

VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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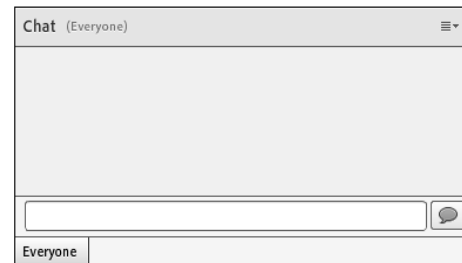
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Overview

- Today: Native American Citizenship Day
 - 1924: President Calvin Coolidge signed Indian Citizenship Act in to law.
- Continuing our new call schedule: Mon/Wed/Friday
- Situation, VDH, DVHA, and other updates
- Racial disparities in healthcare: presentations/resources
- Today's Media Briefing
- Practice Issues: **COVID-19 Safe & Healthy School Guidance** (cont'd.) – *Breena Holmes, MD FAAP*
- 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

Total Cases 1,128 1 New
Currently Hospitalized 2
Hospitalized Under Investigation 14
Total People Recovered 912
Deaths 55
People Tested 52,557
People Being Monitored 476
People Completed Monitoring 948
Last Updated: 6/15/2020, 11:15 EDT

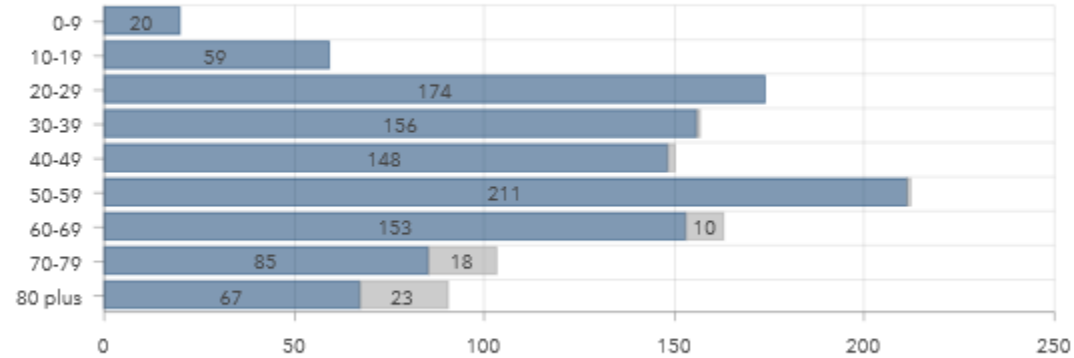
- No patients in ICU/on ventilators
- 8 new cases associated with Winooski/Chittenden outbreak announced over weekend (6/13-14)
- **Daily testing** in Burlington/Winooski this week for **asymptomatic** persons
- Ongoing opportunities for testing of asymptomatic persons at pop-up sites – find times/locations & register at:

<https://humanresources.vermont.gov/popups>

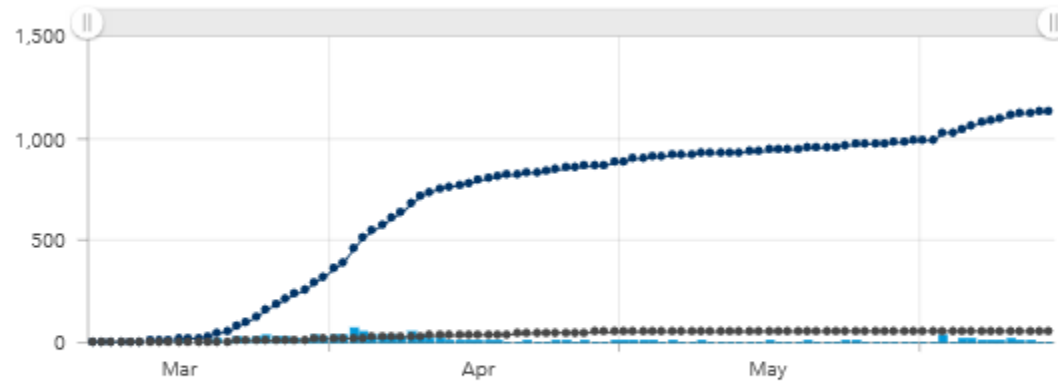
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Situation update

COVID-19 **Cases** and Deaths by Age Group



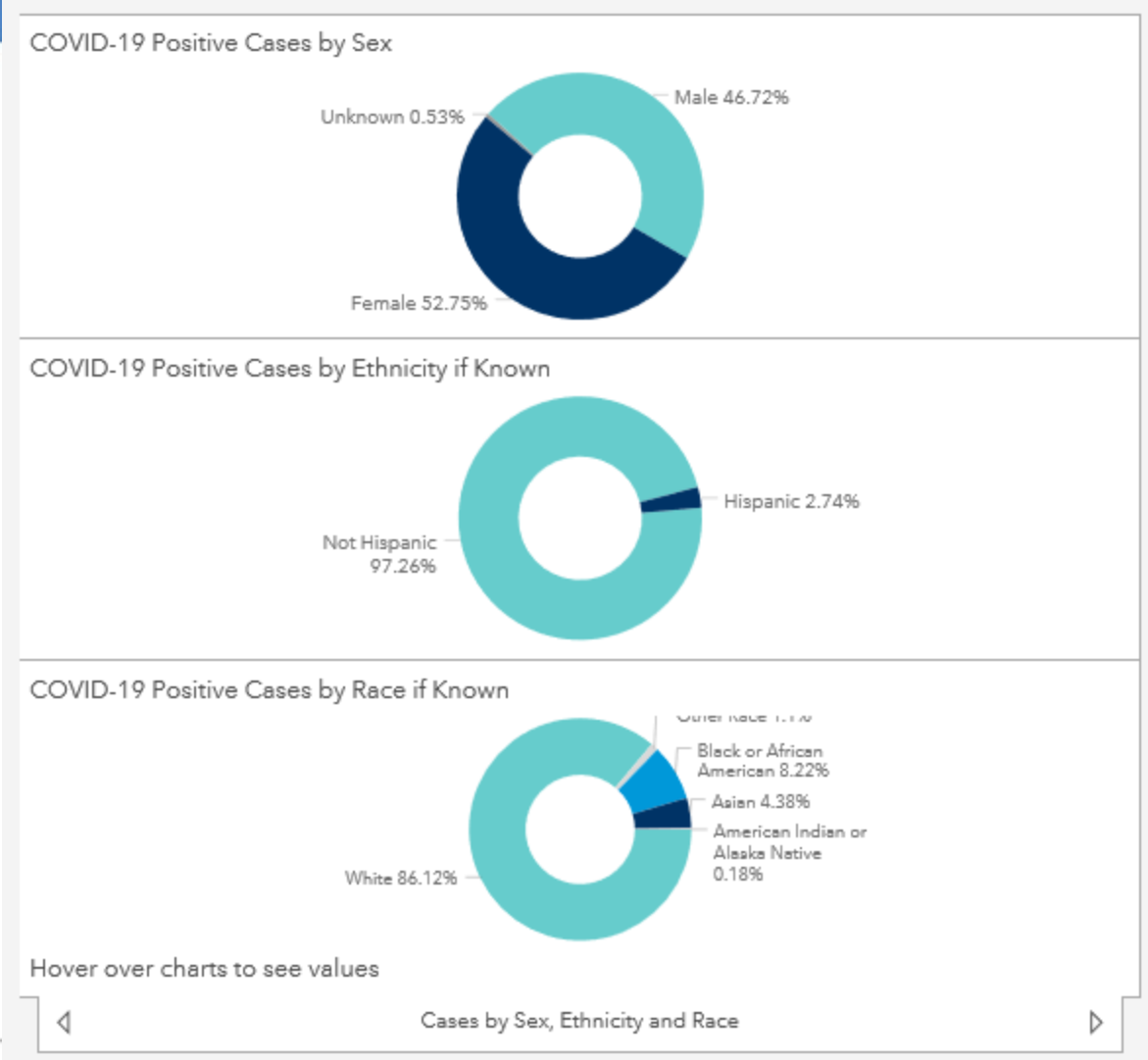
Vermont COVID-19 **New** and **Cumulative** Cases, **Cumulative** Deaths



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

Cases and Deaths by Date and Age

Situation update



VDH/AHS Updates

STARTING TODAY (June 15), travelers have the option to:

- ❑ Quarantine in their home state for 14 days before coming to Vermont if driving in personal vehicle and making no stops along the way OR
- ❑ Quarantine at a Vermont lodging establishment for 14 days if making stops along the way or traveling by plane, train, bus or other means of transportation.

https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-chart-observation-isolation-quarantine_final.pdf

- ❑ Continuing **food distribution**:
 - ❑ Register at: <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help> or 2-1-1.

VDH Updates (cont'd.)

- **COVID-19 testing events in Burlington and Winooski, June 15 through June 19:**
 - ▣ **Who:** Anyone **without symptoms** who wants to get tested for COVID-19. People **with symptoms** should call their doctors.
 - ▣ **Where:** Burlington and Winooski
 - ▣ **How:** Register <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/burlington> (BTV) or <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/winooski>
 - ▣ **Language help** available for registration: call 802-503-5402 or 802-355-0795.
 - ▣ Interpreters available at select Burlington & all Winooski events.

DVHA Update

- **COVID-19 Special Enrollment Period (SEP) extended until August 14, 2020** (previously set to expire 6/15/20)
 - ▣ Current: customers may choose effective date of either 6/1 or 7/1
 - ▣ Starting June 16 (1st day of extension) to July 15, customers may choose either 7/1 or 8/1
 - ▣ Starting July 16 to August 14, customers may choose either 8/1 or 9/1
 - ▣ Other parameters unchanged: applicants must be uninsured (self-attestation); current enrollees are not permitted to change plans under this SEP; uninsured households previously terminated for non-payment in 2020 may re-enroll with full payment of the previous balance
- Visit <https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19> for more information

Reminder: AAP National Town Hall

AAP school re-entry virtual chapter town hall:

- **TODAY Monday, June 15, 7 p.m. Eastern** (highlight existing guidance CDC/AAP; Q & A)

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AAP Updates (Vermont Chapter & National)

- **AAP-VT Task Force on Minority Health Equity**
 - ▣ First meeting June 19, 2020, 8 – 9:00 a.m.
- **Priorities:**
 - ▣ Optimizing Clinical Practice (resources/glossary)
 - ▣ Resources for Parents (raising anti-racist children, infographics, etc.)
 - ▣ Screenings in Offices
- Incident in Montpelier this weekend: Black Lives Matter street mural painted in front of Vermont State House. Followed by vandalism at that site, which has now been cleaned (Montpelier Police investigating)



Presentations and Resources

- Translated forms for “[Isolation/Quarantine/Self-observation](#)” to support LEP people needing to quarantine. More will be coming.
- Upcoming webinar: Dialogues in Diversity – Setting the Context: the EDI Implications of COVID-19
 - ▣ Thursday, June 18, 2 p.m. Eastern
 - ▣ University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine
 - ▣ Featured speaker: **Dr. Denise O'Neil Green**
Vice-President, Equity and Community Inclusion at Ryerson University.



Today's Media Briefing



Governor Scott:

- **March 13:** declared State of Emergency (SOE), followed by Stay Home/Stay Safe order and expanded restrictions.
- Now slowly loosening restrictions and taking steps to reopen the economy (all sectors have had some activities reopened)
- Metrics all positive (outbreak exception): still have ~130K active cases within 5-hour drive of VT borders.
- **Today:** outdoor lodging (campgrounds) open to 100% capacity
- **SOE extended to July 15** = “vehicle to apply/lift restrictions”

Today's Media Briefing



VDH Commissioner Levine

- Winooski/BTV/Chittenden Co. outbreak update:
 - ▣ Contacts 78 (about same as # of cases)
- Commissioner provided extensive review of test sensitivity, specificity, positive & negative predictive value.
- **Serology Work Group** (met multiple times past few weeks)
 - ▣ Tests: FDA has recognized deficits of many current tests; tightening regulatory authority.
 - ▣ Work Group identified 4 platforms with high sensitivity & specificity.
- NOT advocating use of serologic testing for return to work, infection control, individual clinical decisions. **Would consider** (limited) use as part of epidemiologic study (e.g., CDC, NIH, academic study).

Practice Issues

COVID-19 Safe & Healthy School Guidance – (cont'd.)

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Safe & Healthy Schools Guidance Updates

- Process included further input from medical colleagues on work group: consensus was that **facial coverings should be required of all students** (with the caveats already included in the guidance: developmental, medical, behavioral).
- Recommendation made (& agreed to by) VDH Commissioner Levine. Agency of Education Secretary French also agreed.
- Guidance edited to reflect this decision; **final guidance expected today or tomorrow.**
- Also revisiting aspects of childcare/summer program guidance; expect decisions/edits later this week.

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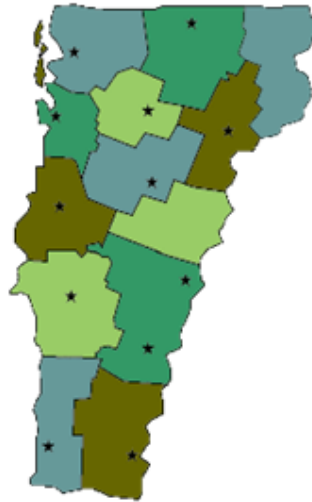
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Vermont K – 12 Immunization Coverage Rates

- School immunization data: >95% of Vermont students from kindergarten to 12th grade have all their required vaccines.
- Schools required to report vaccination rates by January 1 each year. Rates vary from high levels of coverage to much lower rates.
- VDH data: 77% of schools (representing 89% of Vermont students) meet the 95% immunization rate needed for community immunity against measles. Ninety-five schools had a MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccination rate of less than the 95% immunization rate.

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/media/newsroom/High-Percentage-Vermont-K-12-Students-Fully-Immunized-June-12-2020>

Upcoming Topics

- ❑ ***Final* 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

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: **Wednesday, June 17, 12:15-12:45** (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow)
- Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:
Tomorrow, Tuesday, June 16, 12:15-12:45
Phone: 1-802-552-8456
Conference ID: 993815551