1) **All participants will be muted upon joining the call.**

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   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.**
Overview

- Today: Native American Citizenship Day
  - 1924: President Calvin Coolidge signed Indian Citizenship Act into 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

- 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

Situation update

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

June 15, 2020

**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.


- Continuing **food distribution**:
  - Register at: [https://humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help](https://humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help) or 2-1-1.
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](https://humanresources.vermont.gov/burlington) (BTV) or [https://humanresources.vermont.gov/winooski](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
AAP school re-entry virtual chapter town hall:

- **TODAY** Monday, June 15, 7 p.m. Eastern (highlight existing guidance CDC/AAP; Q & A)
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.
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.)
COVID-19 Safe & Healthy School Guidance – (cont’d.)

Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – Director of Maternal & Child Health, VDH
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.
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
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
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