

# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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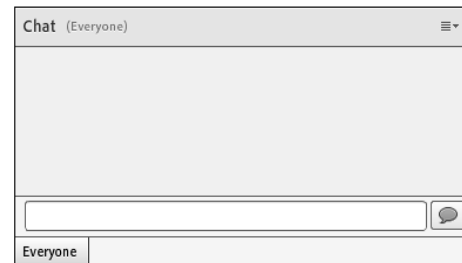
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# Overview

- ❑ Celebrating Nothing to Fear Day!
  - ❑ Roosevelt's first inauguration (March 4, 1933)
  - ❑ Also: Sunscreen Protection Day and National Grape Popsicle Day
- ❑ Situation update
  - ❑ Surveillance
  - ❑ VDH/Other Updates
- ❑ Today's Media Briefing
- ❑ Practice Issues: Wednesday Potpourri
- ❑ Question and Answer



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

# Situation update

Total Cases	<b>971</b>
Currently Hospitalized	<b>0</b>
Hospitalized Under Investigation	<b>21</b>
Total People Recovered	<b>849</b>
Deaths	<b>54</b>
People Tested	<b>30,999</b>
People Being Monitored	<b>44</b>
People Completed Monitoring	<b>878</b>
Last Updated: 5/27/2020, 10:56 EDT	

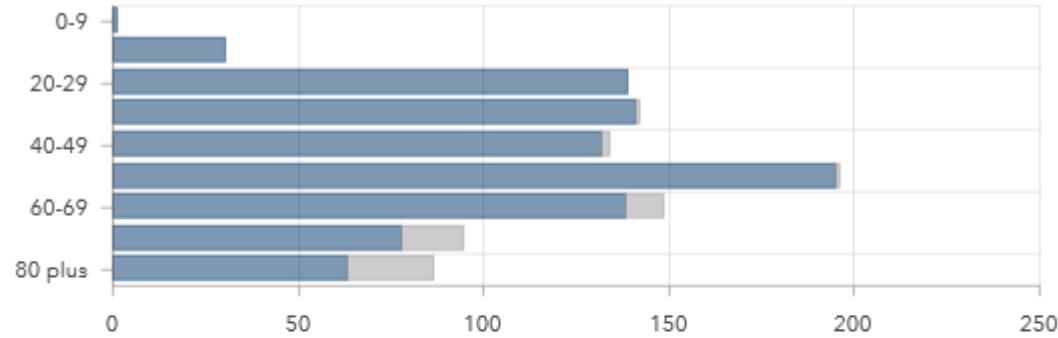
- VDH Public Health Lab 259 tests and UVMCC Lab 622 tests (5/26/20)
- **Correction: 1 positive inpatient**
- Hospitalized patients: **zero** patients in ICU or on ventilator

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.

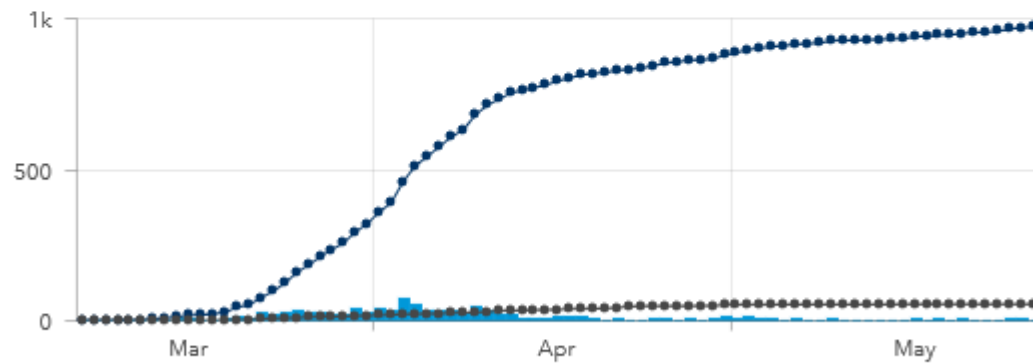
Reminder: "Total People Recovered" based on the number of confirmed positive cases (VT residents & non-VT residents who tested positive in VT; does not include deaths or patients currently hospitalized).

# 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 ▶

# VDH Updates

- **NEW HAN: Guidance on N95 Respirator Sterilization in Your Region (May 26, 2020)**
  - ▣ Implementing safe mitigation strategies to preserve N95 supply in a time of global shortage (“facilities and emergency services”)
  - ▣ References CDC optimization strategies & VDH occupational guidance
  - ▣ 8 Vermont hospitals providing sterilization services (pt. of contact info provided)
- Testing – continued discussion re: overall strategy (ant. nares testing)
- **VMS call with Commissioner Levine (5/26/20):**
  - ▣ New CMS guidance for long-term care (LTC) facilities
  - ▣ Possible provision of oximeters to newly-diagnosed (outpatient) cases
  - ▣ **3 large issues:** returning college students and plans for fall; child care; tourism

# VDH Updates

- Updated – Home-based Service Delivery: Re-Start Guidance  
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Final%20VDH%20Guidance%20on%20Home%20Based%20Service%20Delivery%203.17.20.pdf>
- Final – What Parents Can Expect: Child Care and School Age Camps/Care
  - ▣ “Children able to attend: healthy children . . . with allergy symptoms without a fever that cause coughing and *clear runny nose* may stay if they have medically diagnosed allergies and follow any medical treatment plans”
- Anticipate VDH HAN: **MIS-C** (Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children)



# Testing Updates: Additional Pop-up Sites



## Get Tested for COVID-19 at a Pop-up Testing Site Near You!

**What:** COVID-19 Testing Sites

**Tuesday, May 26,** 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Essex and Springfield

**Wednesday, May 27,** 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Brattleboro, Morrisville and Rutland – **Manchester**

**Thursday, May 28,** 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Barre, St. Albans and Hartford/White River Junction

**Friday, May 29,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Middlebury and St. Johnsbury + **Essex and Barre**

**Saturday, May 30** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Barre**

**Monday, June 1,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Orleans

**Tuesday, June 2,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Essex and Springfield

**Wednesday, June 3,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Brattleboro, Morrisville and Rutland + **Burlington**

**Thursday, June 4,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Barre, St. Albans and Hartford/White River Junction + **Burlington**

**Friday, June 5,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Middlebury and St. Johnsbury + **Burlington**

**How:** [Register here!](#) Registration is required.



# Update: Mother-Baby Care

- NNEPQIN continues to follow regional developments in mother-baby care
- Maine Medical Center now testing asymptomatic mothers prior to delivery
  - ▣ 1.7% pos. rate of asymptomatic mothers testing positive (N = 156)

## SHARED DECISION-MAKING PROTECTS MOTHERS + INFANTS DURING COVID-19

### KEEPING MOTHERS + INFANTS TOGETHER

Means balancing...



### EVIDENCE

We encourage families and clinicians to remain diligent in learning **up-to-date evidence**.

### PARTNERSHIP

SHARED DECISION-MAKING

What is the best for this unique dyad?

**S**EELK PARTICIPATION  
**H**ELP EXPLORE OPTIONS  
**A**SSESS PREFERENCES  
**R**EACH A DECISION  
**E**VALUATE THE DECISION



### TRAUMA-INFORMED

Both parents and providers are confronting significant...

- **FEAR**
- **GRIEF**
- **UNCERTAINTY**

### LONGITUDINAL DATA

We need to understand more about outcomes for mothers and infants exposed to COVID-19, with special attention to:

- **MENTAL HEALTH**
- **POSTPARTUM CARE DELIVERY**



# Today's Media Briefing



## Governor Scott:

- Continued monitoring of regional data; expected guidance:
  - ▣ Anticipate announcement Friday re: (e.g.) cleaning services & gyms; finalizing guidance for **overnight camps**; anticipate resumption indoor dining in not-too-distant future
- Since 5/24/20 (Sun.): NH w/240 new cases/43 deaths; MA w/2000 new cases/675 deaths; VT w/13 new cases/0 deaths.
- **Q & A**
  - ▣ When might 2-week quarantine rule be lifted? Ans: determining benchmarks now
  - ▣ Childcare concerns (Secy. Smith): we've consulted with VDH through Breena Holmes
  - ▣ Plans announcement **tomorrow** re: seeking re-election?
  - ▣ Concern re: increase in on-line sales by OOS buyers? Ans: no/but affordability issue)
  - ▣ Concerns w/compliance w/orders? Ans: complaint tabs on state web sites

# Today's Media Briefing



## Commissioner Levine:

- Monitor ambient temperatures & take safety precautions
- Address news reports re: Vermont as one of “18 states in trouble” & one of “5 in highest degree of trouble” – **data** dispels that notion:
  - ▣ We continue to flatten the curve: 971 cases, 54 deaths, 849 (est.) recovered
  - ▣ Reported # of new cases tech 50% increase but actual = 2 cases, 3 cases, >50% if 7 cases. But very few cases on a daily basis – “minor gyrations in setting where we’re doing hundreds and hundreds of tests per day”
  - ▣ Rate of new cases is “very, very, very small”
  - ▣ Test positivity rate – hovering at < 1% for some time
  - ▣ Syndromic surveillance
- Now many more opportunities for asymptomatic testing

# Practice Issues

## Wednesday Potpourri!



# AAP Social Media Campaign

- **#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



# Upcoming Topics

- Refining guidance re: testing of HCWs in practices
- MIS-C (Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children)
- Testing: anterior nares & supply chain update
- 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)

# Questions/Discussion

- Q & A Goal: monitor/respond in real time – record/disseminate later as needed (and/or revisit next day).
- **For additional questions, please e-mail:**
  - [vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu](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: **Thursday, May 28, 12:15-12:45** (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow)
- Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:  
**Tuesday, June 2, 12:15-12:45**  
**Phone: 1-802-552-8456**  
**Conference ID: 993815551**