

VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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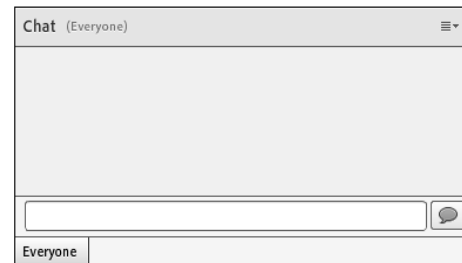
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2) To ask or respond to a question using the *Chat* box, type your question and click the  icon or press Enter to send.



Overview

- Celebrating “I Love Horses Day”
 - ▣ Also Respect Canada Day
- *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, media briefing, AAP, national updates
- Practice Issues: OneCare Vermont in the context of COVID
 - Norman Ward, MD MHCDS FAAFP, Chief Medical Officer*
- 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

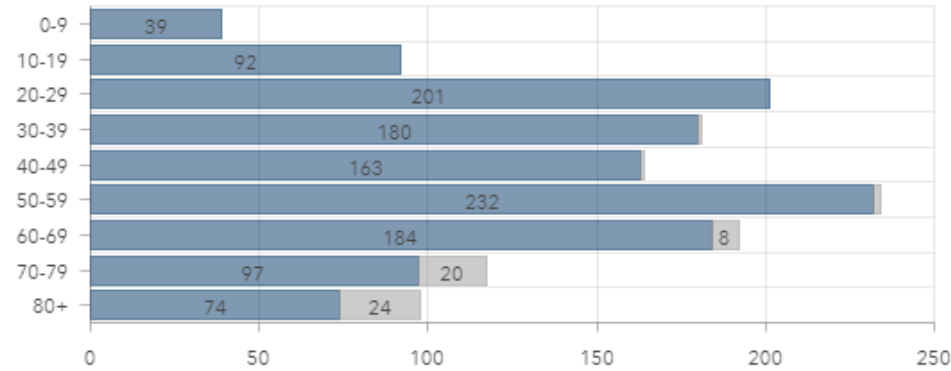
Total Cases 1,318 13 New
Currently Hospitalized 5
Hospitalized Under Investigation 14
Total People Recovered 1,104
Deaths 56
People Tested 78,358
Travelers Monitored 1,547
Contacts Monitored 76
People Completed Monitoring 3,459
Last Updated: 7/15/2020, 11:07:43 AM

- 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>

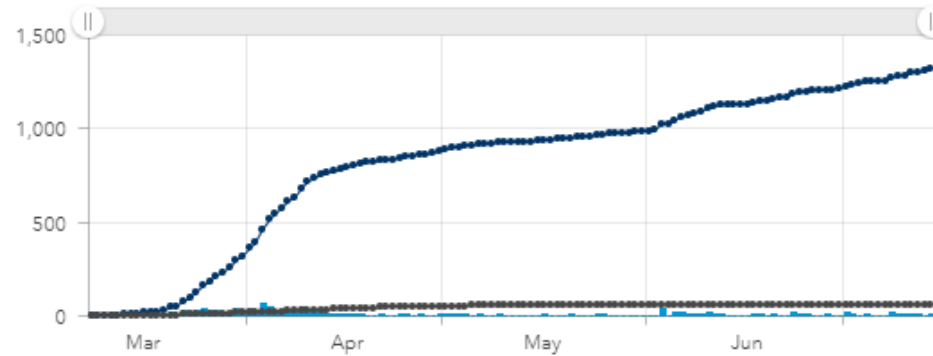
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Situation update

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



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

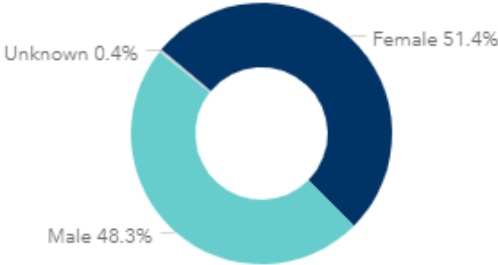


Hover over chart to see values, and drag scrollbar at top of chart to zoom into date range

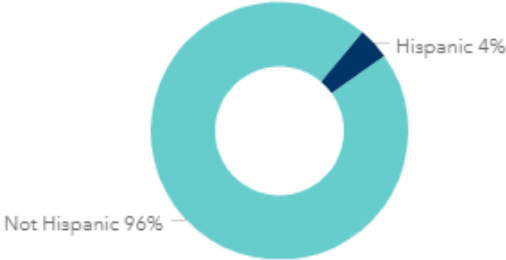
Cases and Deaths by Date and Age

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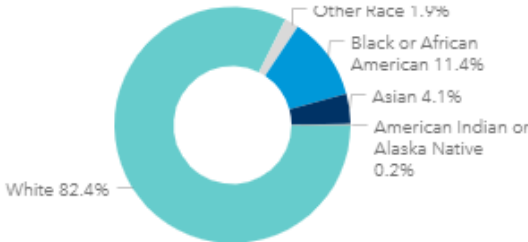
COVID-19 Positive Cases by Sex



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

Tuesday Media Briefing (7/14/20)



Governor Scott:

- Two grant programs for **health care** and agricultural sectors

Secretary Anson Tebbetts, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

- 25m. in relief grants for VT dairy farmers and processors (21.2m for family farms)
- Coming soon:
 - ▣ 5m. for non-dairy (producers, slaughterhouses)
 - ▣ Working Lands Program
 - ▣ Fairs, Field Days

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



Health Care Provider Stabilization Grants (*AHS Secy. Mike Smith*)

- **Opens Friday, July 17, 2020** (application, FAQs)
 - ▣ **Who:** VT-based health care/human service (***billing***) providers operating on/before February 1, 2020
 - ▣ **When: Cycle One** online application process open until August 15, 2020, to cover lost revenue/expenses from 3/1/20-6/15/20. **Cycle Two:** applications starting in October to cover losses from 6/16/20-9/30/20.
 - ▣ **What:** submit 2019 & 2020 revenue information, COVID-19 related expenses, data on any financial relief received and org. tax info.
 - ▣ **Where:** <https://humanservices.vermont.gov/help-and-resources/covid-19-information>
 - ▣ **What else:** NOT first-come, first-served; AHS may need to prioritize 1st cycle.
- ***HCPs encouraged to apply even if uncertain re: eligibility***

Tuesday Media Briefing (cont'd.)



Commissioner Levine

- New cases “up & down” on a given day: contexts include household cluster, congregate care, camps, work sites, case contacts.
 - ▣ Winooski/BTV outbreak: no new cases in >10d.
 - ▣ Fair Haven outbreak: no new cases >20d.
- Investigating Windham Co. town of Londonderry
 - ▣ **Antigen tests**: specificity is greater than sensitivity
- “Exposure budget”: different activities linked to low, medium, high(er) risk

VDH Update

- ❑ Manchester Medical Center (urgent care) reported 58 pos. **antigen tests** in Windham County community (NOTE: **not** currently reflected in case counts, as pos. Ag test considered “presumptive” vs. “confirmed” case per CDC/CSTE).
- ❑ Additional info (COVID symptoms or an epi link) needed classify these as cases.
- ❑ VDH Public Health Lab providing 300 NP swabs to Manchester Medical Center to obtain specimens for confirmatory testing at PH lab.
- ❑ VDH Epi Team contacting affected individuals to give recommendations (isolation), conduct contact tracing, and provide info re: VDH-facilitated testing TODAY, at Flood Brook School.
 - ❑ Pts. w/previous positive Ag result or symptomatic asked to come at the end of advertised time to lessen possibility of exposure to others seeking testing. Testing events also being held at **Grace Cottage** and **SVMC** for individuals who have symptoms or who were close contacts of cases at least 7 days ago.
- ❑ Also sporadic cases in children at few camps in **Chitt. Co.**; contract tracing today.

New VDH Infographic

- Connecting with Home Based Services: What to Expect and Staying Safe
- Companion to VDH guidance on this topic

CONNECTING WITH HOME BASED SERVICES

What to Expect & Staying Safe

Health and safety are the provider's top priority.

Your services will continue to be provided by phone or telehealth unless you and your provider, in consultation with your healthcare team (if appropriate), decide it is necessary for a provider to come to your home. Home providers must follow the health and safety guidance posted by Vermont Department of Health and Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

PRE-VISIT HEALTH CHECK

Your provider will contact you before the visit to ask some questions about your and your family's health:

- Have you been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19?
- Do you feel sick? Do you have any of these symptoms: cough, high temperature, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell?
- Do you have any household contacts who are more at risk of transmitting or having complications if infected with COVID-19?
- Do you have any other service providers coming to your home?

DURING THE VISIT

The provider will:

- Wear a facial covering and ask that you wear one too (one can be provided if needed).
- Wash or sanitize their hands upon entering your home.
- As much as possible, keep a 6-foot distance from everyone other than you and your child.
- Remain standing and limit touching items in the home.

AFTER THE VISIT

The provider will:

- Wash and/or sanitize their hands.
- Sterilize and/or discard their facial covering.
- Sterilize any supplies used during the visit.

FOR QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
WWW.HEALTHVERMONT.COM/COVID-19

Announcement (*thank you, Kate Ostrander, MD, UVM CH*)

Save the Date: Special Pediatric UVM Department of Pediatrics
Virtual Grand Rounds: **July 29, 8:00-9:00 AM**

- **Lee Beers, MD FAAP, President-elect, American Academy of Pediatrics**
 - ▣ Professor of Pediatrics & Medical Director for Community Health and Advocacy, Goldberg Center for Community Pediatric Health and Child Health Advocacy Institute at Children's National Medical Center
- **Topic: Early Childhood Brain Development—Aligning for Impact** (Vermont Early Childhood partners also invited!)
- Zoom meeting information to follow

Practice Issues

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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!”



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: **Friday, July 17, 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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