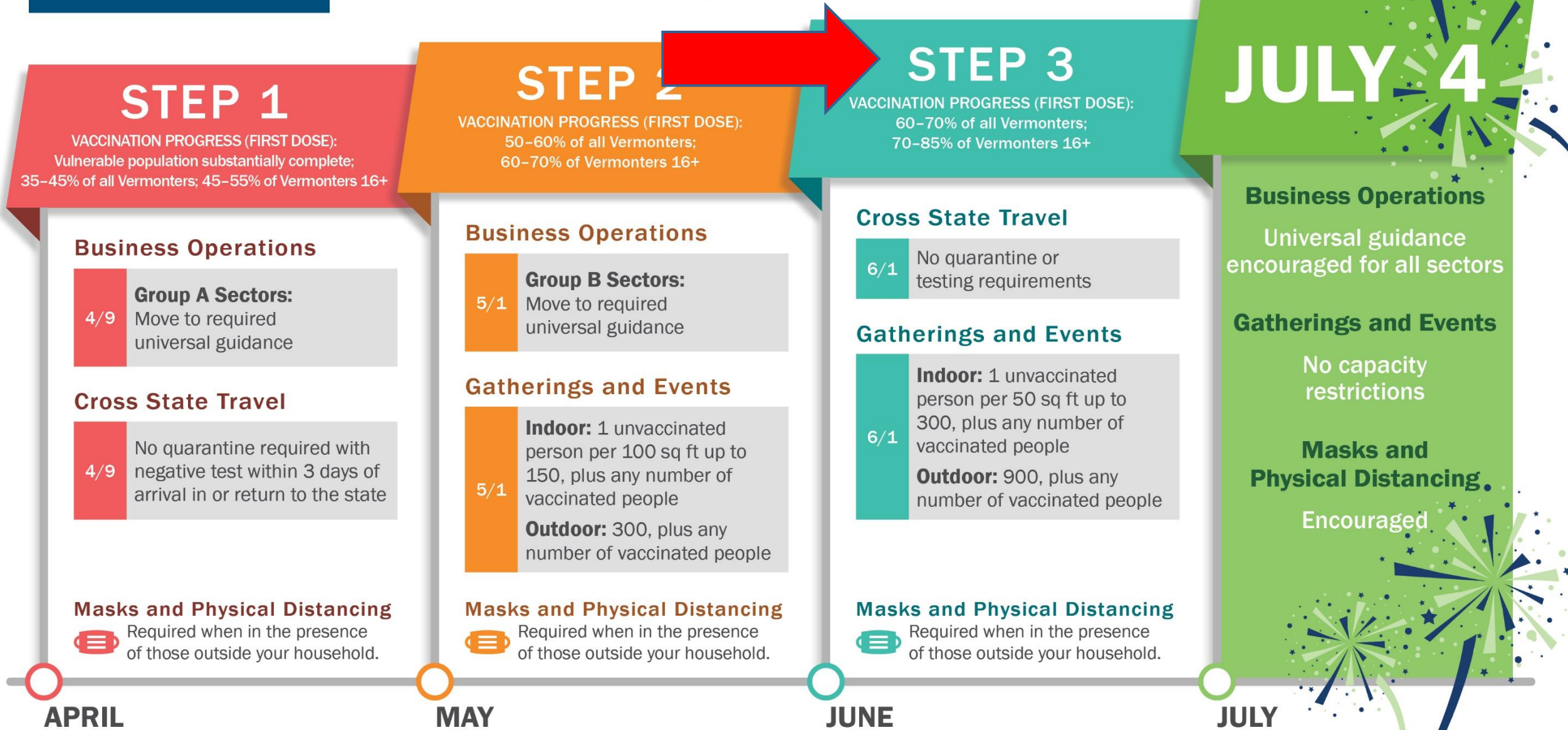


Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Race if Known



Please refer to [vermont.gov](http://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

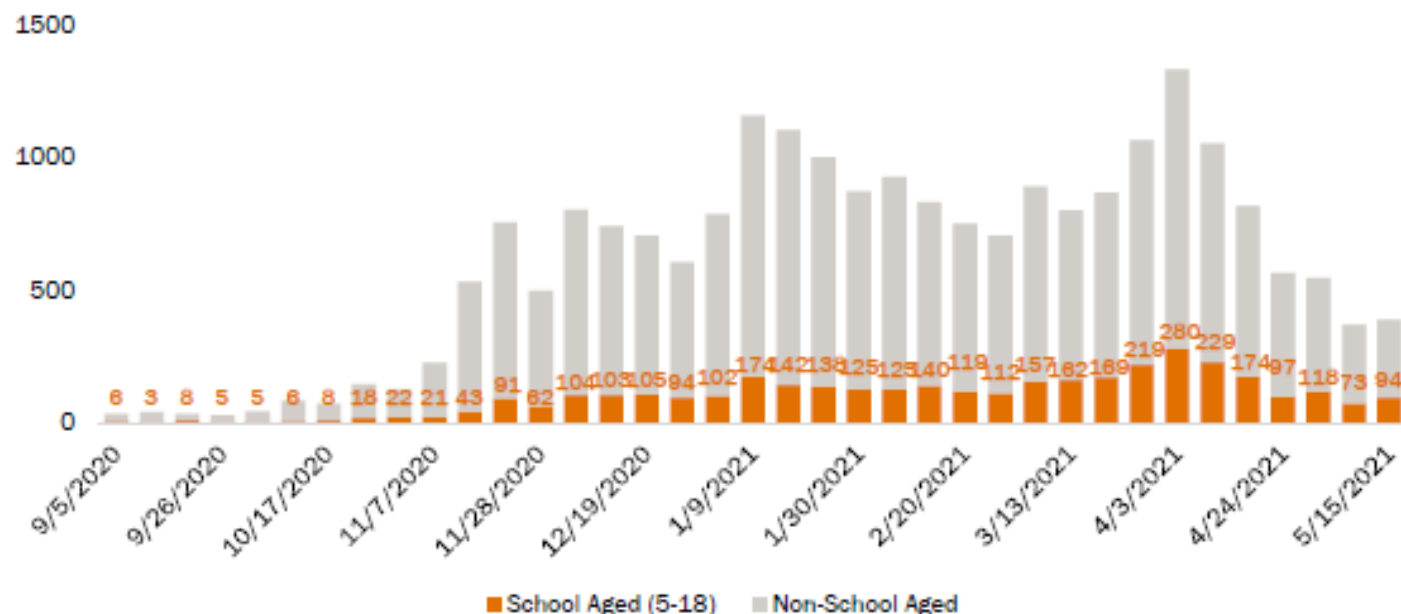
**REVISED** Encouraged if unvaccinated



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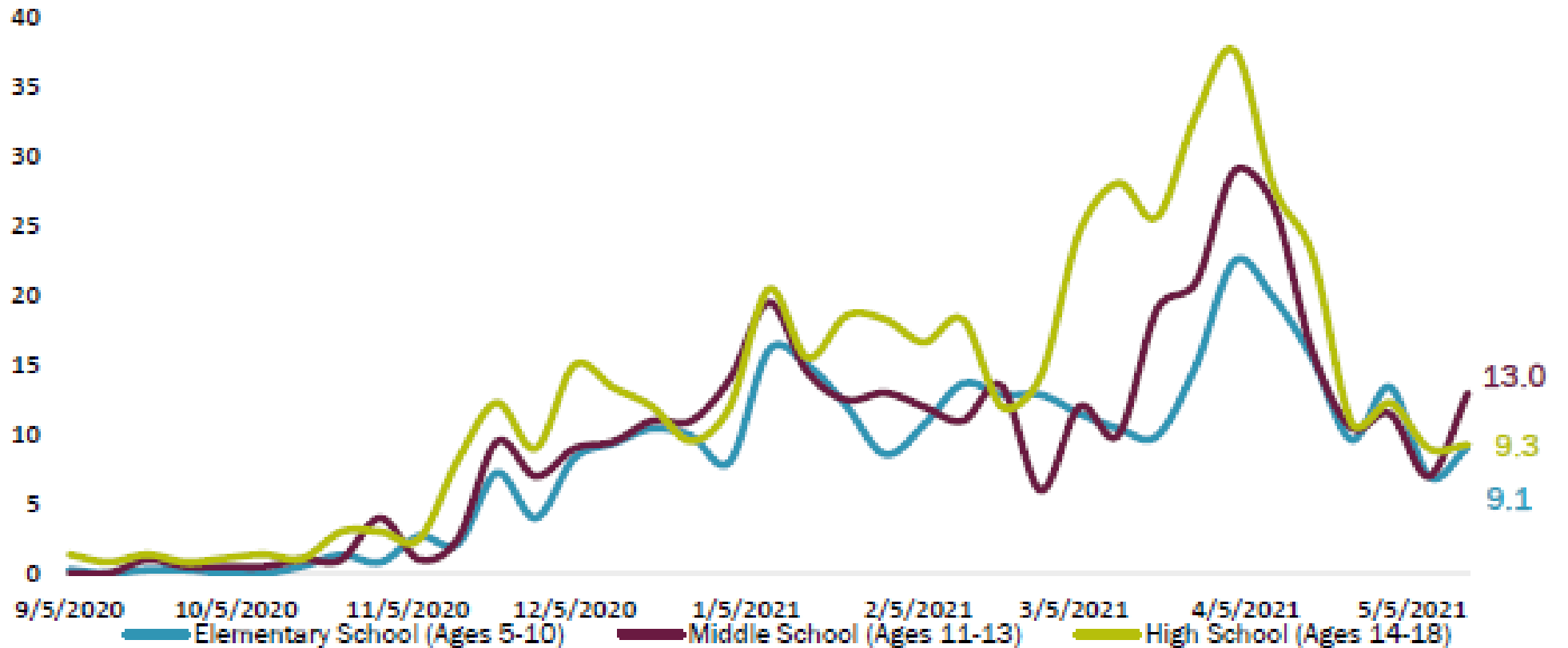
This brief reflects data as of May 15, 2021 at 7 pm (the last complete MMWR week). All rates are calculated per 10,000 people. The 14-18 year old age group does not include college students. Data is preliminary and subject to change.

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]

**Updated following today's call:**

# 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 19, 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>25</b>	<b>1371</b>

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.		
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1362</b>

## VT College & University dashboards:

- UVM update** (week of 5/17): 0 new cases off campus; 0 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**
- Middlebury College results** (updated 5/24/21): 0 new cases & 0 active cases – **grad. 5/29/21**

# 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

## ONLINE



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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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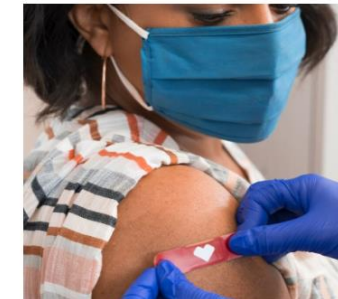
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vaccine in select stores**

administering the vaccine by appointment only based on eligibility guidelines.

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



...cines 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

# 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>
- **NEW: Vermont Forward** benchmark to lift restrictions found by clicking second tab (By Age, Sex, Ethnicity), Age 12+ (see next slide).

## Vermont Vaccination Data

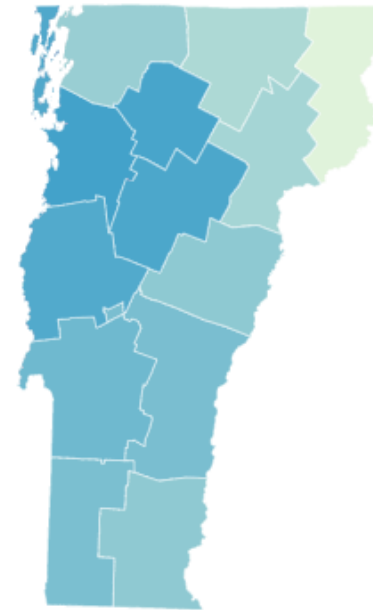
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### Vaccination by County Age 12+

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	75.6%
Bennington	69.5%
Caledonia	63.3%
Chittenden	77.7%
Essex	54.8%
Franklin	65.2%
Grand Isle	75.9%
Lamoille	77.0%
Orange	66.8%
Orleans	62.2%
Rutland	71.3%
Washington	76.4%
Windham	66.7%
Windsor	69.7%
<b>VT Age 12+</b>	<b>71.8%</b>



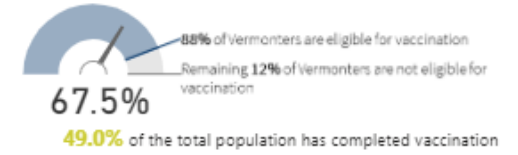
54.8% 77.7%

Summary

By Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity

### Vermont Forward

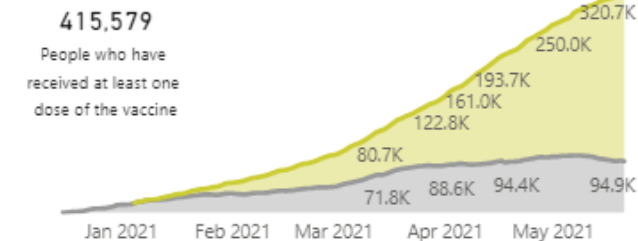
Percent of all Vermont residents with at least one vaccine dose



### Vaccine Distribution



### Total People Vaccinated



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# VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

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- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-dashboard>
- **NEW: Vermont Forward** benchmark to lift restrictions – SEE box upper left corner.

## Vermont Vaccination Data

### Vermont Forward

Percent of Vermont Residents with at least one vaccine dose

**All VT Residents 67.5%**

**Age 12+ 76.4%**

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	26.7%
16 - 17	58.7%
18 - 29	48.4%
30 - 39	69.7%
40 - 49	72.4%
50 - 59	77.7%
60 - 64	85.1%
65 - 69	92.2%
70 - 74	98.5%
75+	93.1%
<b>VT Age 12+</b>	<b>71.8%</b>

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

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	63.9%
Black or African American	53.0%
Native American, Indigenous, or First Nation	24.6%
Pacific Islander	13.3%
Two or more races	50.3%
White	68.9%
<b>VT Age 12+</b>	<b>68.1%</b>

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	46.6%	66.9%	80.8%	59.3%
Non-Hispanic White	41.1%	67.9%	87.6%	65.5%
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	<b>67.8%</b>	<b>87.4%</b>	<b>65.1%</b>

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	75.0%
Not Hispanic	65.3%
<b>VT Age 12+</b>	<b>65.5%</b>

Ethnicity information is missing for 9% 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	74.6%
Male	68.8%
<b>VT Age 12+</b>	<b>71.8%</b>

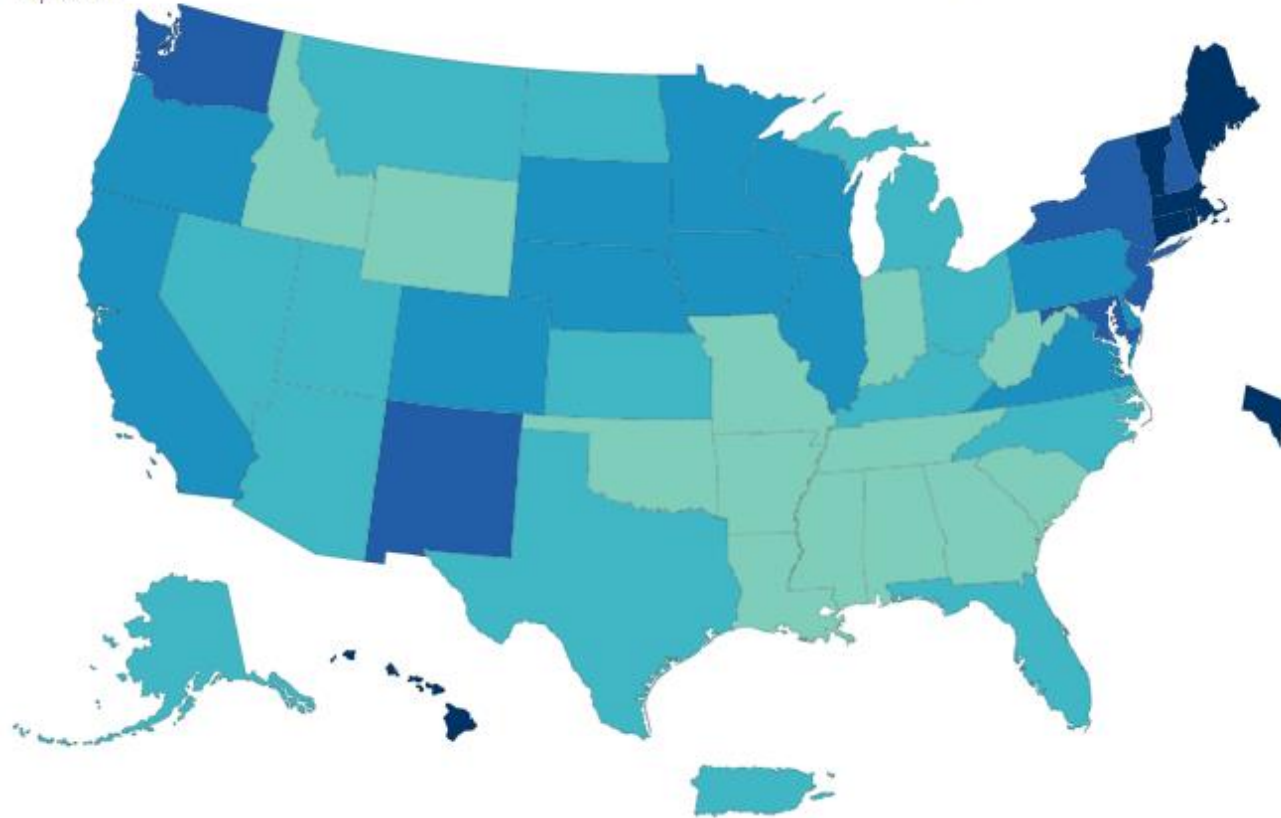
Sex information is missing for 0% of people vaccinated.

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# From the CDC Vaccine Tracker

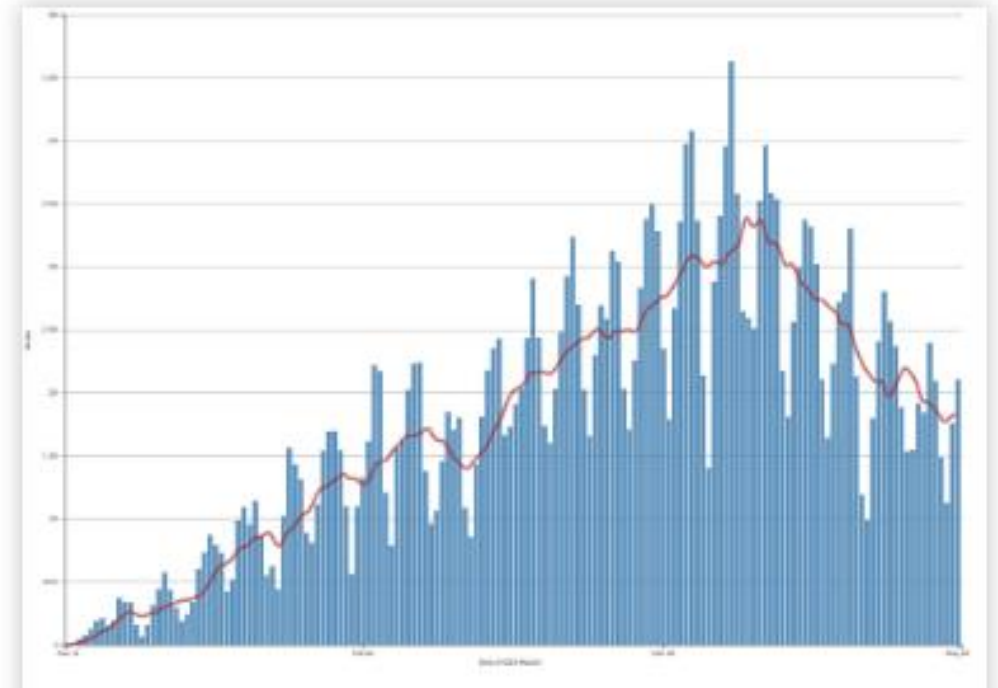
Total Doses Administered Reported to the CDC by State/Territory and for Select Federal Entities per 100,000 of the Total Population



Total Doses Administered per 100,000

- No Data
- 0
- 1 - 75,000
- 75,001 - 85,000
- 85,001 - 95,000
- 95,001 - 105,000
- 105,001+

7-Day moving average



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

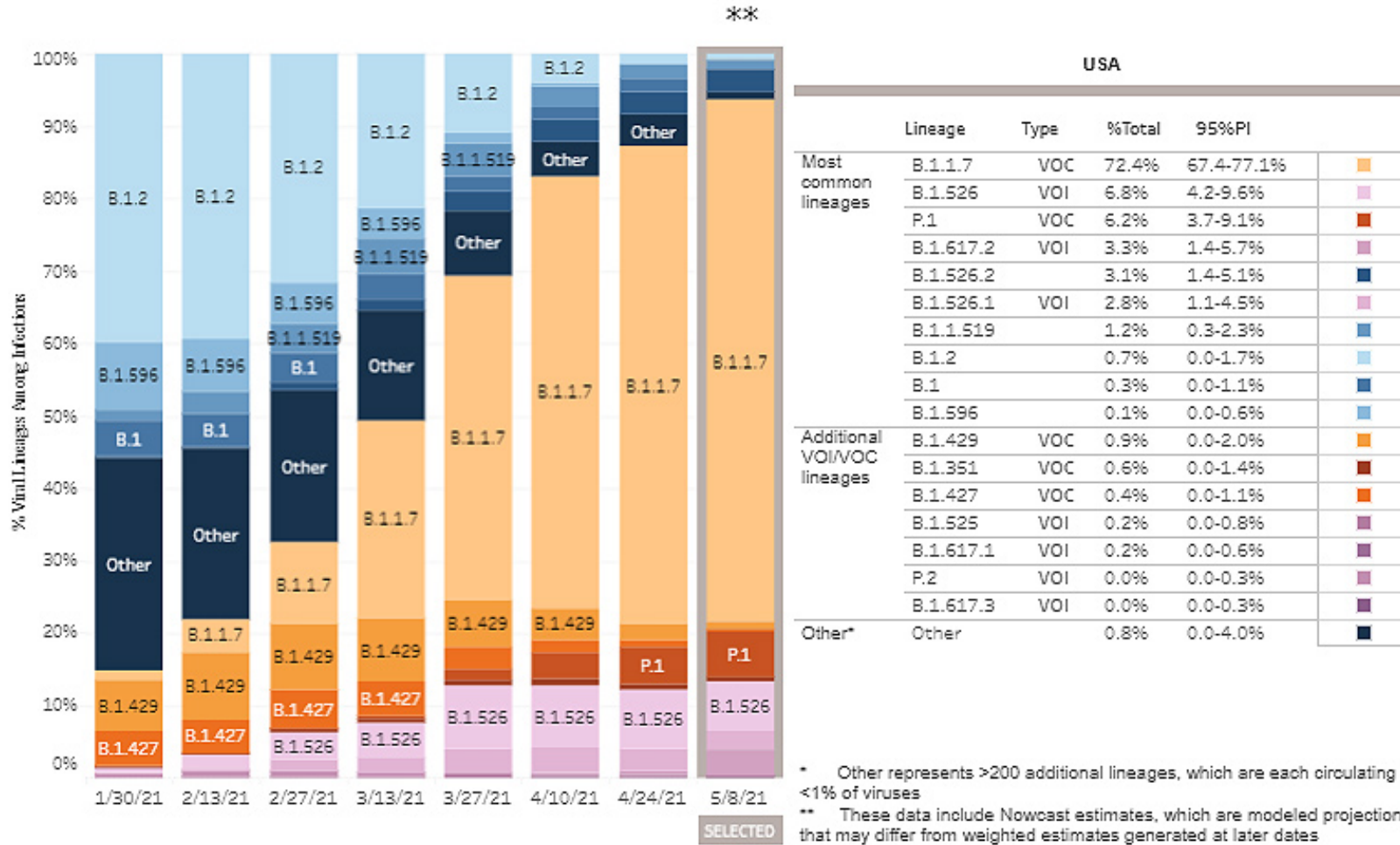
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

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

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



# From the CDC: Education-Related MMWRs

- [Mask Use and Ventilation Improvements to Reduce COVID-19 Incidence in Elementary Schools](#) - rates of COVID-19 were 37% lower in elementary schools that required teachers and staff to use masks, and 39% lower in schools that took steps to improve ventilation.
- [COVID-19 Testing to Sustain In-Person Instruction and Extracurricular Activities in High Schools](#) - Learn how a majority of Utah public high schools used routine, school-based COVID-19 testing to identify and isolate people with COVID-19 and continue in-person instruction and extracurricular activities.
- [Characteristics of COVID-19 Cases and Outbreaks at Child Care Facilities](#) - Incidences in outbreaks in childcare facilities are discussed, along with prevention measures and outcomes.

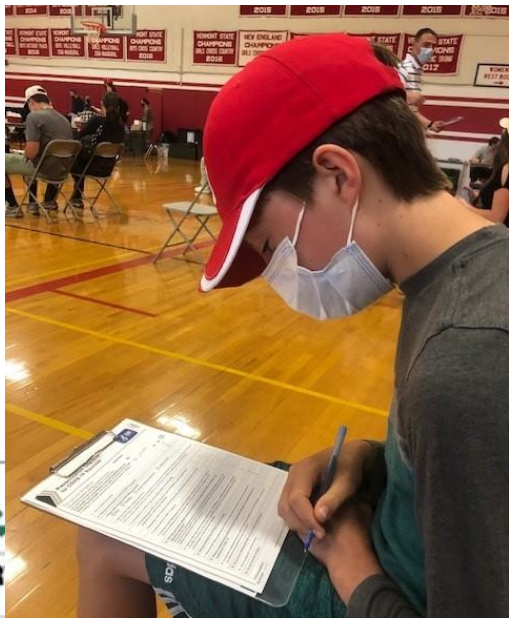
# AAP-VT Info Sessions – In the Bank!

**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!

- ❑ 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/>



# AAP-VT Resources



## ***Available for your use!***

- PowerPoint presentation
- Video message from AAP-VT Chapter President Rebecca Bell:  
*“We are so excited that the COVID Vaccine is available for young people....”*
- Posters for your office

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# Vaccine Posters – Adapted by AAP-VT for Your Use

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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

# Friday Media Briefing (5/21/21)

## Governor Phil Scott

- *“Because Vermonters have answered the call . . . announcing the call to eliminate all restrictions sooner than originally planned.”*
  - Vermont continues to be a national/global leader in vaccinations – leads U.S. with >70% of 12+ rec’d. at least 1 does of the vaccine – >over 400,000 VTers.
  - Last week moved into step #3 in the VT Forward Plan > 2 weeks ahead of schedule & adopted CDC guidance for vaccinated individuals.
  - *“Getting close to the end of this race – just a few more hurdles to overcome before we shift from emergency response to long term recovery & normalcy.”*
- Original calculation of all restrictions being lifted by July 4<sup>th</sup> based on projected vaccination rates – now vax rates increased & cases fell about 75%; hosps./deaths reduced significantly.
- ***“If we hit 80% I will any lift restrictions and mandates that day.”***



# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

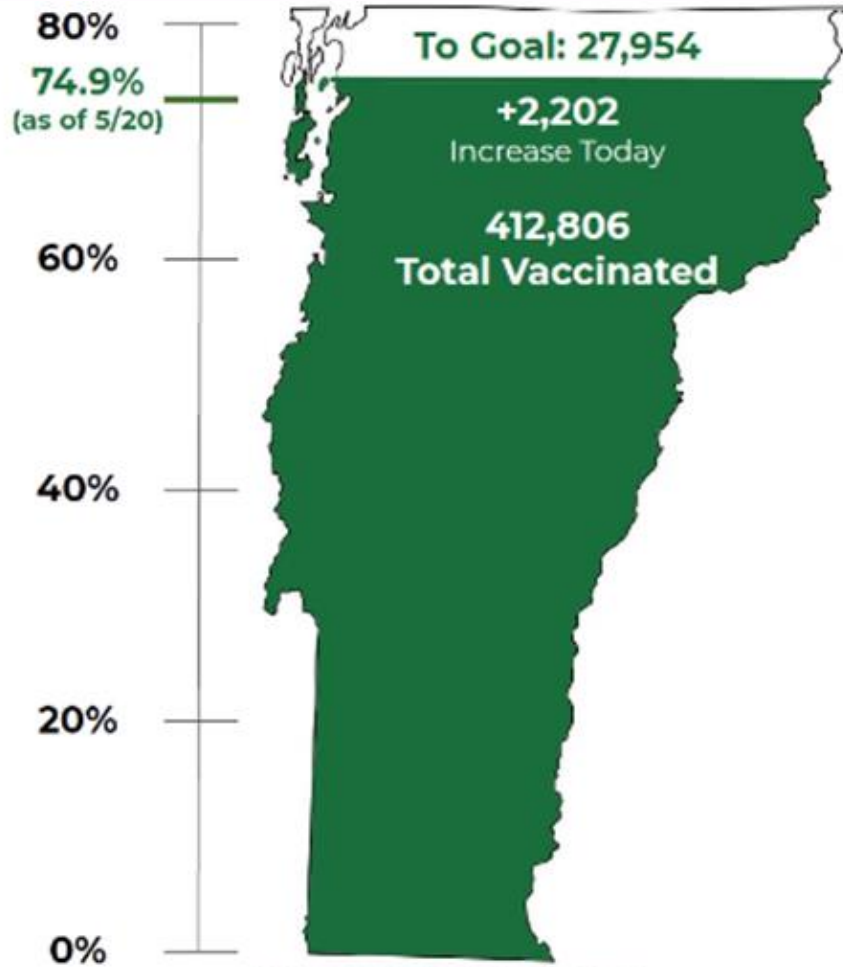


## Governor Phil Scott

- ❑ ***“If we hit 80% I will any lift restrictions and mandates that day.”***
- ❑ To reach 80% need another 27,954 (as of 5/21/21)
- ❑ Bringing the vaccine to the people: Church St., North Beach, pop-ups, walk-in clinics (NEK, Southern VT, etc.), job sites, colleges.
- ❑ Folks who can help accelerate the timeline the most – those in 18-29 y.o. age range who have lagged in vaccination rates.
- ❑ To be clear: dropping all restrictions as planned by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July either way because every eligible person in VT will have had the opportunity to get a vaccine.
- ❑ Current 7-day average ~2,500; dropped by 30% in the last week.



# Vermont Forward: Pace to Fully Reopen



## Vermont Forward



Goal: Vaccinate 80%  
of Eligible Vermonters

Pace to Fully Reopen

If ~**1,000** Vermonters get vaccinated  
a day we will reopen **June 19**

If ~**1,500** Vermonters get vaccinated  
a day we will reopen **June 8**

If ~**2,550** Vermonters get vaccinated  
a day we will reopen **Memorial Day**

Percent of eligible Vermonters  
who have started vaccination

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Source: CDC | May 20, 2021

# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

## AOE Secretary Dan French

- This week hosted 73 clinics in schools targeted 12-18 yo
  - ▣ *“Our pediatricians are enthusiastically offering their support.”*
- As of May > 4,000 VT kids tested positive for COVID-19 since pandemic began – has had a huge impact on our kids, families, child care programs & schools.
- Enc. 19-29 yo to get vaccinated to protect younger sibs & friends
- Will be providing resources to districts for fun activities: bake sales, raffles, coupons for creemees at school clinics next week
- Communicating w/schools re: new mask guidance – CDC exempts schools from guidance so our schools will continue to follow our ***Safe & Healthy Schools*** guidance.



# Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



## VDH Commissioner Levine

- Paradigm shift re: vaccine strategy – we have maintained a very low wastage rate (currently 0.2%) – strive to keep that number as low as possible, but moving vaccination to health care system/trying to meet remaining people who are not yet vaccinated where they are. *“That might mean opening a new vial even if not all the doses can be used right away – seize the moment any time someone comes in for vaccine.”*
- Pfizer vaccine refrigeration longevity going from 5 days to 4 weeks; new shipping sizes to allow for smaller batches, & hopefully in the future more office-friendly doses per vial.
- FDA confirmed antibody test results should **not** be used to evaluate immune status or protection from COVID-19, including after getting vaccinated.

# Practice Issues

## *Monday Potpourri: Myocarditis, Masking & More!*



# From the CDC: Myocarditis Following COVID-19 Vaccination

- **ACIP's COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Technical (VaST)** work group has reviewed post-authorization COVID-19 vaccine safety data on a weekly basis since start of the U.S. vaccination program; presented to ACIP 1/27, 3/1, 4/14, 4/23, 5/12/21.
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/work-groups-vast/technical-report-2021-05-17.html>
- VaST session 5/17/21 incl. presentations on myocarditis following mRNA vaccines DoD, VAERS, & Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD). Also updates from VA & Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment (CISA) re: f/u plans.

# From the CDC: Myocarditis Following COVID-19 Vaccination

## ACIP's COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Technical Work Group (cont'd.)

- ❑ Concluded relatively few reports of myocarditis to date
- ❑ Cases seem to occur:
  - ▣ Predominantly in adolescents and young adults, more often in males than females, more often following dose 2 than dose 1, and typically within 4 days after vaccination.
  - ▣ Most cases appear to be mild, and follow-up of cases is ongoing.
- ❑ Per CDC safety monitoring, rates of myocarditis in window following COVID-19 vaccination **not different from expected baseline rates.**
- ❑ VaST discussed collect further info thru medical record review re: potential myocarditis cases reported into VAERS; provide info to clinicians to enhance early recognition/approp. mgt. of pts. who develop myocarditis sx's after vax; need collaboration among ID, cardiology & rheumatology to provide guidance

on dx, treatment, and management of myocarditis.

# Masking in Vermont Schools

- With continued implementation of *Vermont Forward* Plan & masking requirements relaxed, **schools should continue to follow the guidance on masking found in A Strong and Healthy Year: Safety and Health Guidance for Vermont Schools.**
  - ▣ Aligned with CDC's continued recommendation of **universal masking in schools through the remainder of the school year.**
- Central office staff & other school / school district employees who **do not work in school buildings** may follow **Vermont Forward** mask guidance.

# AOE – VDH *Strong & Healthy Year* (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>

- Facial Coverings/PPE: all staff and students required to wear facial coverings while in building & when outside if distance of  $\geq$  six (6) feet cannot be maintained.
  - ▣ Adults doing drop-off and pick-up must wear facial coverings.
  - ▣ Staff and students should follow CDC guidance for selecting and wearing properly fitted masks; should not wear while sleeping, eating, swimming.
  - ▣ Special considerations for pre-K students re: age & child development – facial coverings developmentally appropriate when children can properly put on, take off, and not touch or suck on the covering.
  - ▣ Students w/acceptable medical/behavioral reason **not** required to wear one.



# AOE – VDH *Strong & Healthy Year* (4/8/21 – cont'd.)

<https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-vdh-guidance-strong-and-healthy-year-school-health-updated-04-08-2021.pdf>

- ❑ In some situations, teachers and staff may prefer to use clear face coverings that cover the nose and wrap securely around the face. Clear masks should be determined not to cause any breathing difficulties or overheating for the wearer; they are **not** face shields.
- ❑ Teachers and staff who may consider using clear face coverings include: those who interact with students or staff who are deaf or hard of hearing (per IDEA); teachers of young students learning to read; teachers of students in ESL classes; teachers of students with disabilities.
- ❑ Face shields are primarily meant for eye protection.
- ❑ Staff may take off their facial covering in select circumstances when physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as when a parent/caregiver is hearing impaired and reads lips to communicate.

# Masking in Vermont **Child Care Settings**

As Vermont continues to implement the ***Vermont Forward*** Plan and masking requirements are relaxed, Vermont **child care programs** must continue to follow masking requirements that have been in place over the last year:

- ❑ All **adults** must mask indoors and outdoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- ❑ Mask use is “strongly recommended” for children in child care programs.
- ❑ Expect this guidance to be updated as we move to next / final step of the ***Vermont Forward*** Plan (currently scheduled for July 4; likely sooner).

# 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.

# And More! – Some Clinical Questions/Scenarios

- **Q:** Do you only need one dose of vaccine after you have COVID-19 disease? **A:** NO, still need 2 doses (Pfizer or Moderna).
  
- **Q:** student athlete's return to play – protocol states the clock for 10 days before medical clearance allowed starts at **day of positive test** (according to AAP & UVM CH pediatric cardiology). If a patient was symptomatic for several days before the test, could timeline begin at onset of symptoms? **A:** medical homes may wish to override the protocol with clinical judgment as part of **shared decision-making process**.

# 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 child has COVID-19 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.
  - E.g., 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 available to assist w/cardiovascular questions.**

# 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 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?
- ❑ **Survey under way** – please complete if you haven't already!
- ❑ Please send us your thoughts/feedback: [vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu](mailto:vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu)

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**.



- 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.

# 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](http://www.helpnepal.net))
    - Institute for Nepal ([www.i4nepal.org](http://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>

# 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 – **Wednesday, May 26, 12:15 – 12:45 pm**
  - ▣ **NO VCHIP-VDH CALL Friday, May 28, 2021!**
- Generally back to **Monday/Wednesday/Friday** schedule
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:  
**Thursday, May 27, 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
  - ▣ One tap mobile - +1 646 876 9923,,86726253105#,,,,0#,,540684#