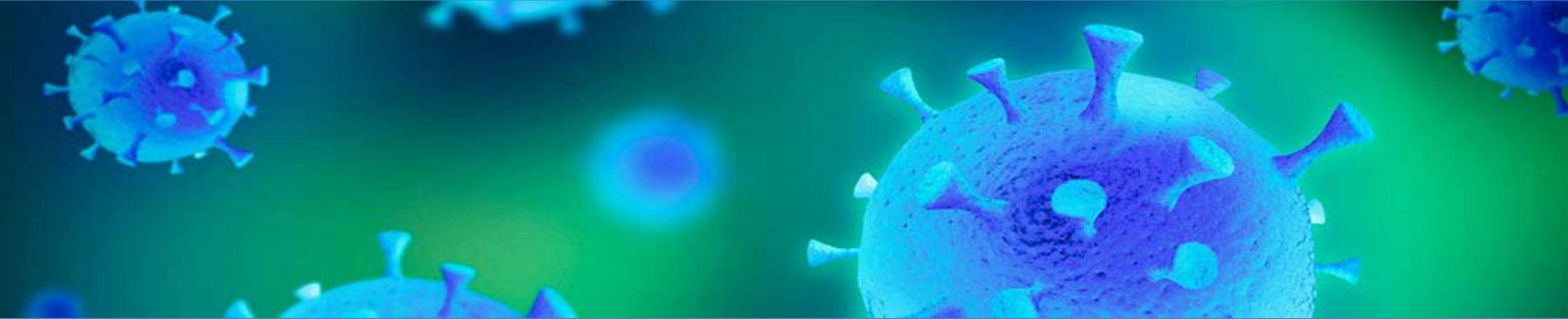


# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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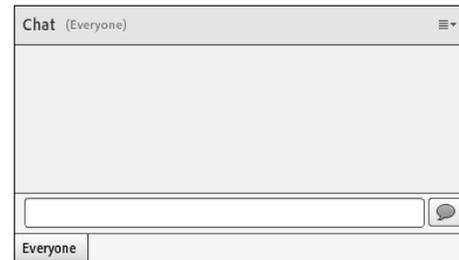
# Technology Notes

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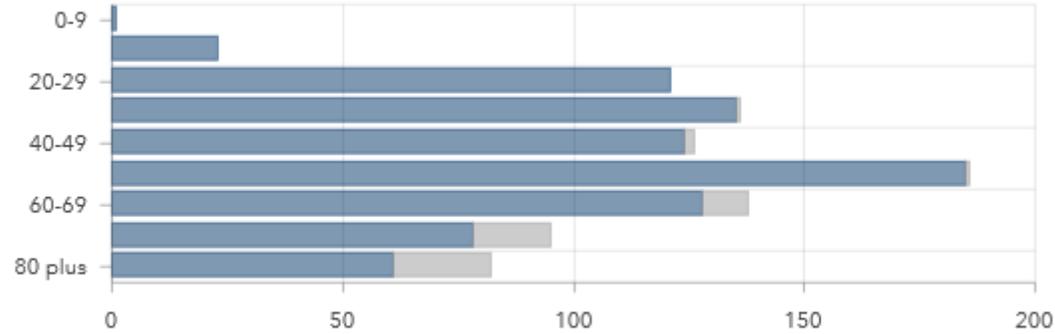
# Situation update

Total Cases	<b>908</b>
Currently Hospitalized	<b>6</b>
Hospitalized Under Investigation	<b>20</b>
Total People Recovered	<b>706</b>
Deaths	<b>52</b>
Total Tests	<b>17,876</b>
People Being Monitored	<b>20</b>
People Completed Monitoring	<b>841</b>
Last Updated: 5/06/2020, 10:17 EDT	

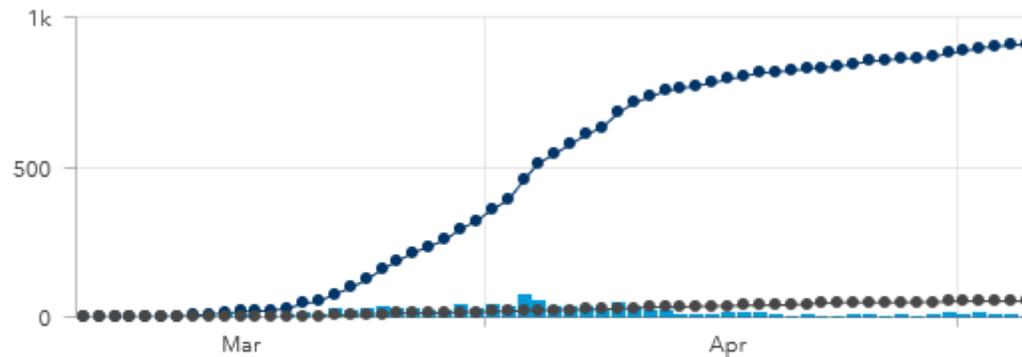
- VDH Public Health Lab: 96 tests
- UVMCC: 262 in house (3 testing platforms); 261 to Broad
- Hospitalized patients: 2 patients in ICU, 1 patient on ventilator
- **NEW: “Total People Recovered”**: based on the number of confirmed positive cases. Includes Vermont residents and non-Vermont residents who 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



Hover over chart to see values



Cases and Deaths by Date and Age



# 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 UVMCC 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: UVMCC 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:  $\leq$  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](http://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

# Today's Media Briefing



## 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

# Practice Issues

## Reopening (non-emergency) Child Care Emerging Guidance for School Reentry

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# Health Guidance for Childcare

## □ Providing Childcare for Essential Persons

[healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/schools-and-child-care-programs](https://healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/schools-and-child-care-programs)

### Health Guidance for Childcare and Schools Providing Childcare for Essential Persons (Revised April 5, 2020)

For childcare facilities that remain open and for schools providing childcare, it is crucial to minimize the risks of spreading coronavirus. The following guidance is designed to help maintain health and safety standards and social distancing directives while providing a much needed childcare service.

This document serves as a supplement to Agency of Education guidance: [Supporting the Childcare Needs of Essential Persons During a Novel Coronavirus Outbreak Guidance to Schools and Childcare Programs](#)

Exclude children, staff, parents and guardians from sites if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19, have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are at high risk due to underlying health conditions.

**NEW** It is recommended that all staff wear cloth face coverings while providing care. CDC recommends cloth face coverings in settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. Adults doing drop-off and pick-up are also encouraged to wear cloth face coverings. Instructions for wearing and making cloth face coverings can be found on the [CDC website](#).

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# 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](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 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**