VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES

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Technology Notes

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Overview

- Happy National Child Care Providers Day!
- Happy Mother’s Day!
- Situation update
  - Surveillance
  - Testing (and more testing!)
- VDH/Other Updates
- Practice Issues:
  - Friday 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

- VDH Public Health Lab: 127 tests
- UVMMC: 308 total in house (289 across 3 testing platforms); 119 to Broad
- Hospitalized patients: 1 patient in ICU, ZERO patients on ventilator

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

May 8, 2020
Testing Updates

- **VDH Health Advisory:** “Widespread Testing of All Mildly Symptomatic Patients Needed”
- **NEW:** on-site testing opportunities for frontline healthcare workers, first responders, and child care providers serving essential workers. **Voluntary/not to be used as criterion for return to work**
- **Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM:** (by appointment only) at Vermont Public Health Laboratory, 359 S. Park Drive, Colchester, VT.
  - Open to healthcare workers, first responders, & child care providers serving essential workers. **Must call for appointment:** (802) 863-7223 between 8:00am – 4:00pm. VDH anticipates several additional opportunities next week in Bennington, Brattleboro, and Hartford – please stay tuned!
- Ongoing attention expected to identify best process for testing, including: enhancing new test sites’ capacity/hours to test mildly symptomatic patients
- **Discussion:** testing of asymptomatic individuals
Today’s Media Briefing

Commissioner Pieciak (VT DFR – Lead, Modeling Team)

- Case experience better than forecast
  - Vermonters limiting travel; compare favorably compare to other northern New England states (uptick this past weekend)
  - VT case doubling rate >3 months (compare to NH q. 2 weeks)
- Summer forecast – 4 scenarios
- Key metrics: syndromic surveillance (ED visits w/relevant symptoms); viral growth/reproductive rate; testing; hospital/ICU beds capacity
Governor Scott:

- Continue measured approach to reopening
- All child care programs able to reopen by June 1 – but not required
  - Meet strict health and safety requirements
  - May 18: begin to bring back staff and transition to reopening
  - Restart grants (6m. for transition costs) for child care & summer day programs
  - Child care workers included in expanded testing/contact tracing program
  - New **health guidance** to be issued next week: *shout-out to Breena Holmes for leading work group!!!*

- Expect summer day programs to open this year
Today’s Media Briefing

VT Agency of Education Secretary Dan French

- Guidance re: end of year celebrations/graduations
  - Current PH data does not support reopening for resuming in-person
  - In-person gatherings must meet state guidelines – all others virtual & must insure equal access/participation by all affected students
  - Follow established calendar for remainder of school year.

- May be able to utilize school facilities during the summer for (e.g.):
  - Student support (e.g., tutoring); social/emotional learning; professional development for staff; school-based summer camps

- Fall: aim/expect schools open if data supports. Continue planning for alternative delivery if necessary.
Today’s Media Briefing

Vermont ACCD:

- Summer Camps: MAY decide to reopen – IF they can meet child care GLs – but “will need to look very different this year.”
- Overnight camps MAY be able to operate – ACCD working w/VT Camping Association to understand what’s necessary to comply with guidance (also seeking guidance from American Camp Association, YMCA, etc.).
  - One issue is mitigation needed to serve out-of-state campers
Practice Issues

Friday Potpourri

May 8, 2020
(?) PCPs to charge for masks/gowns/goggles (based upon agreement with insurers to charge for supplies > normal).

- Seeking clarification from VT payers
- Code: 99070 (and some using COVID CPT code for every visit, since wearing masks due to possible exposure.

- (Possible) malpractice issue re: COVID-19 cases

- Suggestion for documentation language for telehealth:
  
  "This visit was performed virtually using synchronous audio-visual connection on <platform>. As such, the physical examination is necessarily limited. The risks and benefits of the use of this alternative platform were discussed with the parent, and verbal consent was obtained. My assessment and plans are based on such examination. Further evaluation, including in-person examination, may be needed depending on the response to management."
Other Clinical Issues

- Lactation Consultation service delivery
- Decreasing immunization rates:
  - Early release MMWR 1 p.m. today: data show **troubling decreases in ordering & administering of childhood vaccines during the beginning of 2020.** COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in delays/decreases in the number of children receiving recommended vaccines.
  - Anticipate media/social media campaigns by CDC and AAP national
- **SEE VDH Fact Sheet:** *Vaccines Administered – the COVID-19 Effect* (will distribute with tonight’s email)
Vermont Immunization Data

Young Children

Vaccine Doses Reported by Month
Children 4 through 6 Years

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Teenagers

Vaccine Doses Reported by Month
Teens 13 through 17 years

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For more information, contact the Vermont Immunization Registry manager at (802) 951-4094.
Upcoming Topics

- Continue to follow developments in telehealth/telephone coverage
- Health care “restart” details
- Summer camps/other recreational activities – will follow emerging guidance
- 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: **Monday, May 11, 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