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Technology Notes

1) **All participants will be muted upon joining the call.**
   
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Overview

- Happy National Nurses Day!
  - Belated Happy Cinco de Mayo!
- Situation update
  - Surveillance
  - Testing
- Media Briefing
- Practice Issues:
  - Reopening (non-emergency) Child Care
- 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

VDH Public Health Lab: 96 tests

UVMMC: 262 in house (3 testing platforms); 261 to Broad

Hospitalized patients: 2 patients in ICU, 1 patient on ventilator

NEW: “Total People Recovered”: based on the number of confirmed positive cases. Includes Vermont residents and non-Vermont residents who tested positive in Vermont (does not include deaths/patients currently hospitalized).
Situation update (cont’d.)

COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Age Group

Vermont COVID-19 New and Cumulative Cases, Cumulative Deaths

Cases and Deaths by Date and Age

Hover over chart to see values

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Testing Updates

- **Specimen Collection:** VDH PH Lab addressing nasal swab supply and will distribute testing kits widely. Note: strongly encourage providers to order and use collection kits from UVMMC and VDH PH Lab.

- **Provider Education:** VDH working (with Becca Bell!) on short educational video re: how to collect COVID-19 specimen with a nasal swab per CDC guidelines (Goal: complete this week)

- **Testing:** UVMMC is working on validating all of their platforms for nasal swabs.

- **Populations of Focus:** long-term care, pediatric/primary care providers (for mildly symptomatic adult patients)

- **Tracking:** test order form includes nasal swab for specimen tracking

- **Timing:** goal is by the end of this week

- Interested in exploring saliva as a possible collection type as well, but agreed to begin with nasal swabs which are easier to tolerate for memory care patients and children.
Today’s Media Briefing

- Relaxing social gatherings: < 10 family/friends; preferably outside, and be thoughtful re: contacts
- Most vulnerable should continue to stay home – opening may mean potential for more illness
- Maintain mitigation measures:
  - Stay home if ill
  - Maintain 6-ft. distance
  - Wash hands, cough into elbow/shoulder
  - Wear cloth facial coverings/masks
  - Stay in Vermont – but if you leave (except for work or brief shopping), still must quarantine X 14d. upon return.
Recreation Plans

Secretary Julie Moore, VT Agency of Natural Resources:

- No longer need to limit outings to within 10 miles of home
  - SEE Depts. of Fish & Wildlife, Forest/Parks/Recreation web sites for ideas

- Outdoor Recreation Businesses
  - Skate parks, ball fields, bicycling, tennis courts, golf courses (NO spectators)
  - accd.vermont.gov: tools & templates for (required) reopening & training plans
  - Support outdoor gear stores (online ordering & curbside pickup)

- Redefine your routine: “swap crowds for solitude”
  - Increased monitoring by wardens

- Lots of information on State of Vermont web sites
Commissioner Levine:

- National Nurses’ Day: “find a way to recognize a nurse!”
- Data dashboard:
  - Cases and deaths haven’t increased much
  - New category of “estimated recovered”: pts. who tested positive & report to VDH that they’ve recovered OR 30d. elapsed since day of dx
  - Gap: pts. may still be w/in 30d. window or VDH has not contacted pt.
- Expanded/enhanced contact tracing:
  - As we do more testing, we will do more contact tracing – and more opportunities for contact as restrictions relaxed
Today’s Media Briefing

Commissioner Levine (cont’d.)

- Citizen suggestion re: contact tracing
  - “I’ve been doing my own contact tracing since mid-March. Each day I document the date, contacts, location, activity.”

- Good news: opioid-related fatalities
  - Decreased for the first time since 2014
  - 2018-2019: 15% decline (130 to 111)
  - Decreased in deaths related to fentanyl (100 to 95), but fentanyl still involved in 86% of deaths
  - Increased % of opioid-related fatalities involving cocaine (43% to 36%)
  - Systems improvement for treatment/recovery in context of COVID-19
Reopening (non-emergency) Child Care
Emerging Guidance for School Reentry

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Health Guidance for Childcare

- Providing Childcare for Essential Persons

Reopening (non-emergency) Child Care

- Planning is ongoing!
- Possible timing = mid-June, **IF** epi data remains stable
- Vermont Health and Safety guidance is being updated this week to reflect new CDC guidance – please stay tuned.
- Also aligning Childcare-Summer programs and Afterschool guidance
- Role of community healthcare professionals
- Public health leadership is just beginning to plan with Vermont Agency of Education for school re-opening in Fall
Upcoming Topics

- **Tomorrow**: Update on pediatric inflammatory syndrome (Matt Hollander, MD)
- Continue to follow developments in telehealth/phone coverage
- Health care “restart” details
- Summer camps/other recreational activities
- OneCare Vermont all-payer model adjustments
- UVM MC and HN plans to resume *necessary care*
- **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
  - 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: **Thursday, May 7, 12:15-12:45** (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow)
- Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:
  - **Tuesday, May 12, 12:15-12:45**
  - Phone: 1-802-552-8456
  - Conference ID: 993815551