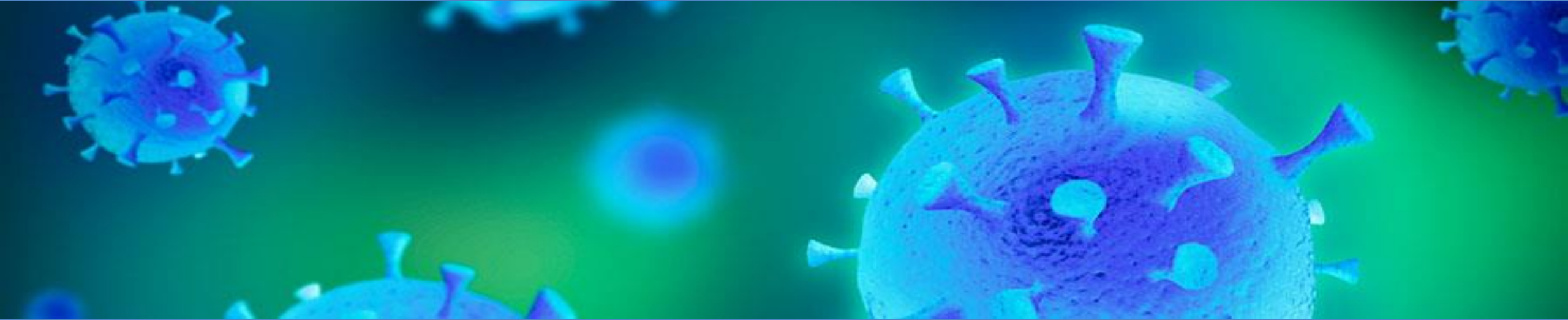


VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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May 7, 2021

Technology Notes

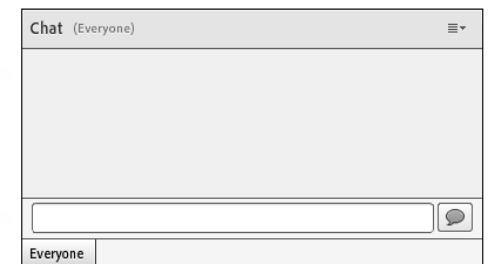
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Participant Code – 6266787790

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



Overview

- *With Gratitude* – **Happy National Nurses Week!**
 - May 6 – 12 (concludes on Florence Nightingale’s birthday; May 12 is also **National School Nurse Day**)
 - Also celebrating Child Care Provider Appreciation Day & national Correctional Officers Week
- 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; Friday media briefing
- Practice Issues: **Child Care & Out-of-School-Time Redux**
- Q & A/Discussion



North Country Pediatrics
<http://www.med.uvm.edu/vtmedicine/magazine>

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

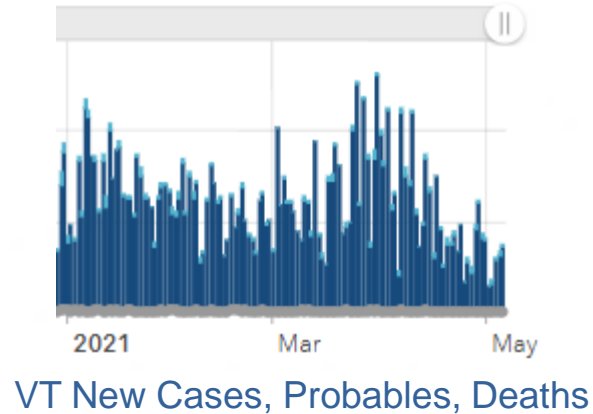
Scheduling Notes

Currently **NOT** planning to hold calls on:

- ❑ Friday, May 21, 2021
- ❑ Friday, May 28, 2021
- ❑ Monday, May 31, 2021 (Memorial Day)
- ❑ Friday, June 4, 2021 (Annual Child Psychiatry in Primary Care Conference – please register!)
- ❑ Considering dropping to 1 – 2 days/week this summer; then continuing with frequency TBD in the fall – perhaps to include new/different topics?
- ❑ Please send us your thoughts/feedback: vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu

Situation update

New Cases 75 23,393 Total
Currently Hospitalized 17
Hospitalized In ICU 4
Hospitalized Under Investigation 0
Percent Positive 7-day Avg. 1.2%
People Tested 384,423
Total Tests 1,619,772
Recovered 21,118 90.3% of Cases
Deaths 249 1.1% of Cases
Last Updated: 5/7/2021, 10:42:15 AM

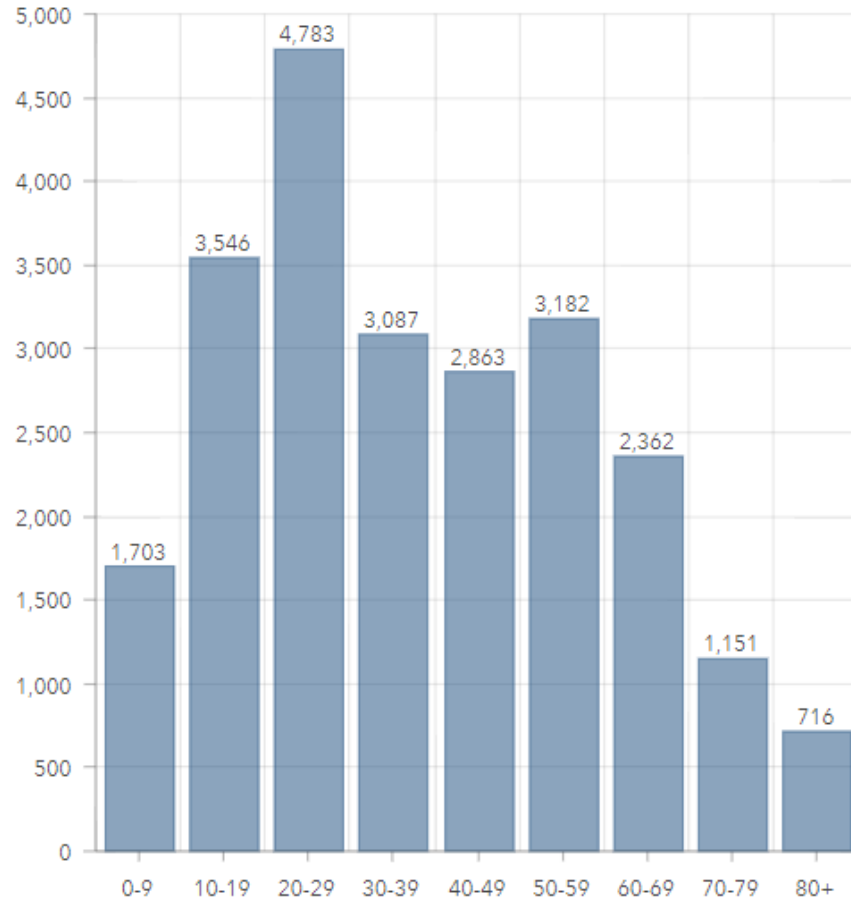


- U.S. **32.6 million+** cases; **579,634 deaths**
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html> (updated 5/7/21)
 - 5/6/21: **47,325 new cases; 818 deaths**
 - Past week: av. 45,081 cases/day (14d. change -27%)
 - 3.2 million+ deaths worldwide; 156 million+ cases** (flat & +9% 14-day change respectively)
- VDH **Weekly Data Summary(5/7/21)**
 - Weekly Spotlight Topic**
 - SEE also: Case Demographics section with **detailed data on school-aged children**
 - Find previous summaries at:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/weekly-data-summary>

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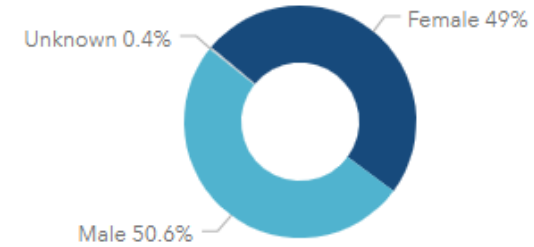
Situation update

Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group

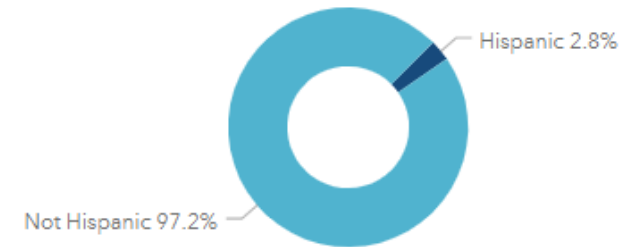


Case Demographics

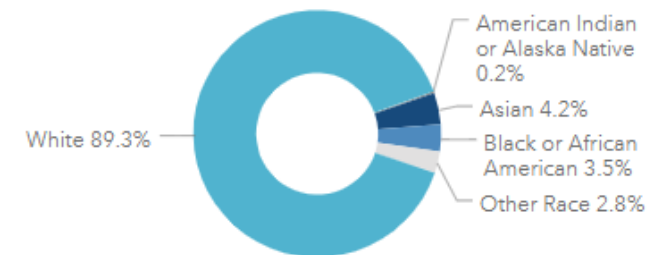
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Sex



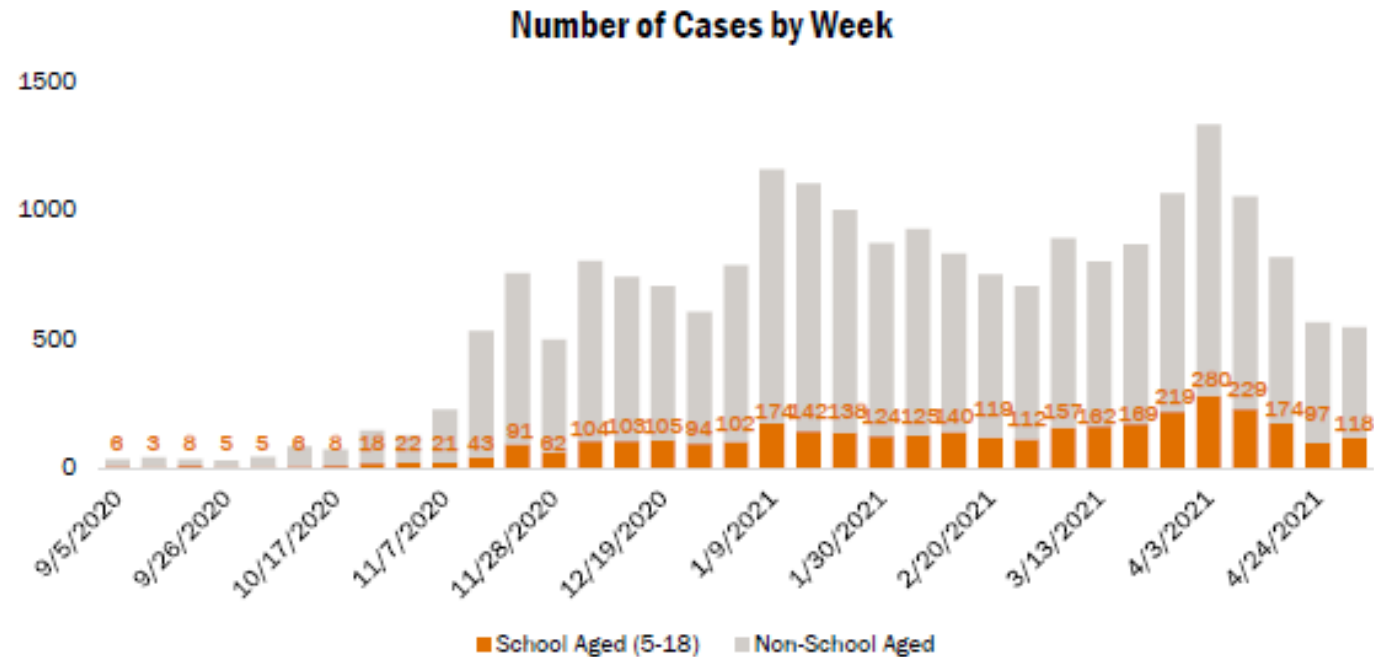
Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Ethnicity if Known



Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Race if Known

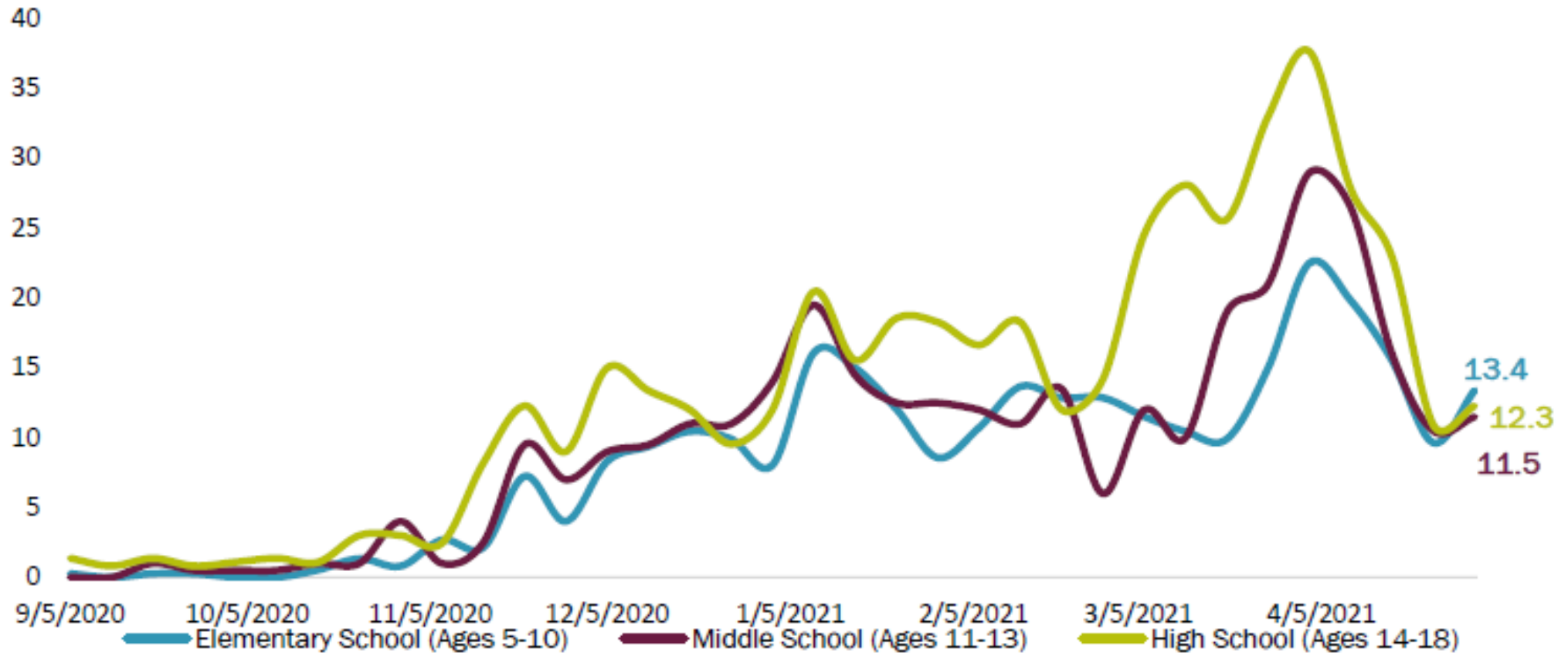


This brief reflects data as of May 1, 2021 at 7 pm (the last complete MMWR week). All rates are calculated per 10,000 people. The 14-18 year old age group does not include college students. Data is preliminary and subject to change.



COVID-19 Cases Among Vermont's School-Aged Children

Rates by Week by School Category



[Compare to data from week of 4/17/21: rates were 10.9/10K (HS), 10.5 (MS), and 9.6 Elementary School respectively]

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 5, 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.		
TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS	39	1299

May 2, 2021

Cases in Vermont K-12 Learning Communities While Infectious

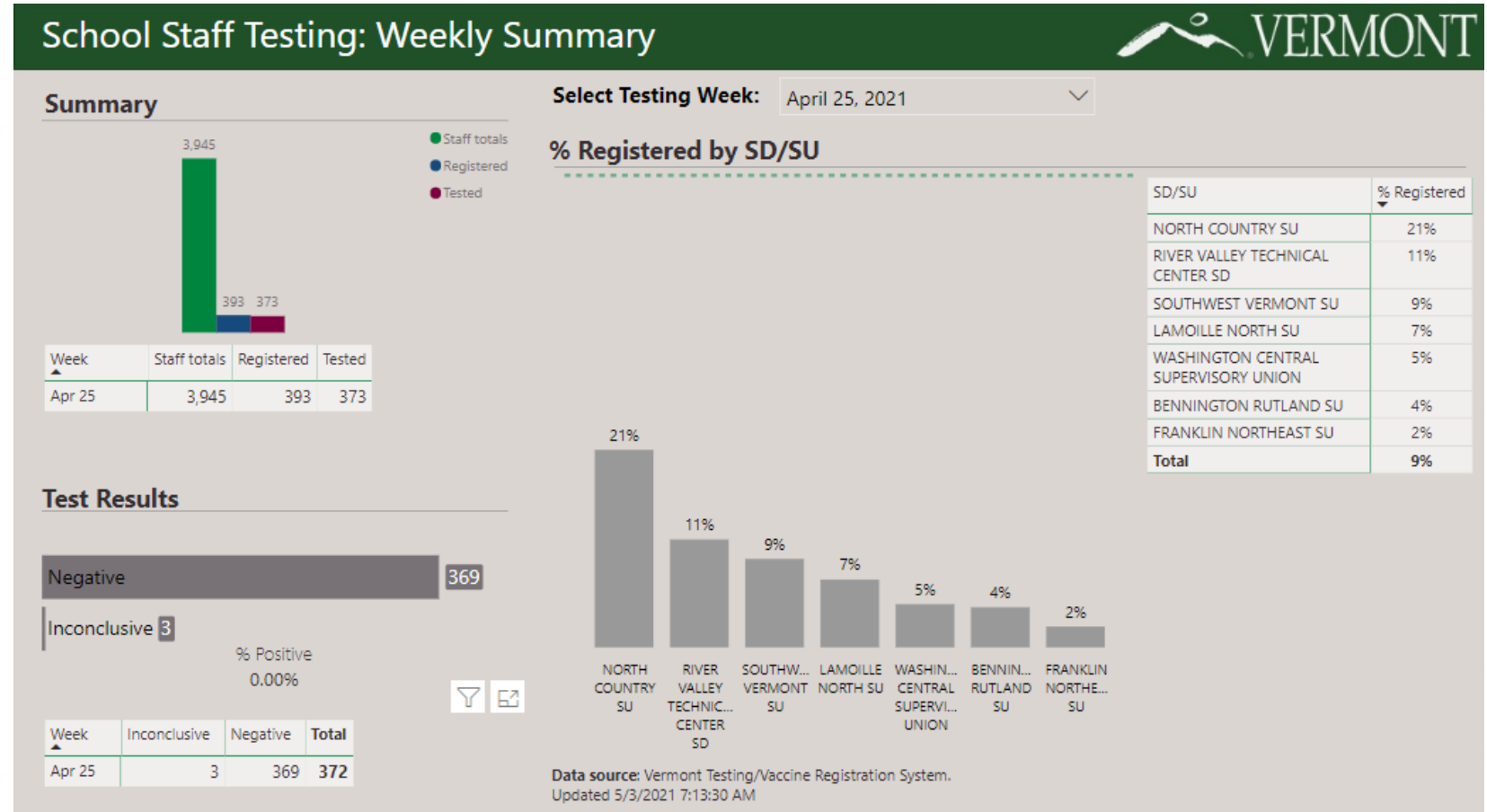
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TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS	41	1291

VT College & University dashboards:

- UVM update** (week of 4/26-5/2/21): 22 new cases off campus; 18 on campus; 0 faculty; 0 staff
- Middlebury College results** (updated 4/20/21): 0 new cases & 1 active cases (employees).
- Norwich University: 2 current positives**

AOE School Staff Testing Dashboard

Note: School teacher/staff testing ending; piloting **student** surveillance testing.



Week of April 25; updated 5/3/21

<https://education.vermont.gov/news/covid-19-guidance-vermont-schools/school-staff-covid19-surveillance-testing/school-staff-covid-19-surveillance-testing-weekly-summary>

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>

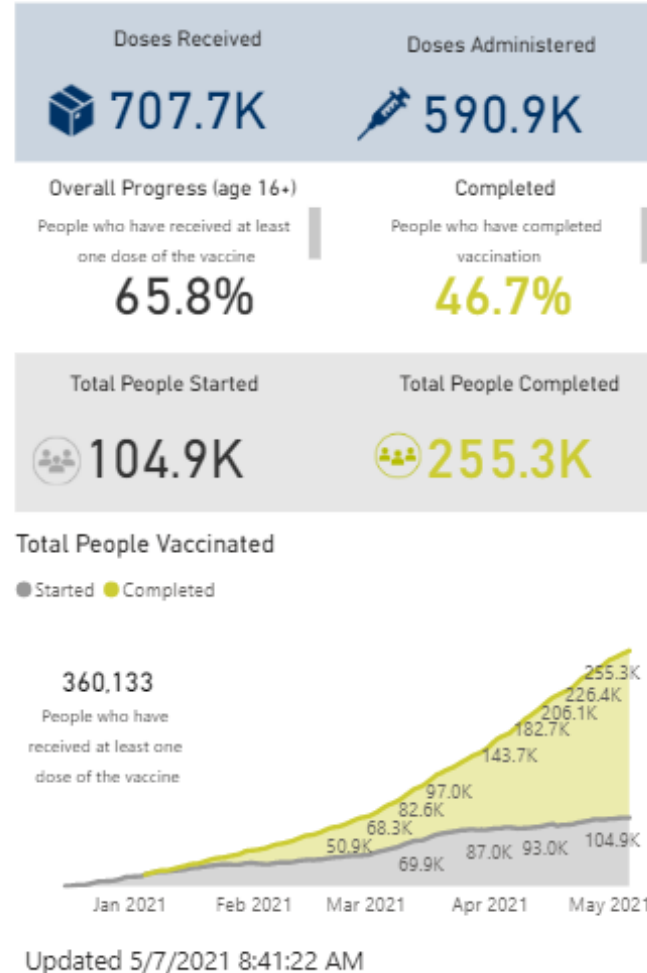
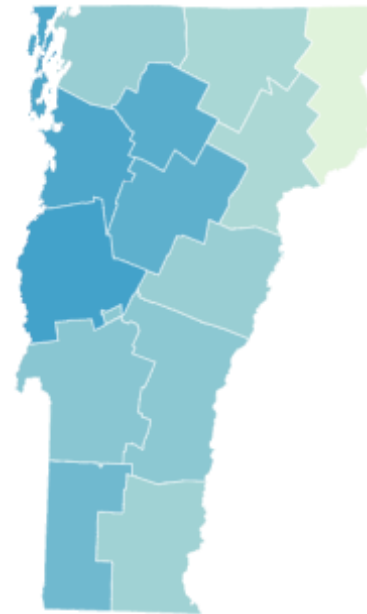
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Vaccination by County

The percent of the county population that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Show Rates By:

County	Overall progress
Addison	73.6%
Bennington	66.6%
Caledonia	57.1%
Chittenden	72.0%
Essex	49.0%
Franklin	60.1%
Grand Isle	71.9%
Lamoille	70.4%
Orange	60.1%
Orleans	57.6%
Rutland	62.6%
Washington	69.4%
Windham	59.1%
Windsor	62.2%
Vermont	65.8%



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- **NOTE:** Select County to see age-specific rates

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Vermont Vaccination Data

Select County

All

Clear filters

Summary

By Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity

By Age - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each age group that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Age	%*
16 - 17	33.6%
18 - 29	36.2%
30 - 39	55.8%
40 - 49	64.3%
50 - 59	71.9%
60 - 64	80.3%
65 - 69	89.0%
70 - 74	94.5%
75+	90.2%
Vermont	65.8%

By Sex - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each sex that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Sex	%*
Female	70.1%
Male	61.3%
Vermont	65.8%

Sex information is missing for 0% of people vaccinated.

By Race - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each race that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Race	%*
White	63.4%
Two or more races	48.1%
Pacific Islander	11.3%
Native American, Indigenous, or First Nation	21.9%
Black or African American	47.6%
Asian	59.3%
Vermont	62.7%

Race information is missing for 5% of people vaccinated.

By Race/Ethnicity and Age - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each race/ethnicity that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Race*	16 - 64	65+	Total
BIPOC	50.9%	78.6%	53.9%
Non-Hispanic White	52.0%	84.8%	60.2%
Vermont	52.0%	84.6%	59.7%

Race/ethnicity information is missing for 9% of people vaccinated.

BIPOC refers to Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

By Ethnicity - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each ethnicity that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Ethnicity	%*
Hispanic	65.3%
Not Hispanic	60.1%
Vermont	60.2%

Ethnicity information is missing for 13% of people vaccinated.

*Percentages reported as 95% here indicate $\geq 95\%$. Values above 95% are suppressed to protect personal health information.

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VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration & Sites

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>

All Vermont residents age 16 and older are eligible to be vaccinated! College students and [some residents of another state](#) are now eligible for vaccines.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

There are enough appointments for everyone who is eligible. Appointments are required. You will make your second-dose appointment when you get your first dose.

ONLINE

[MAKE AN APPOINTMENT](#)

Use the blue button above to make an appointment through the state website, which includes clinics run by the Health Department, the National Guard, health care partners, Costco, Hannaford, Price Chopper, Rite Aid, Shaws and Walmart.

BY PHONE

Can't make an appointment online or need help? Contact our call center at [855-722-7878](tel:855-722-7878).

- To speak with someone in a language other than English, call this number, and then press 1.
- For people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, you can make a TTY call to this number.

Call Center Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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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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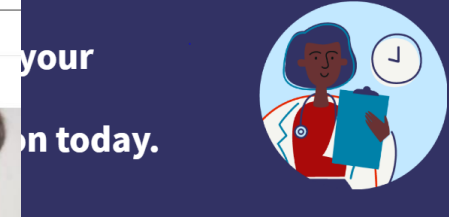
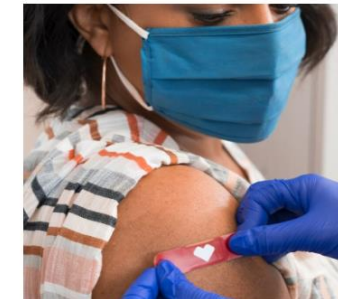
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Now offering the FREE* COVID-19 vaccine in select stores

We're administering the vaccine by appointment only based on local eligibility guidelines.

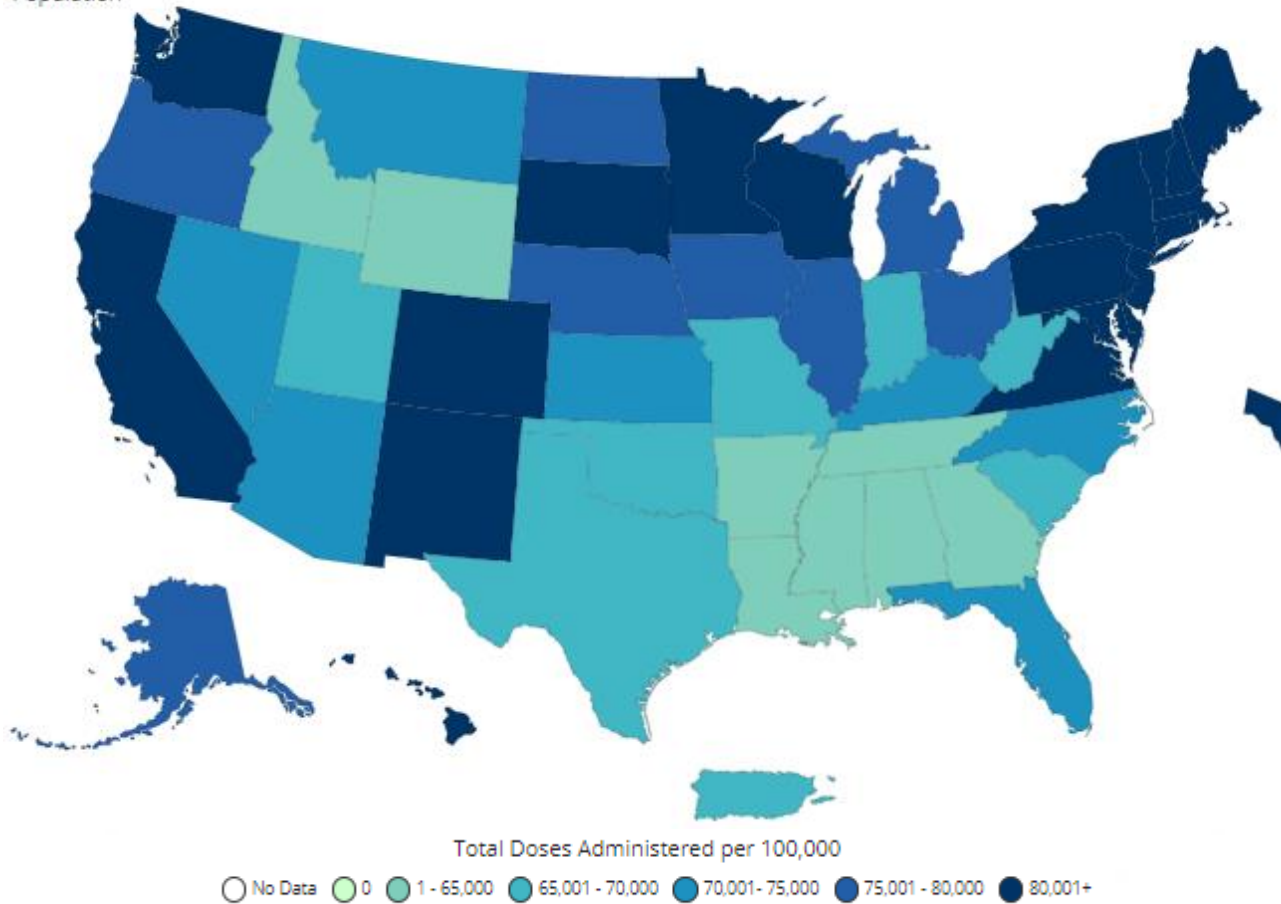
No cost with insurance or through federal program for the uninsured.



...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

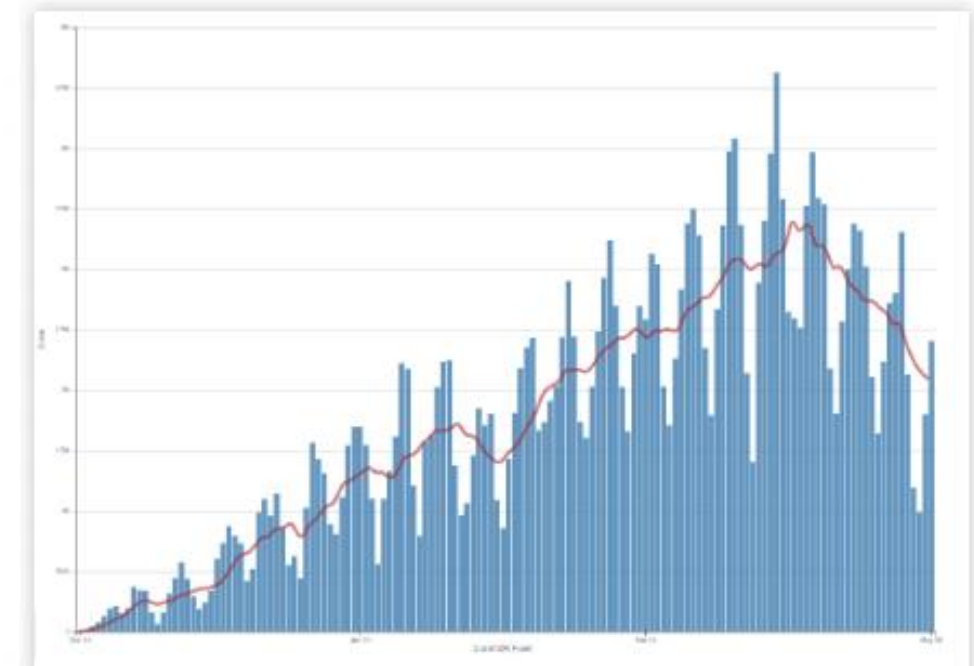
From the CDC Vaccine Tracker

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



Daily Change in Number of COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States Reported to CDC

— 7-Day moving average

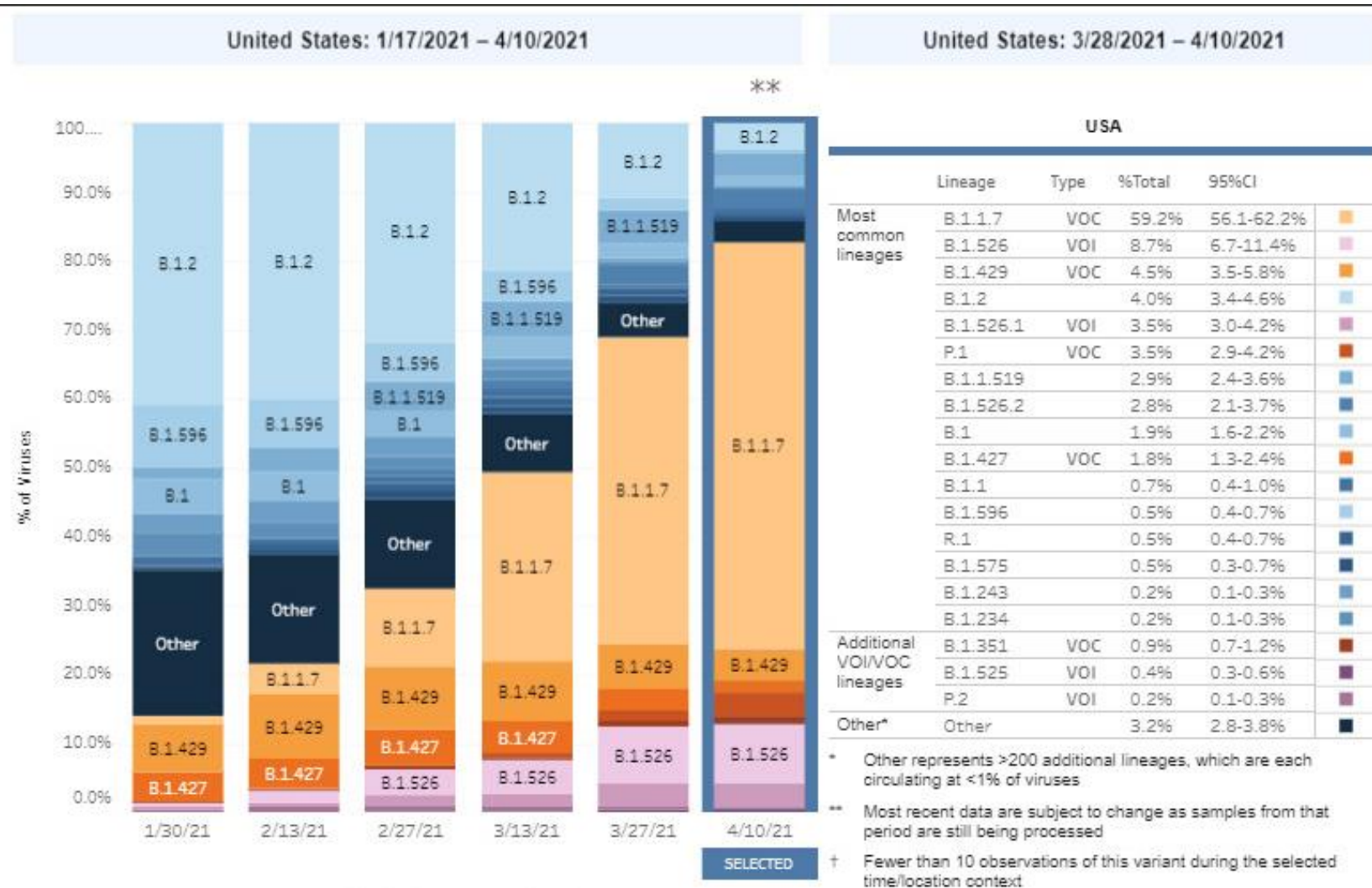


<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html>

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

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



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/variant-proportions.html>

From the CDC: MMWR

- Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines Against COVID-19 Among Hospitalized Adults Aged ≥ 65 Years — U.S., Jan-March 2021
 - ▣ *Weekly*: May 7, 2021/70(18);674–679; posted as MMWR *Early Release* on 4/28/21.
- **Summary:** <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/pdfs/mm7018e1-H.pdf>
 - ▣ **What is already known?** Clinical trials suggest high efficacy for COVID-19 vaccines, but evaluation of vaccine effectiveness against severe outcomes in real-world settings/populations at high risk, including older adults, is needed.
 - ▣ **Added by this report?** In multistate network of U.S. hospitals (Jan-March 2021), Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines was 94% effective against COVID-19 hospitalization in fully vaccinated adults & 64% effective in partially vaccinated adults aged ≥ 65 years.
 - ▣ **Implications for public health practice?** These vaccines significantly reduce risk for COVID-19–associated hospitalization in older adults and, in turn, might lead to commensurate reductions in post-COVID conditions and deaths

Vaccine News

- **Vermont Vaccine Implementation Advisory Committee** meeting today
 - ▣ Agenda to include: Partner Updates; Current Status Update; 12-15 year old Pfizer vaccine rollout
- Next Wednesday, May 12, CDC's **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices** will hold emergency meeting to consider expanding emergency use authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to cover adolescents ages 12-15 yo.
- Pfizer/BioNTech are the first companies to apply to FDA for full approval of vaccine for 16+; approval process may take months.
- Companies' statement: have submitted clinical data, including six months of information on vaccine's safety and efficacy, to the FDA; plan to submit additional material, including information about manufacturing of vaccine, in the coming weeks.

Announcing . . .

- Molly Rideout, MD FAAP appointed Vice Chair of Medical Education for the Dept. of Pediatrics.
 - ▣ Internal search to fill this newly created leadership role – will be responsible for strategically looking at the educational mission across the continuum of learning and will work closely with our medical students and graduate medical education (residency and fellowship) leaders in creating, developing, and assessing our educational programs and courses.
 - ▣ Will transition into this role over the summer and fully assume the role of Vice Chair of Medical Education as of October 1st of this year.
 - ▣ Dr. Rideout is currently the Associate Director for Medical Student Education and Director of our Fourth Year Program, as well as of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Program; Distinguished Educator in our Teaching Academy; the winner of the Outstanding Innovation Award in Curriculum Development (e.g., “Boot Camp”)

□ ***Congratulations, Molly!***

From Our Colleagues at UVM HN VNA Home Health & Hospice

- ❑ Today is the kickoff for week-long virtual event to ***support the McClure Miller Respite House***
- ❑ The Fun Run/ Walk is annual fundraiser to benefit end-of-life care: this yrs. a week-long virtual fundraiser from Friday, May 7 – Friday, May 14.
- ❑ You are invited to engage in a wellness activity of your choice while raising crucial funds for the Respite House by reaching out to family and friends. It's easy and fun to join in! Register at: <https://www.uvmhomehealth.org/event/run-2/>
- ❑ We also welcome anyone to participate by making a gift to the Fun Run.
- ❑ Top fundraisers will receive a swag prize pack; anyone who posts to social media using the hashtag **#VTRunsforRespite** entered to win great prizes. Most important: every dollar raised will go right to work providing care for Vermonters.

Friday Media Briefing (5/7/21)

Governor Phil Scott

- Acknowledged Nurses' Week: best way to thank health care heroes is to get vaccinated.
- Speedway vaccination events with incentives (e.g., free admission to races).



Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

AOE Secretary Dan French

- ❑ AOE has concluded weekly teacher/staff testing.
- ❑ Now in process of launching pilot surveillance testing for students: will be limited during remainder of spring/summer & expanded in fall.
- ❑ Will be offered to unvaccinated students ages 8+; voluntary & free. Results to families via secure online portal followed by call from VDH.
- ❑ Pilot group this month – will potentially test up to 6K+ students.
- ❑ Districts: Burlington & Grand Isle SU (both had expressed interest); Orleans SW; Caledonia Central; Two Rivers, SWVTC/Bennington (remaining districts identified by survey). Note: Not all schools will participate.
- ❑ Will likely lead to identification of addtl. cases – will help us stop spread.



Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)

AOE Secretary Dan French

- Clarification of new sports guidance re: masks outside
- New FAQ later today re: **graduation & end-of-year celebrations**
- Districts are encouraged to send questions – then AOE & VDH collaborate to respond.
- E.g., distance/seating at graduation: households should sit together as much as possible w/6 ft. distance when possible. Proms: strict classroom distance **not** necessary at school social events.
- Learning mode survey: districts given extra week due to school vacation; will update data next week.
- Positive trend toward more IP instruction – pleased w/reports to date.



Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



AHS Secretary Mike Smith

- ❑ Today: vaccine registration & walk-in to ANYONE who lives out of state & works in VT, regardless of occupation.
- ❑ When 12-15 yo age group approved (expect next week), will begin registration *immediately* – may attend any site that offers (appropriate) vax & will conduct clinics in schools – more info next wk.
- ❑ Continuing to offer new types of vaccine clinic sites
- ❑ E.g., next week those signed up for **food distribution** may be vaccinated at those sites.
- ❑ Slight delay in CDC reporting vaccine to our IT system – problem is on their end and will update ASAP.

Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



AHS Secretary Mike Smith

- Remember Vermonters who are struggling, esp. with mental health issues, and those who support them.
- **Young people in foster care** may be especially affected by COVID-19.

Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



VDH Commissioner Levine

- ❑ Continued positive data trends: VT 7d. rate 84/100K vs. natl. average almost 97/100K.
- ❑ All VT counties relatively on par re: case numbers
- ❑ B.1.1.7. now accounts for ~60% of U.S. cases; “variants do not seem to be evading vaccine.”
- ❑ Good vaccination progress – “but hold off on throwing away your mask.”
- ❑ *“For those who intend to get vaccinated – your shot is waiting for you.”* Drive-throughs, walk-ins, etc. – working to make it as easy as possible.

Friday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



VDH Commissioner Levine

- ❑ Referenced MMWR re: Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines Against COVID-19 Among Hospitalized Adults Aged ≥ 65 Years — U.S., Jan-March 2021 [SEE slide 16]
- ❑ *“Let’s turn COVID from the disease we once feared to the disease we defeated.”*
- ❑ For 12-15 yo: start planning ahead by creating account/add them to yours.
- ❑ VDH vaccine dashboard – will be a delay in some data due to delays in reporting from CDC: ~6600 1st & 2nd doses will not be added until 5/8.

Under Way: Youth/Parent COVID Vaccine “Town Halls”



- AAP Vermont chapter, in collaboration with VDH, area schools and medical homes
- Video by Rebecca Bell, MD FAAP addressing vaccine hesitancy
- Revised slide deck now available for use in ***your*** community
- Please complete BRIEF email survey (AAPVT & VAFP members) re: ***how*** you wish to be involved in adolescent COVID-19 vaccine administration. AHS is coordinating these efforts; let's be ready if the opportunity for collaboration is available.

Summer Matters (cont'd.)



- 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.

Practice Issues

Child Care and Out-of-School-Time Guidance Redux



VERMONT FORWARD

ROADMAP TO REOPENING

Please refer to vermont.gov for complete guidance and additional details. Education and health care retain specialized guidance.

Note: All dates are subject to change.



STEP 1

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):
Vulnerable population substantially complete;
35–45% of all Vermonters; 45–55% of Vermonters 16+

Business Operations

4/9

Group A Sectors:
Move to required universal guidance

Cross State Travel

4/9

No quarantine required with negative test within 3 days of arrival in or return to the state

Masks and Physical Distancing



Required when in the presence of those outside your household.

APRIL

STEP 2

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):
50–60% of all Vermonters;
60–70% of Vermonters 16+

Business Operations

5/1

Group B Sectors:
Move to required universal guidance

Gatherings and Events

5/1

Indoor: 1 unvaccinated person per 100 sq ft up to 150, plus any number of vaccinated people
Outdoor: 300, plus any number of vaccinated people

Masks and Physical Distancing



Required when in the presence of those outside your household.

MAY

STEP 3

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):
60–70% of all Vermonters;
70–85% of Vermonters 16+

Cross State Travel

6/1

No quarantine or testing requirements

Gatherings and Events

6/1

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



Required when in the presence of those outside your household.

JUNE

JULY 4

Business Operations

Universal guidance encouraged for all sectors

Gatherings and Events

No capacity restrictions

Masks and Physical Distancing.

Encouraged

JULY

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Business Operations

Universal guidance
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Gatherings and Events

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restrictions

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Timeline of Recent Vermont Guidance Updates

- ***Vermont Forward*** (announced April 6, 2021)
 - ▣ <https://www.vermont.gov/vermont-forward#gsc.tab=0>
- COVID-19 Health Guidance for Child Care and Out-of-School-Time Care (published April 23; effective May 1, 2021)
 - ▣ <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/2021-child-care-and-summer-guidance.pdf>
- Overnight Summer Camp Operations Guidance (published April 23; effective June 1, 2021)
 - ▣ <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Overnight-Summer-Camp-Guidance.pdf>

Important Clarifications/Updates

- **Child Care:** masks have always been **strongly recommended** for ages 0-5; this remains the recommendation & we added clarification that even outside, since distancing for this age group is hard, masks are **strongly recommended**.
- Visitors are discouraged until Step 3 of **Vermont Forward** (70-85 % of eligible Vermonters have had at least 1 dose of vaccine). Parents and childcare providers should talk together about drop off, entering buildings and also new parents' orientation & home/facility tours. Staggered drop off is an optional strategy in revised guidance
- **Schools:** guests from outside of the school community are allowed as long as mitigation strategies are followed and Strong and Healthy Year/**Vermont Forward** guidelines are adhered to.

Vermont Guidance for Child Care & Out-of-School Time

COVID-19 Health Guidance for Child Care and Out-of-School-Time Care

Spring and Summer 2021

Effective: May 1, 2021

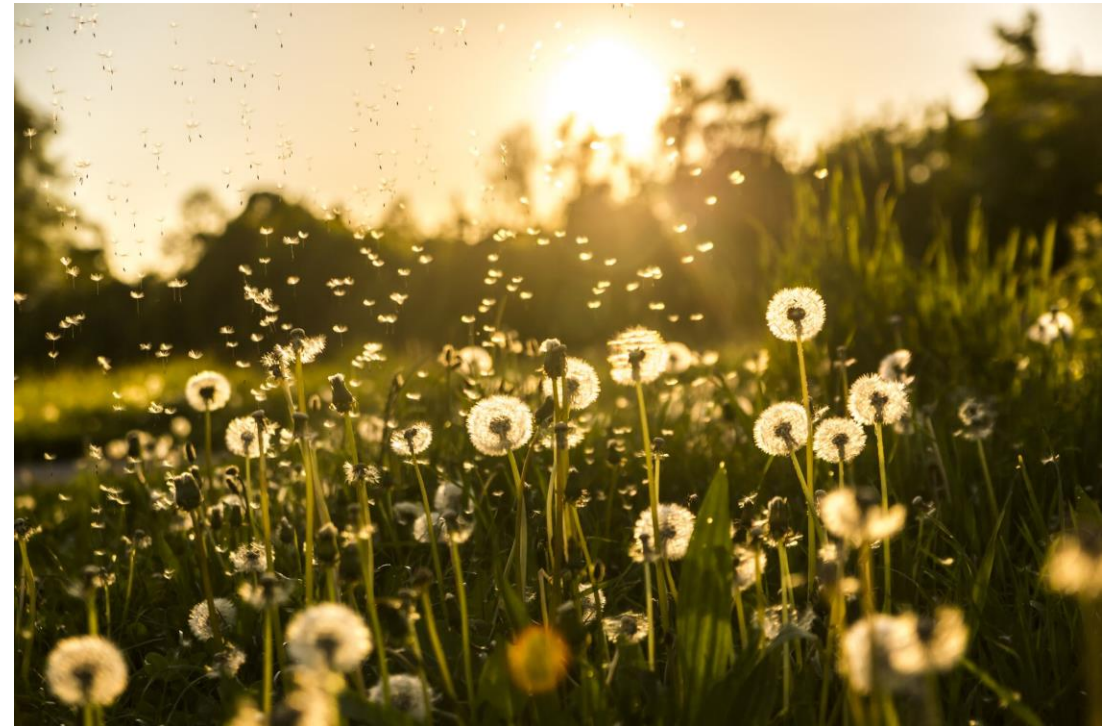
**Issued by the Vermont Department of Health, Department for Children and
Families—Child Development Division, and Agency of Education**

First Issued: March 13, 2020

Revised: April 23, 2021

Childcare and Out of School Time Revised Sections

- Health Screenings and Travel
- Return to Work/Care Post-Vaccine
- Transportation
- Drop off/Pick Up
- Hand Hygiene
- Masks
- Cleaning
- Physical Distancing and Pods
- Volunteers/Visitors



Health Screenings

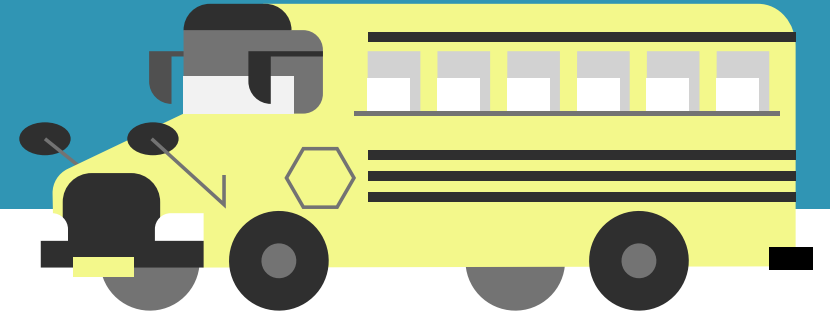
- **Stay at home when sick**
- Staff and children and/or their families should complete an exposure and symptom screening before arriving at the care
- Temperature check performed at home
- Children arriving visibly sick to care should be screened and sent home if symptomatic
- Please note specific guidance for return to work after vaccine

Travel

- As part of *Vermont Forward* (phased reopening plan), new travel guidance became **effective April 9, 2021**
- No quarantine after travel – and test required within 72 hours of return
- Travel guidance may change over time
- Please note specific guidance for [international travel](#)



Bus, Van and Car Transportation



General Guidance

- Space out passengers for the available space in the vehicle
- Ill or symptomatic persons stay home
- Usual cleaning guidance
- The use of masks on buses, vans and private car must follow the Vermont Forward Plan

Bus Guidance

- Bus hatches and windows
- Space out children on bus – if possible leave seat or two behind the bus driver **empty**
- [Inclement weather considerations](#)

Transport Considerations for private car and vans

- Operate the ventilation blowers at full power and 100% outside air
- Keep windows open to maximize fresh air

Drop off and Pick up

- Programs shall structure arrival and departure in a manner that ensures the health and safety of children, staff and families.
- Signs must be posted at all entrances clearly indicating that no one may enter if they have symptoms of respiratory illness or fever.
- **Staggered drop off is an optional strategy.**
- Individuals who show symptoms of COVID-19, are quarantining or are in isolation should not do drop-off or pick-up.

Hygiene, Masks and Cleaning

Hand hygiene

- Basic infection control practices

Masks: follow *Vermont Forward*

- Required in Step 1, 2 and 3:
Except as described in guidance for children under age 5
No Change to current mask strong recommendation after Step 3
- “Encouraged” after Step 3

Cleaning and disinfecting

- Basic infection control practices
- Less attention to surfaces

All employees must wash hands after using the toilet and before handling food.

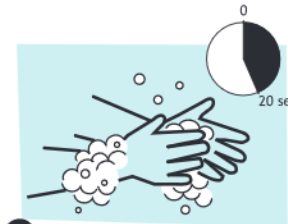
Proper handwashing:



1 Use warm water.



2 Moisten hands/apply soap.



3 Rub hands together for 20 seconds.



4 Rinse thoroughly.



5 Dry hands.


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Distancing

Physical distancing guidance should follow the [Vermont Forward](#) plan.

While physical distancing is still in effect, programs should follow the following guidance:

- **Staff and adult visitors or volunteers:**
6 feet of distance from other adults and children
- **Children and youth:**
3 feet of distance from other children, as much as possible

Best practice guidance:

- Be outside as much as possible.
- Plan activities that do not require close physical contact between multiple children.
- When eating, work to maintain as much distance as possible.
- Space out children when waiting in line.
- Avoid opportunities where staff or children are likely to congregate.
- Ensure distance between children when participating in singing and music that involves woodwind or brass instruments.
- Rearrange furniture to avoid clustering in common areas.

Volunteers and Visitors

CATEGORY	GUIDANCE
Visitors	Discouraged during Step 1 and 2 of Vermont Forward Plan with exceptions
Volunteers	Allowed if they are considered protected against COVID-19 according to CDC criteria (vaccination or natural infection)
Student teachers, interns & other learners	Allowed
Field trips	Allowed if the program can maintain all health guidance in this document

Talking Points

- Vermonters **do not need to quarantine after domestic travel** because case counts are down around the country and travel is no longer a high risk activity from an epidemiologic perspective. Only 5 percent of our cases since the beginning have been travel associated.
- Each step in Vermont Forward is based on increasing percentages of eligible Vermonters being vaccinated which will lead to fewer cases in communities. **By summer**, if percentage of eligible Vermonters who are vaccinated reaches 70-85 %, **masks and distancing will be personal choices** assessed by individuals, not state government so the mandate will be lifted.
- We **removed health screenings** from responsibility of childcare or school because the need to do this is shifting back to individuals and families. In addition, fever is a low percentage symptom for pediatric COVID so not necessary to screen for temperature at school/childcare.
- At this point, we do not plan to change anything in the Vermont overnight or day camp guidance. The CDC guidance needs to address the U.S. as a whole. Vermont case rates are lower and vaccination rates are higher than many areas of the U.S.

In case you missed it . . .

Protecting Young Vermonters with COVID Vaccines



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Objectives

- Introductions
- Brief overview of COVID and children with Vermont data
- Reminder about mental health concerns in Children and Adolescents
- Video from AAP-VT Chapter President
- Information on Vaccine for children and adolescents
- Uptake of COVID vaccine for 16 & 17 year olds to date in VT
- Future planning: anticipating approval of vaccine for 12-15 year olds
- Questions and Answers

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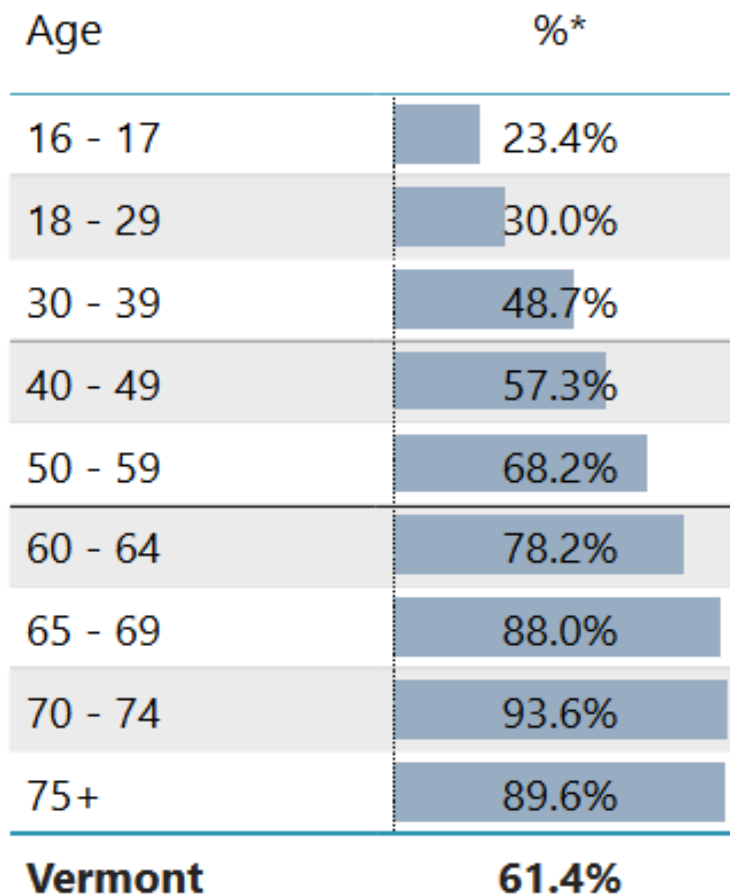
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Vermont vaccine uptake by age

By Age - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each age group that has received at least one dose of the vaccine



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A Message from AAPVT Chapter President Rebecca Bell, M.D.



“We (pediatricians) are so excited that the COVID Vaccine is available for young people....”

“...Pediatricians are so excited that the people we love, our patients, are getting vaccinated, or going to get vaccinated soon”

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Save the Date: Friday, June 4, 2021



Course Director
David C. Rettew, M.D.

Join us virtually for the 14th 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**
 - ▣ **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, May 10, – 12:15 – 12:45 pm***
- Generally back to **Monday/Wednesday/Friday** schedule
- Please tune in to VMS call with VDH Commissioner Levine:
Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdIJ2ZG4yQT09>
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