

VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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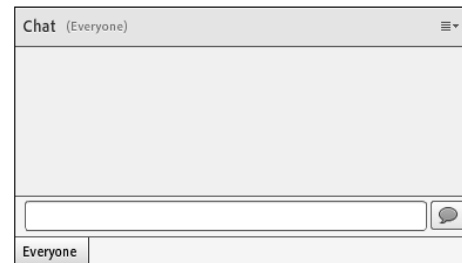
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2) To ask or respond to a question using the *Chat* box, type your question and click the  icon or press Enter to send.



Overview

- ❑ Celebrating Learn About Composting Day
 - ❑ Get children excited about composting by making them a snack of “worms in the dirt”
 - ❑ Reminder: per VT Act 148 (effective 7/1/20), disposal of food scraps in the trash or landfills is banned
<https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt/organic-materials>
- ❑ Get creative about PPE!
- ❑ Situation update
 - ❑ Surveillance, childcare/summer progs/**Overnight Camp**
- ❑ Today’s media briefing
- ❑ Practice Issues: **Pharmacists & COVID-19 Vaccine**
- ❑ Question and Answer



Situation update

Total Cases	975
Currently Hospitalized	1
Hospitalized Under Investigation	13
Total People Recovered	859
Deaths	55
People Tested	31,885
People Being Monitored	42
People Completed Monitoring	881
Last Updated: 5/29/2020, 10:21 EDT	

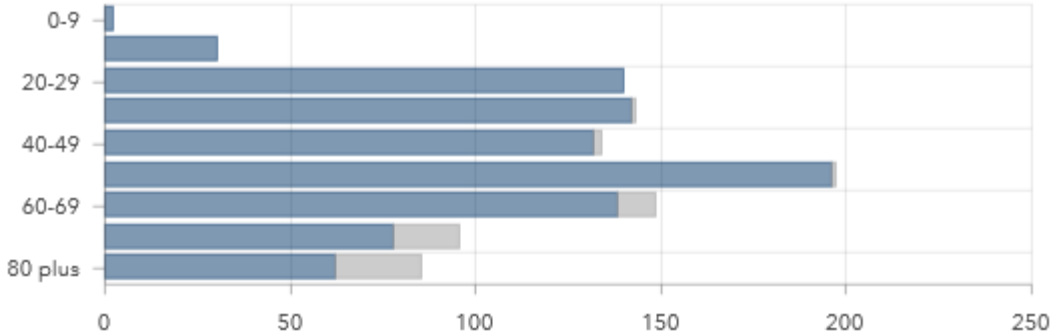
- Total tests (5/27/20) = 924
- Zero patients in ICU; zero patients on ventilator
- Derby, VT Walmart to offer COVID-19 testing beginning today (and MWF mornings)
 - ▣ VDH will monitor impact on testing teams

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.

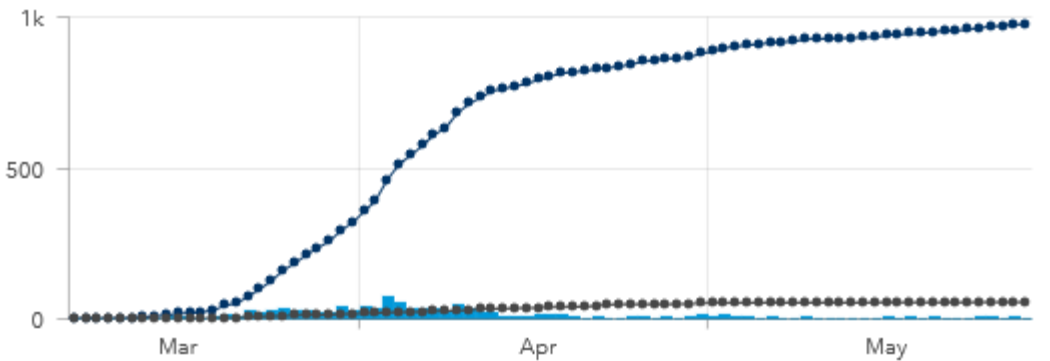
Reminder: “Total People Recovered” based on the number of confirmed positive cases (VT residents & non-VT residents who tested positive in VT; does not include deaths or patients currently hospitalized).

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/Other Updates

- **Revised:** Health Guidance for Childcare and Summer Programs (May 28, 2020)
 - ▣ Will share document in tonight's email – key updates/changes are indicated in orange/easy to find
- **Now available:** link to parent guidance document
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Resources4Families-Childcare-Summer-Programs.pdf>
- **NEW:** VT ACCD Overnight summer camps and limited residential summer college programming (effective 6/7/20)
 - ▣ Allows for different quarantine method and relaxing of pod requirements

Updated Health Guidance for Childcare and Summer Programs

- ❑ Field trips
- ❑ Nutrition guidance link to AOE
- ❑ Transportation guidance
- ❑ Quarantine/Out of state workers
- ❑ Quarantine/Contact of someone who is being tested
- ❑ Additional information on children and cloth facial coverings
- ❑ Additional resources in appendix
- ❑ Face shields
- ❑ More details on illness exclusions and inclusions
- ❑ Half walls—referenced fire marshal
- ❑ Water system process after prolonged closure and lead testing

Today's Media Briefing



Governor Scott: “remain united in our fight against this virus”

- Today – ACCD to release guidance for:
 - Gyms, indoor fitness, massage therapists, nail salons, spas, routine home maintenance/cleaning
 - June 7 – welcome OOS campers for overnight camp. Campers may: quarantine at camp or at home before arrival (but no stops along the way); or quarantine X 7d. at camp (or home state), get tested & end quarantine if negative; handoffs will look different (opportunity for evaluation)
- Increase safe social gatherings from 10 – 25: means outdoors; no change in 25% capacity for retail/lodging
- No addtl. guidance re: when OOS visitors may come w/o quarantine

Today's Media Briefing

Commissioner Pieciak (VT Dept. of Financial Regulation):

- Trends over the past week:
 - ▣ VT case counts remain low at 24 in past 7d. (in setting of reopening)
 - ▣ Gradual uptick in Vermonters' mobility – now > NH
 - ▣ Testing: pronounced upward trend in # of tests but % positive remains steady
- 41% of all confirmed U.S. cases are w/in 5 hr. drive of VT borders
- Metrics
 - ▣ Syndromic surveillance – overall decline
 - ▣ Viral growth < 1/2 %
 - ▣ % new positive tests – remains <1% (well below 5% guardrail)
 - ▣ Hospital/ICU beds – small increase admissions to ICU for NON-COVID dx

Today's Media Briefing



Commissioner Levine – 3 main areas:

- **1) Healthcare Sector:** anticipate next week VT will be at CDC phase 3 criteria for reopening (their most advanced phase)
 - ▣ As previewed last week, **dentistry** may fully reopen June 1, including aerosol-generating procedures (maintain all precautions/requirements)
- **2) SARS-CoV-2 Virus**
 - ▣ Transmission: facial coverings prev. protective against larger respiratory droplets; “growing consensus” re: also protective with aerosolized particles (especially indoor environments)
 - ▣ Herd immunity: “growing consensus” that level needed is >60%. Consider this re: data about **current** levels in in places w/highest infection rate: e.g. New York City ~20%; Boston ~10%; VT well under <5%.

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Commissioner Levine (cont'd.):

- **2) SARS-CoV-2 Virus and children - emerging data/will follow:**
 - Early European/Australian data (*may* have implications re: schools)
 - Swiss (and one other) study: pathway w/in family clusters may reflect adult to child transmission vs. child to adult (as much as 80-90%)
 - French study: one infected student did not appear to infect any classmates
 - Australian study: schools may not be as significant a driver of transmission as previously thought; adults more likely to infect family than children.
 - American rate of total cases at any one time remains ~2-3% children
- **3) VDH responding to small cluster of cases in Winooski**
 - VDH staff investigating and working with many community organizations to provide education, contact tracing/testing, follow up
 - Coordinating w/**State Emergency Operations Center**, incl. family social supports

Practice Issues

Pharmacists and COVID-19 Vaccine

Stephanie Winters, VMS, AAP-VT, VAFP, & many more!



Requesting Your Assistance – Legislative Issue!

- Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) and VDH seeking feedback, via VMS/AAP/AAFP, re: adding language to this year's (OPR) bill to permit pharmacists to administer COVID vaccine when available.
 - ▣ Bill is moving now in Senate & may be taken up in House.
- This year's bill already contained language to allow pharmacists to administer influenza vaccine for ≥ 12 y.o.
- Practice would be guided by protocols written by VDH.
- You may send feedback to Stephanie (swinters@vtmd.org) OR email VCHIP CHAMP mailbox with your thoughts.

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)

New Schedule of COVID-19 Update Calls

- Starting next week: 3 days/week
 - ▣ **Next week: Monday (6/1), Wednesday (6/3), Thursday (6/4)**
- Thereafter: **Monday, Wednesday, Friday**
- Anticipate two days with clinical focus and one day with practice operations/coding/billing/payment focus – but subject to change per the current situation, your feedback and availability!

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
 - **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: **Monday, June 1 (YIKES!), 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