

VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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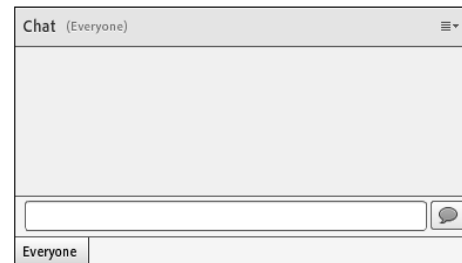
Technology Notes

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.



Overview

- July 13, 2013: “Black Lives Matter”
 - ▣ Credited to Alicia Garza, spurred by acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of 17 y.o. Trayvon Martin
- <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/03/14/where-is-black-lives-matter-headed>
- *Reminder: weekly event schedule*
 - ▣ **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Monday/Wednesday/Friday**
 - ▣ Governor’s Media Briefings now Tuesday/Friday
 - ▣ VMS call with Commissioner Levine now **Thursdays**
- Situation, VDH, AAP, updates
- Practice Issues: School Re-entry; Testing
- Q & A, Discussion

[Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve very rapidly – so the information we’re providing today may change quickly]



AAP News: Series Highlighting the AAP's 90th Anniversary (2020)

AAP News

- Jan: Many societal factors converged as founders organized the AAP
 - <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/01/08/dyk010820>
- Feb: AAP organizational efforts, growth of pediatrics flourished in 1930s
 - <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/02/06/dyk020620>
- March: Amid war in 1940s AAP extended influence, undertook major child health study
 - <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/03/09/dyk030920>
- April: AAP jumpstarts injury prevention efforts in 1950s, with nationwide impact
 - <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/04/24/dyk050120>
- May: Tumultuous decade of 1960s ushers in Head Start, medical achievements
 - <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/05/01/dyk050120>
- June: In the 1970s, AAP reaffirms mission, doubles membership, opens D.C. office
 - <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/06/01/dyk060120>

Situation update

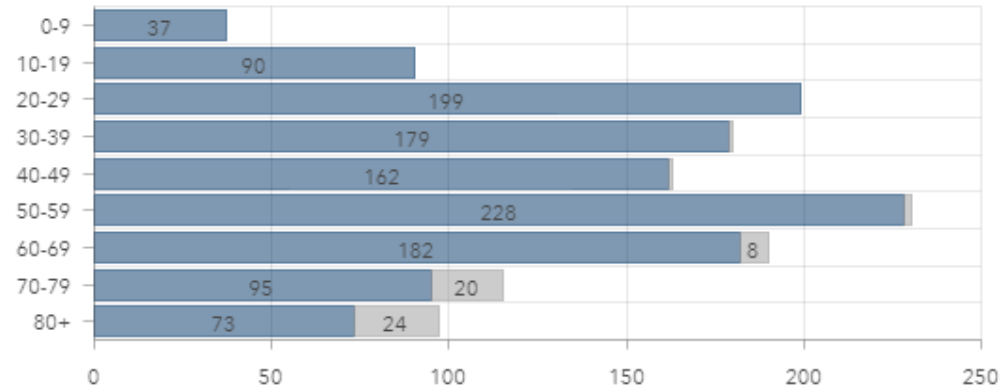
Total Cases	1,301 6 New
Currently Hospitalized	2
Hospitalized Under Investigation	8
Total People Recovered	1,096
Deaths	56
People Tested	76,581
Travelers Monitored	1,555
Contacts Monitored	70
People Completed Monitoring	3,243
Last Updated: 7/13/2020, 10:47:04 AM	

- Weekly data summary (7/10/20):
 - ▣ Percent positive to date = 2%
 - ▣ Percent positive week of 7/1-7/8 = 1%
 - ▣ **Weekly Spotlight:** COVID-19 Contact Tracing
 - ▣ <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-7.10.20.pdf>
- To register for a test:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-covid-19>

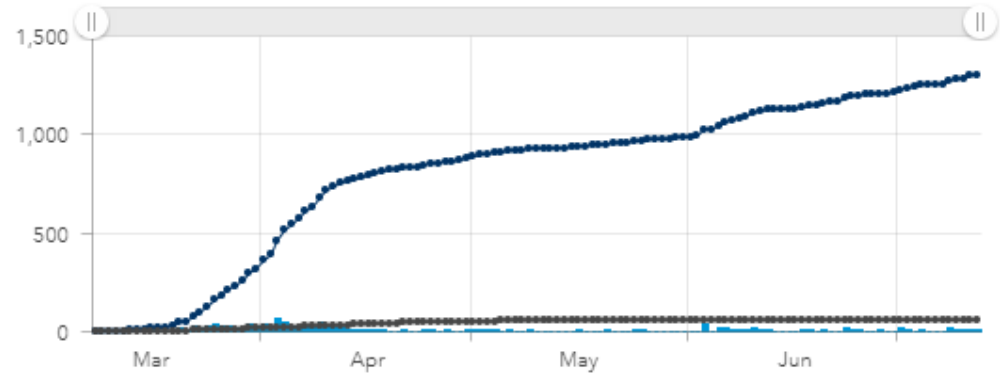
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/current-activity-vermont#dashboard>

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

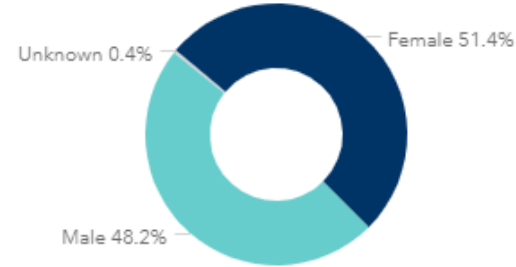


Cases and Deaths by Date and Age

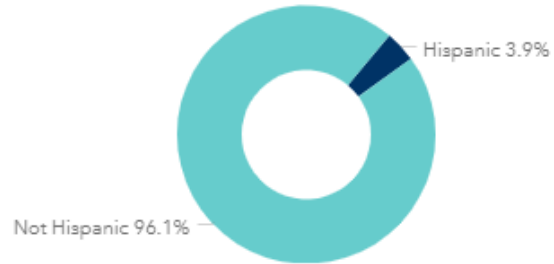


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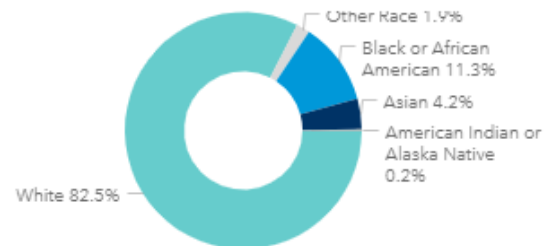
COVID-19 Positive Cases by Sex



COVID-19 Positive Cases by Ethnicity if Known



COVID-19 Positive Cases by Race if Known



Hover over charts to see values



Cases by Sex, Ethnicity and Race



Practice Issues

School Re-entry, Testing in Vermont



School Re-entry: AAP

- 6/25/20: AAP releases **COVID-19 Planning Considerations – Guidance for School Re-entry (6/25/20)**
- 7/7/20: AAP President Dr. Sally Goza participates in White House Roundtable to discuss guidance (media coverage): <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/08/888853601/school-reopenings-should-keep-public-health-in-mind-pediatric-group-says>
- *Today* 7/10/20: joint statement by **AAP, American Federation of Teachers, Natl. Education Assoc., American Association of School Superintendents:**
 - “Science should drive decision-making . . . Public health agencies must make recommendations based on evidence, not politics.”
 - “Children get much more than academics at school: S-E skills, healthy meals and exercise, MH support & other services . . . critical role in addressing racia/social inequity.”
 - Each community must consider local spread & ability to implement safety protocols. More funding needed!
- Article: “Pediatricians Say Children Should Return to School. Are They Out of Their Minds?” (David Hill, MD FAAP)

School Re-entry (cont'd.)

- Intense media cycle continued this past weekend: “Politicization” of guidance (Comments by POTUS, Secretary DeVos, re: connection to school funding)
- Parents/students/teachers/staff may be hearing conflicting messages & seeing multiple sources of guidance (CDC, AAP) which continue to be revisited and revised as appropriate.
- **NOTE: VDH guidance** is focused on safety of students and teachers
- Thank you to the pediatric medical community – please continue to partner with schools to support parents/students/teachers/staff
- VDH is monitoring the data: local community spread may influence what happens in a SU/school.
- VDH is positioned and ready to test and contact trace as needed for any positive cases

What are YOU hearing?

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School Re-entry: Media Coverage

- NBC Nightly News (7/12/20): “reached out to 5 top pediatricians across the country . . . to find out just how dangerous the coronavirus is for kids.” (John Torres, MD)
 - ▣ “Experts agreed that most children do not get as sick as adults when infected with the coronavirus and that serious complications are rare . . . all 5 agreed that the benefits of in-person schooling outweigh the risks – but the key is to reopen safely.”
- **William Raszka, MD FAAP**
 - ▣ “The younger you are, probably the less likely you are to be able to transmit the disease.”
 - ▣ Would you let your kids go back to school? Bill Raszka: “yes, period – absolutely!”



Testing

- **VDH Testing Plan** (June 30, 2020): released 7/10/20
NEW/evolving situation, southern Vermont:
- Manchester Medical Center (Urgent Care Center, Manchester Center, VT) offering antigen testing
- Rapid antigen test (Sophia 2)
- Relatively high proportion of reactive tests, including some children/youth
- VDH is addressing the situation

Testing



Janel Kittredge-Sterling is with Thomas Sterling at Manchester Medical Center.

July 11 at 9:00 PM · Manchester Center · 🌐

🚨 PLEASE PAY ATTENTION 🚨

5 positive COVID tests today from our facility, Manchester Medical Center with dozens more tested and awaiting results.

As anticipated, with relaxed guidelines and the sense of security in our well managed Southern Vermont region, positive cases are proving that the virus is very much out there and floating through the community.

Also of note, 4 of the 5 are under the age of 55.
2 are kids, ages 12 and 13.

Fortunately, none required hospitalization today.

Where there is 1 case, there will be 2, then 3, then 4 and so on.....with a rapid increase because this virus is so contagious.

Please folks, be so very careful.

Physical distance.

Masks to prevent respiratory droplet spread.

A lot of caution with crowds of any size.

And be careful with your kids. We want our kids to play, socialize, swim etc. but they are not off bets with this damn virus.

We are doing the best we can to keep our community safe.

Please do your part.

MMC offers 15 minute antigen testing and PCR testing that is sent to VTDOH with 2-10 day turnaround time.

Identifying those infected is crucial to control this seemingly uncontrollable pandemic

No need to make an appointment.

Screening questionnaire and masks required.

Please be safe out there ❤️ and share this information with friends and family.

VDH COVID-19 Testing Plan

Topics covered:

- Goals
- Who should get tested?
- Who should *not* be tested?
- Who collects the sample? *VDH, hospitals, FQHCs, primary care, EMS, VNA/HHA (requires ordering provider), pharmacies, urgent care centers, colleges/universities*
- How do providers access specimen collection kits/testing materials?
- Who pays for testing?
- What about antigen and serology testing?

Topics We Are Following

- School and college/university reopening, **return to sports** guidance
- AAP-VT Task Force on Race and Health Equity
- Immunization strategies/policy: catch-up, flu, COVID-19 (?)
- **Pediatric health care “restart”: how to safely reopen your practices (Ideas? Questions?) – please email: vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu**
 - ▣ Federal and state COVID-19 financial relief
- MIS-C (Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children)
- Summer camps/other recreational activities
- OneCare Vermont all-payer model adjustments

Questions/Discussion

- Q & A Goal: monitor/respond in real time; record/disseminate/revisit later as needed.
- **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, July 15, 12:15-12:45** (current schedule: Mon/Wed/Friday)
- Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:
Now on THURSDAYS: July 16, 12:30-1:00 p.m. – NEW (Zoom) platform & call information:
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdJlJ2ZG4yQT09>
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