VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES

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Overview

- A difficult week and weekend for our country
- Today is International Children’s Day
  - First proclaimed in Geneva in 1925 during the World Conference on Child Welfare
- First day of Atlantic Hurricane Season (6/1 – 11/30/20)
- Situation update
  - Surveillance
- Today’s media briefing
- Practice Issues: At the Intersection of the Pandemic and the Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health

[Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve very rapidly – so the information we’re providing today may change quickly]
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- **Total tests (5/30/20)** = 1518
- **Zero patients in hospital!**

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 (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

June 1, 2020
VDH/Other Updates

- **New** VDH Fact Sheet: Multisystem Inflammatory Disease and COVID-19 (May 2020)

- **Next PMI –PCC Webinar:** The Business Impact of COVID-19 on Pediatric Practices
  - Thursday, June 4 at 7 p.m. Eastern
Governor Scott:

- Addressed death of George Floyd & reactions across the U.S.
  - “A riot is the language of the unheard.” (*Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.*)
  - Asking Vermonters to act “peacefully and safely, especially considering the public health crisis we’re facing.”

- Launching Vermont **Racial Equity Task Force** today:
  - Examine racial disparity in COVID-19 infection/death rates & how to close the gap; evaluate whether Vermont is doing enough to support a racially diverse population; review state and federal hate speech laws . . . to “encourage all Vermonters, from a range of racial and ethnic groups, to run and serve in public office at all levels.”
  - Consider what role each of us may take to end racism, hate, bigotry
  - “We can fix this without waiting for a vaccine – like COVID-19, this is literally in our hands.”
Governor Scott:

- Will detail additional re-openings soon
  - Indoor dining in restaurants
  - Continue to ramp up other elements of hospitality industry

- DMV reopening (Commissioner Wanda Minoli)
  - Learner’s Permit test online; if pass, receive in mail (standard only – no motorcycle or commercial vehicles)
  - Beginning 6/8/20: resume driver’s license exams – if scheduled pre-COVID (& cancelled), will be contacted by DMV.
  - Beginning 6/3/20, may schedule road test (appointment only)
  - Plan for backlog (with certified examiners after additional training)
Today’s Media Briefing

Commissioner Levine

- Data continues to be positive: very few new cases; on track to enter **CDC Phase 3** to guide reopening. Cont. to follow current GLs.
- But “ongoing threats” to be aware of & watch carefully – e.g., weekend protests in BTV & elsewhere:
  - Many wearing masks, but concern re: crowd size, lack of physical distancing.
- **This week:** return of upper level college/university students.
  - Coordinated effort by city of Burlington, UVM, Champlain College, and VDH to provide proper messaging and programs.
  - Mayor Weinberger: “Box it in.”
  - Need for quarantine, opportunities/locations for testing, public health principles for mass gatherings, physical distancing, facial coverings.
Today’s Media Briefing

Commissioner Levine (cont’d.):

- **Cluster** of cases in Winooski (N = 7); will acknowledge if concern that cluster could become much larger
  - Epi team & contact tracers are working with those involved (using standard public health approach)
  - Coordination by Epi team and Burlington District (Local) Health Office
  - Today & all week (in partnership with Community Health Centers of Burlington): testing at O’Brien for Winooski residents

Question and Answer:

- Commissioner Schirling (DPS): orientation of Vermont law enforcement is “community service with empathy and to provide a requisite level of protection to those who need it . . .”
At the Intersection of the Pandemic and the Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health

All
AAP POLICY: Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health

- Racism and Its Impact on Child and Adolescent Health (2019)
- Poverty and Child Health in the United States
- Providing Care for Immigrant, Migrant, and Border Children
- Detention of Immigrant Children
- Promoting Food Security for All Children
- Providing Care for Children and Adolescents Facing Homelessness and Housing Insecurity (reaffirmed 10/2016)
- Navigating the Intersection of Medicine, Public Health, and Social Determinants of Children’s Health (reaffirmed 10/2016)
- The Lifelong Effects of Early Childhood Adversity and Toxic Stress (reaffirmed 07/2016)
- Early Childhood Adversity, Toxic Stress, and the Role of the Pediatrician: Translating Developmental Science Into Lifelong Health 9 (reaffirmed 07/2016)
Diversity and Inclusion Considerations

- Commitment to D&I should permeate all aspects of organizational functioning, and be collaborative, explicit, and nationally visible

- Select recommendations
  - Create an *enduring structure* to develop and advance D&I initiatives and provide guidance, coordination, and oversight
  - Explicitly promote and sustain a *diverse pool of leaders* throughout the AAP leadership structure
  - Conduct *ongoing assessment and evaluation* of D&I actions and outcomes to foster an environment of continuous reflection and improvement
Bias and Discrimination Considerations

- Increasing evidence of the pervasive impact of structural, interpersonal, and internalized racism on child health
- There is a critical need to address D&I and B&D synergistically
- Need to address B&D across all Academy competencies
  - Education, Policy, Advocacy, Research, Clinical Practice Support
- Select recommendations
  - Create **accountability and provide ongoing oversight** to guide, develop and implement policies, practices and programmatic activities that address B&D across all areas of the AAP
  - **Equip AAP members** with the structural competency to acknowledge themselves as actors within biased societal institutions
New Schedule of COVID-19 Update Calls

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Upcoming Topics

Wednesday, June 3
- Current events and the impact of racism on child and adolescent health – continued discussion and action planning with our leaders and local experts

Thursday, June 4 – Drs. Ben Lee & Bill Raszka
- Pediatric Transmission of COVID-19
- WHO guidance: Advice on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19 (further discussion)
- COVID-19 Transmission and Children: The Child is Not to Blame (Commentary in Pediatrics)
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 3, 12:15-12:45 (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow)

Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:

Tomorrow, Tuesday, June 2, 12:15-12:45
Phone: 1-802-552-8456
Conference ID: 993815551