VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES

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July 1, 2020
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

- Celebrating Canada Day!
  - July 1, 1867: colonies of Canada (Ontario & Quebec), Nova Scotia & New Brunswick joined in federation of four provinces

- New month, new (fiscal/academic) year with many anniversaries:
  - 70th Anniversary of the Department of Pediatrics, LCOM at UVM
  - 90th Anniversary of the American Academy of Pediatrics
  - 125th Anniversary of the National Medical Association

- This week: Calls on Mon & Wed ONLY (no call Friday)
- Situation, AAP & other updates; today’s Media Briefing
- Practice Issue: Update on Vermont Children’s Integrated Svcs.
- 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

- Weekend (new) cases *not associated with outbreaks*.
- Fair Haven: significant community testing over weekend with *no positives*.

AAP and Other Updates

New from the AAP:

- COVID-19 Planning Considerations: Guidance for School Re-entry

Presentations of Interest:

- **Today:** Pediatric Grand Rounds, UVM Children’s Hospital
  - Revel with a Cause: Our Department and Children’s Hospital as Seen Through the Lens of a Pandemic – Lewis First, MD FAAP
  - We are “Vermont Pediatric Nation”
- **Tomorrow** (7/2/20, 7 p.m.) PMI – PCC: The Business Impact of COVID19 On Pediatric Practices, Webinar #13
Today’s Media Briefing

Governor Scott:

- Update on funding from Federal CARES Act: economic relief and recovery for businesses
  - Some in bills passed last Friday night – awaiting signature
  - S.350 signed on June 19, 2020
  - Single point of entry for information, applications

- Holiday weekend guidance: avoid large groups/crowds; maintain physical distance; wash your hands a lot; wear a mask whenever in public & can’t maintain physical distance

- Hazard pay and health care stabilization fund: AHS Secretary Smith notes details will be forthcoming
Today's Media Briefing

Economic Development Commissioner Joan Goldstein:

- Economic relief program will open Monday, July 6, 2020
  - VT Department of Taxes portal (lodging, restaurants, retail)
  - All others: new grant system established by ACCD

- Grant program:
  - First-come, first-served
  - Maximum = 50K (only one per entity)
  - ACCD Webinar tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m.

- NOTE: Health Care and Agricultural businesses to be administered by AHS & Agency of Agriculture: details to follow
Today’s Media Briefing

VDH Commissioner Levine:

- Since Monday, 6/29: 0 cases one day, 2 cases the next
- VT Outbreaks:
  - Winooski/BTV: no new cases in 7d. – 114 cases total; 222 “involved” (cases/contacts)
  - Fair Haven: – 12 cases, incl. 2 VT residents. Total of 22 involved. All adults: median age 35 y.o.; 50/50 symptomatic/asymptomatic.
- Outbreaks sources: SEE MMWR (6/30/20): summary adult outpt./inpt. COVID19 cases – 350 pts. w/contact tracing X 14d. Only 46% reported recent contact w/COVID pt. Most contacts were family (45%) or work colleagues (34%).
  
https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6926e3.htm?s_cid=mm6926e3_w

- Conclusion: b/c cases frequently lack known contact, case identification, contact tracing, & isolation remain critical in order to limit community transmission.
VDH Commissioner Levine (cont’d.):

- VT testing: rolling 7-day average = 1245 (>8700 total/7 days).
- Variation across counties: range slightly <6% to 11% of pop. tested.
- NPR & Harvard Research report yesterday: 4 states w/testing at sufficient level to actively suppress virus: VT, AK, HI, MT
- VDH testing supply “principle”: maintain diverse platforms with different reagents, etc. VDH has 52-day supply at current testing rate.
  - Public Health Laboratory – 2 platforms
  - UVM – several platforms
  - Commercial – other platforms
- Maintain supply chain by working w/fed. govt. & manufacturers directly.
Visual for Early Childhood Guidance *(thank you, Let’s Grow Kids)*

1. **ALONE**
2. **WITH A BUDDY 6 FEET APART**
3. **IN A FLOCK WITH A MASK**
Pediatric Visual (thank you, Aaron Burley/Meredith Monahan)

1. Wear a mask

2. Wash your hands

WE CAN DO THIS!

3. Keep some distance

6 ft

4. Stay home when sick
Physically Distancing at Camp (thank you, Miki Beach, VCHIP)
Online ASQ-3 Update

- As a result of your interest, **10 new practices** requested information re: online ASQ-3 (all but one planning to implement)
- Feedback from practices: online platform very easy to use/intuitive (is mobile-friendly: cell phone, tablet)
- **FREE!**
- Different ways to provide link to patients:
  - Sending link via their patient portal
  - Putting link on the practice webpage and directing patients to the link when they call with visit reminders
  - Emailing families the link prior to their well visit
Update on Children’s Integrated Services (CIS)

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COVID-19 and Children’s Integrated Services

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VCHIP/VDH Call
July 1, 2020
Children’s Integrated Services

- Early Intervention
- Specialized Child Care
- Early Childhood and Family Mental Health
- Strong Families VT Home Visiting

Service Coordination
COVID-19 Impacts on CIS

- Decrease in new referrals
- Increase in case complexity and family needs
- Shift to primarily remote service delivery (telehealth and telephonic)
- Some families face challenges in participating in remote services
- Financial relief opportunities for providers
CIS Service Delivery during COVID-19

• Accepting New Referrals

• Nearly all services can be delivered remotely

• In-person service delivery allowed in limited circumstances

• Guidance for CIS Providers Here:
  https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/covid-19/cis
VDH Home-Based Service Restart Guidance: Key Points

Available Here: Home Based Service Delivery: Re-Start Guidance (VDH)

1. Services related to safety and medical necessity for in-person services should be prioritized.

2. If desired outcome can be achieved remotely via telehealth agencies/programs are encouraged to use those options as long as possible.

3. Coordination amongst providers is necessary to maintain awareness of which services are being provided in the home and how/if collaboration can occur to best limit the spread of COVID-19.

4. Home-based service providers must strictly adhere to all health and safety guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19.
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| High/Phase I - Significant Controlled Transmission | • Acute safety concerns  
• History of abuse, neglect, or violence  
• Requires in-person skilled services  
• Significant behavioral/mental health concerns |
| Moderate/Phase II - Moderate, Controlled Transmission | All Phase I Criteria, plus:  
• Attempted/intermittent engagement  
• Isolation/lack of engagement due to access/resources  
• Virtual outreach and support attempts with less than optimal outcomes  
• Hands on skilled services have been delayed  
• There will be a service interruption unless in-person assessment/evaluation  
• Non-English speaking |
| Low/Phase III – Low, Controlled Transmission | All Phase I and II Criteria, plus:  
• Regular engagement  
• Effective virtual outreach and support  
• No need for hands on skilled services |

*Phase is determined by State leadership
Early Intervention and COVID-19

• Early Intervention services must continue to be offered and timelines met as federally mandated services
• Nearly all services may be delivered remotely, including initial evaluations
• For transitions at age 3, 25% delay must be established, and may require in-person contact
• Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services are subject to guidelines from Dept of Mental Health and Dept of Vermont Health Access
Topics We Are Following

- AAP-VT Task Force on Race and Health Equity
- Immunization strategies/policy: catch-up, flu, COVID-19 (?)
- Health care “restart” details, incl. telehealth/telephone coverage
  - Federal and state plans for COVID-19 financial relief
- MIS-C (Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children)
- Summer camps/other recreational activities
- School, colleges & universities reopening, fall 2020
- 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: Monday, July 6, 12:15-12:45 (same webinar/call information – invitation to follow). No call Friday, July 3, 2020 (Happy 4th!)

Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:
Tuesday, July 7, 12:15-12:45
Phone: 1-802-552-8456
Conference ID: 993815551