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June 10, 2020
1) All participants will be muted upon joining the call.
   If you dialed in or out, unmute by pressing #6 to ask a question (and press *6 to mute).

   Presenters: Please avoid the use of speakerphone and make sure your computer speaker is muted if you dialed in via phone.

2) To ask or respond to a question using the Chat box, type your question and click the icon or press Enter to send.
Celebrating Maurice Sendak’s birthday!
“He was unique, grumpy, brilliant, wise, magical and made the world better by creating art in it.” (colleague Neil Gaiman)

Continuing our new call schedule: Mon/Wed/Fri.

Situation, VDH and other updates
- Surveillance
- Testing

Today’s Media Briefing

Practice Issues: COVID-19 Safe & Healthy School Guidance

Q & A, Discussion

[Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve very rapidly – so the information we’re providing today may change quickly]
Situation update *(updated following today’s call)*

- No patients in ICU/on ventilators
- 12 new cases on 6/9/20
- Ongoing opportunities for testing of asymptomatic persons at pop-up sites – find times/locations & register at: [https://humanresources.vermont.gov/popups](https://humanresources.vermont.gov/popups)

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 (updated following today’s call)

COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Age Group

Vermont COVID-19 Now and Cumulative Cases, Cumulative Deaths

Hover over chart to see values, and drag scrollbar at top of chart to zoom into date range

Situation update *(updated following today’s call)*

COVID-19 Positive Cases by Sex
- Male 46.68%
- Female 52.88%
- Unknown 0.62%

COVID-19 Positive Cases by Ethnicity if Known
- Not Hispanic 97.27%
- Hispanic 2.73%

COVID-19 Positive Cases by Race if Known
- White 87.29%
- Black or African American 8.11%
- Asian 3.20%
- American Indian or Alaska Native 0.19%

Hover over charts to see values

[Link to dashboard](https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/current-activity-vermont#dashboard)
From Vermont Emergency Management

Meal Distribution for Those in Need

- Continuing weekdays in June
  - Now requires 3-question pre-registration survey w/goal of streamlining pick-up; helping planners assess need; connect users to ongoing svc.
  - Register at: [https://humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help](https://humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help) or 2 - 1 -1.
  - Collaboration among State Emergency Operations Center, Vermont Foodbank, National Guard, Vermont Agency of Transportation, others
  - Features Farmers to Families perishable meals (produce/chicken/dairy)

- Week of June 8 (facial cloth covering required):
  - Wednesday, June 10: Middlebury area
  - Thursday, June 11: Brattleboro area
  - Friday, June 12: Morristown area
Governor Scott:

- Preview guidance today for school reopening, fall 2020 – pre-K through grade 12 education system only. Continuing to work with Vermont colleges & universities on plans for reopening.
  - Focus: health and safety of students, families, teachers, staff.
  - “Will look a little different than it did before COVID-19.”
  - No perfect replacement for learning that takes place in school building – current approach cannot continue . . .
  - Guidance to be issued jointly by AOE & VDH next week – anticipate Legislative changes to school calendar, attendance policies, others.
- “Class of 2020 has endured a lot . . . because of something they had no control over.” Announcement: McClure Foundation Gift to Class of 2020.
Today’s Media Briefing

Agency of Education Secretary Dan French – pre-K to grade 12:

- Will issue guidance next week – based upon public health considerations for in-person
- Collaboration with VDH (Drs. Levine, Kelso, Holmes) – working w/education Vermont educational/other associations (VT NEA, VSA, VPA, VISA, VSNA, VSBA, VT Council of Special Education Administrators – and more!); pediatricians, UVM MC staff.
- Preview (likely will have to change/amend):
  - “Able to safely open schools for in-person instruction this fall” – meet educational needs.
- Objectives: decrease risk of virus entering school building; decrease transmission among staff/students; quick identification of cases/implement mitigation; ensure special needs students; needs addressed in fair/equitable manner.
- Strong communication with students, teachers, staff, families

**Ensure an equitable educational experience for all students.**
Today’s Media Briefing

Agency of Education Secretary Dan French – pre-K to grade 12:

- Public health measures: cleaning/disinfection, manage ill students
- Health screenings: all students/staff to have daily health check at first point of contact
  - Screening questions, temperature screening.
  - If positive, student will be sent home ASAP
- Address staff at greater risk (age, underlying health conditions)
  - All staff required to wear cloth facial coverings
  - Students encouraged to do so when appropriate
- If taking the bus: screening prior to boarding the bus.
- Focus – maintain school operations when outbreaks occur.
- Fall: CDC “reactive school closure” – regional/single school closure might be needed. Working on improving ability to provide remote learning as contingency.
AOE Secretary French (cont’d.):

- Different “steps” outlined in anticipation of possible reactive school closure
  - Step 1: Schools closed and utilizing remote learning
  - Step 2: Open for in-person instruction – implementing “fairly restrictive” health measures.
  - Step 3: Open for in-person – implementing “less restrictive” measures
- Next steps: engage w/students, families, other stakeholders.
- Balance between responding to local conditions but assure statewide consistency
- Confident we can open schools for in-person instruction in the fall w/appropriate public health measures.
Dan Smith (President/CEO Vermont Community Foundation):

- Every member of Class of 2020 from Vermont will receive one free course of your choosing at CCV this fall.
- Will be assigned Academic Advisor and receive guidance
COVID-19 Safe & Healthy School Guidance

Breena Holmes, MD FAAP, MCH Director VT Dept. of Health

Practice Issues

June 10, 2020
Goal: Identify the impact of COVID-19 on practices and preventive services in order to keep delivering call content that’s timely and relevant and to inform priority topic areas for the fall learning session and QI project.

2 surveys:
- Preventive Care During COVID-19, assessing how well visit care is being provided (including telehealth, developmental screening, and issues facing adolescent patients) sent monthly on the 15th.
- Practice Impact, including personnel impact, stressors related to care delivery, and opportunity to provide feedback to CHAMP sent on the 1st and 15th of the month.

Email Avery Rasmussen (avery.rasmussen@med.uvm.edu) if your practice did not receive the survey links and would like to participate.
Emerging guidance for school re-opening, fall 2020
AAP-VT Task Force on Minority Health Equity
Immunization strategies/policy: catch-up, flu, COVID-19 (?)
Refining guidance re: testing of HCWs in practices
MIS-C (Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children)
Health care “restart” details, incl. telehealth/telephone coverage
Summer camps/other recreational activities
OneCare Vermont all-payer model adjustments
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: Friday, June 12, 12:15-12:45 (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow) – last call for this week.

Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:
  Tuesday, June 16, 12:15-12:45
  Phone: 1-802-552-8456
  Conference ID: 993815551