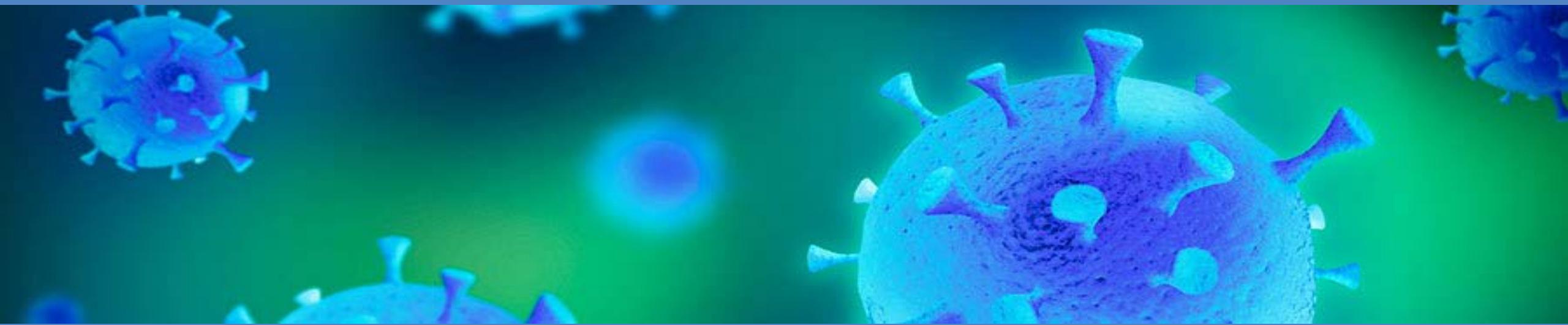


# VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



*Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM*

*Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – Director of Maternal & Child Health, Vermont Department of Health*

*July 27, 2020*

# 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

- Celebrating Americans with Disabilities Act 30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.
  - Signed into law by President George H. W. Bush (7/26/90)
  - ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (Pres. George W. Bush, 9/25/08)
- *Reminder:* weekly event schedule
  - **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Monday/Wednesday/Friday**
  - Governor's Media Briefings Tuesday/Friday
  - VMS call with Commissioner Levine now **Thursdays**
- Situation, VDH, AAP-VT, media briefing updates
- Practice Issues: Vermont K-12 School Reopening
- Q & A, Discussion



*[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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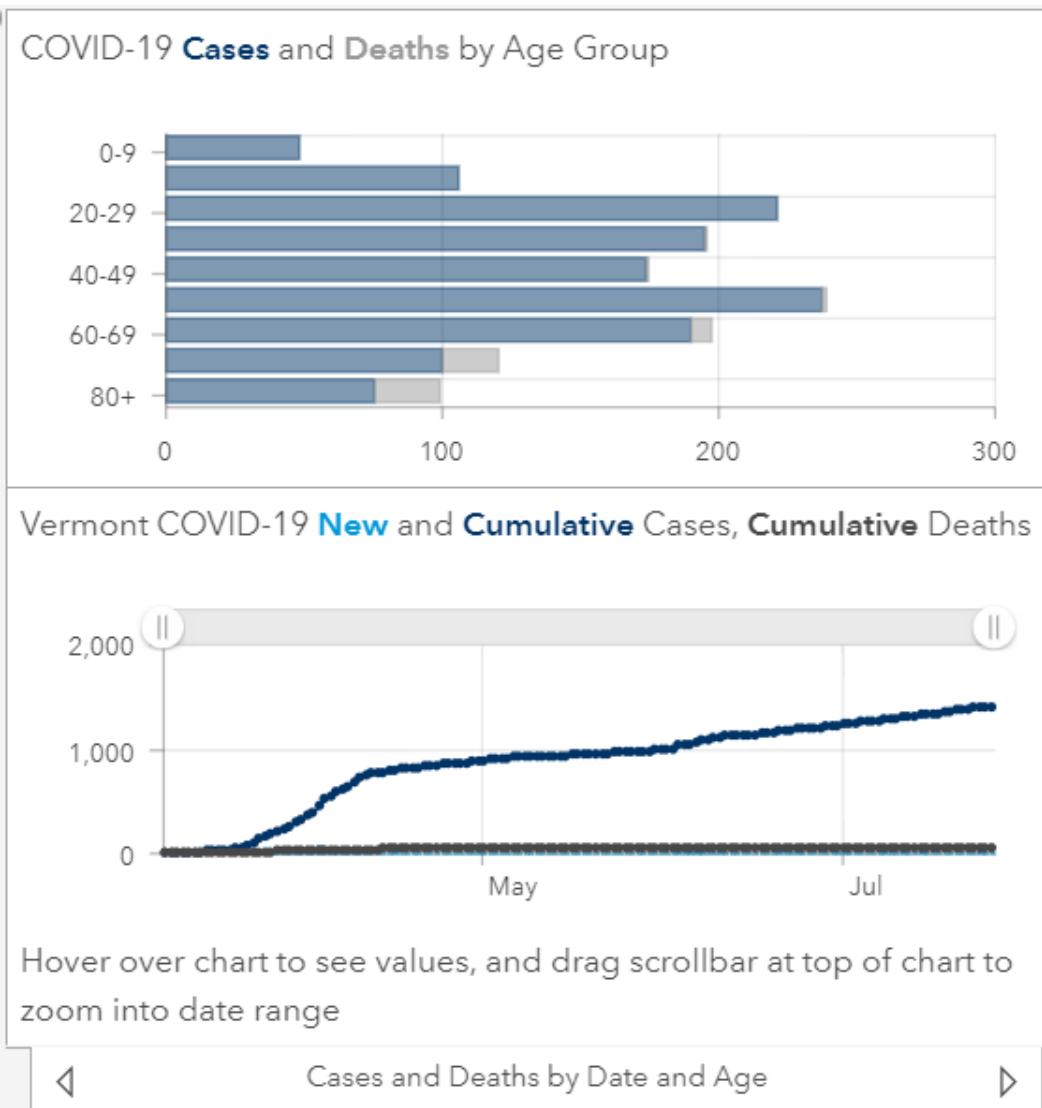
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# Situation update

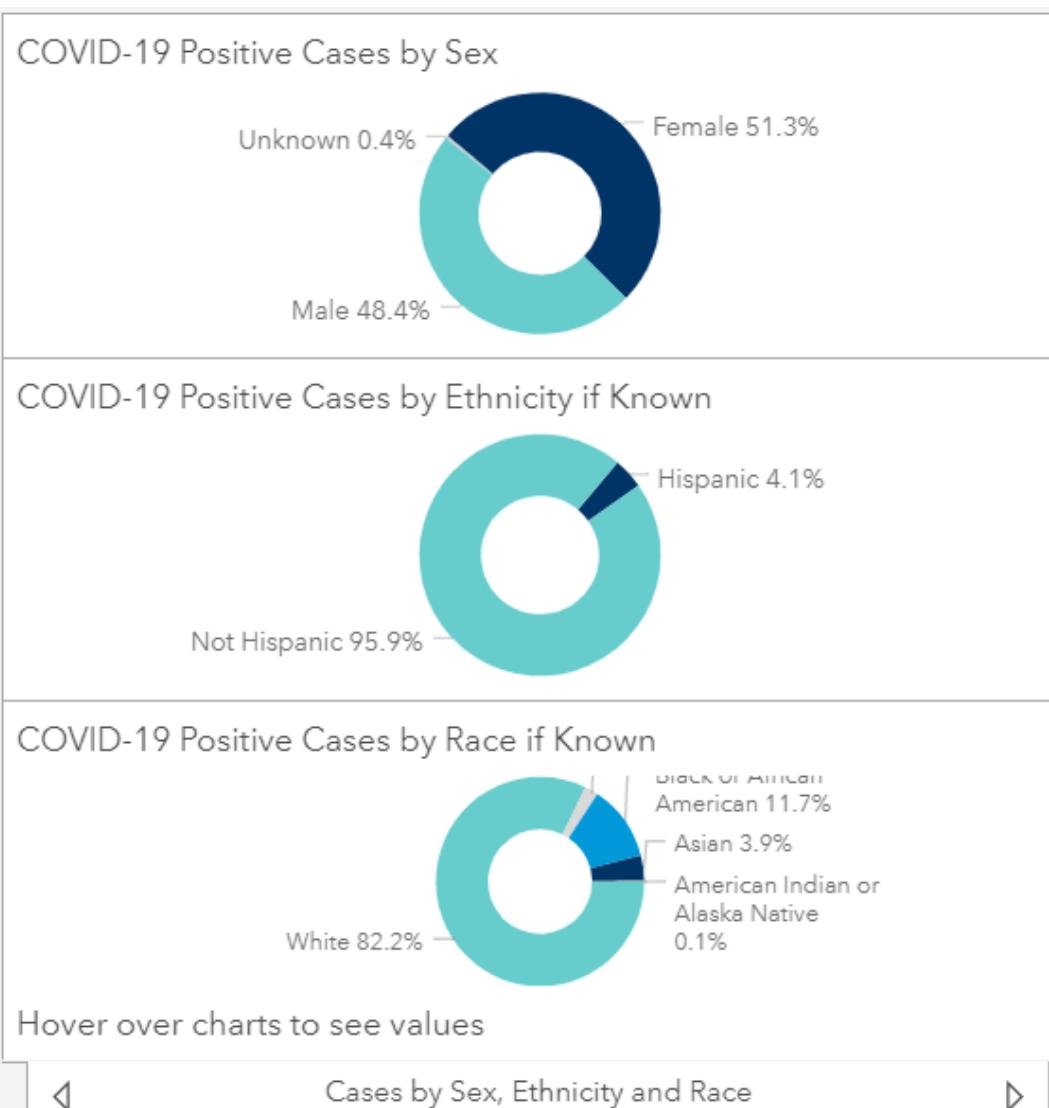
Total Cases	1,402
	2 New
Currently Hospitalized	1
Hospitalized Under Investigation	12
Total People Recovered	1,190
Deaths	56
People Tested	90,617
Travelers Monitored	1,004
Contacts Monitored	42
People Completed Monitoring	5,053
Last Updated:	7/27/2020, 10:53:10 AM

- **NEW VDH Health Update: Duration of Isolation and Precautions for Adults with COVID-19 (7/24/20)**
- **Weekly data summary (7/24/20):**
  - Weekly Spotlight – **COVID-19 Source of Exposure**
  - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-7-24-2020.pdf>

# Situation update



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# AAP/Other Updates

- **NEW Today:** press release – “AAP Vermont Chapter Calls on Schools To Prioritize In-Person Attendance for Preschool Through Grade 5 and For Students with Special Needs”
  - Includes supporting data & describes educational/social/emotional needs
  - Outlines risks/benefits – especially for younger children
  - Thank you: Stephanie Winters, Becca Bell, Beth Forbes, Ben Lee, Jill Rinehart, Bill Raszka
- AAP (national): **Interim Guidance Return to Sports**
- *Reminder CDC Updated Guidance: Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020* (updated July 23, 2020)

# VDH Updates: calling all Tweetiatricians!

- VDH leading Governor's new statewide **#MasksOnVT** campaign
  - Encourages Vermonters to wear masks to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Goal: collective impact to normalize/sustain mask wearing in VT.
- One-stop **digital toolkit** to assist state agencies, departments and partners in sharing message: use or adapt campaign materials as appropriate for audience.
  - Sample social media posts and content, sample newsletter blurbs or articles, key talking points and posters. Use as is OR fully customizable for more advanced users.



# Reminder: Immunization Registry Improvements

- Vermont IMR (7/27/20): new tool via web service for forecasting.
- Provides **clinical decision support** for immunization; supports all routinely administered vaccine groups from birth-adulthood.
- Based on the ACIP (CDC) schedule
- Provides the clinician with 3 critical pieces of information:
  - **Assessment** of what has already been given.
  - **Recommendations** for what vaccines are due today.
  - **Conditional Recommendations** for which vaccine might be called for if the patient has special health conditions.
- Corrects shortcomings of previous forecaster (e.g., flu & HPV).
  - Provides specific reasons why a previously administered dose may be invalid, and adds forecasting for adult patients. When a vaccine for Covid-19 becomes available, we expect to be able to quickly avail ourselves of vaccine scheduling guidance through this tool.
  - Includes **Quick Guide**



**IMR How To: Using the New Forecaster**

July 2020

**Enhanced vaccine clinical decision support via the Immunization Calculation Engine webservice is now available in the Vermont Immunization Registry.**

It is one thing to know which immunizations a person has received, and quite another to know what other immunizations are called for, and when the next dose is due. We are happy to announce the Vermont Immunization Registry (IMR) has implemented a new forecaster that will help us to quickly incorporate new vaccine schedule recommendations issued by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Vermont's new forecaster uses the Immunization Calculation Engine (ICE) webservice - a state-of-the-art open-source software system that provides clinical decision support for immunization. The forecaster supports all routinely administered vaccine groups, including the child, teen, and now even adult immunization schedules. It provides clinicians with guidance for recommended immunizations as well as conditionally recommended doses for people with health conditions that might call for additional protection.

**Typical Immunization Records Look Like This**

This is the Immunizations Grid in the IMR. It is clear what vaccines have been administered and when. But what vaccines might be due today? And, have the previously administered doses been given in line with the schedule guidance?

Patient: Icecream, Banana		Date of Birth: 1/24/2010	Patient Age: 2 years 5 months and 13 days					
		Practice Name: Brattleboro (Pad)	Primary Care					
		The Vermont Immunization Registry is used to assist in tracking and forecasting immunizations currently due and overdue, based on date of birth. It is not intended to replace medical expertise.						
Enter Immunizations as:		<b>Immunizations</b>						
Status	Vaccine	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3	Dose 4	Dose 5		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Current	<input type="radio"/> Historical	DTaP-Hib-B-IPV	3/24/2018	5/24/2018	7/24/2018			
		Hib (PRP-T)	3/24/2018	5/24/2018	7/24/2018	1/24/2019		
		DTaP-Hib-IPV						
		pneumococcal conjugate PCV 13	3/24/2018	5/24/2018	7/24/2018	1/24/2019		
		pneumococcal conjugate PCV 7						
		DTaP	4/24/2019					
		DTaP-IPV						
		[IPV]						
		Hep A, ped/adol, 2-dose	1/24/2019	7/24/2019				
		Hep A, adult						
		Hep B, adolescent or pediatric	1/24/2018					
		Hep A-Hep B						
		Hep B, adult						
		Hep B, adjuvanted						
		intradermal mumps	3/24/2018	5/24/2018				

# Practice Issues

## Back to “Back to School” (Vermont K-12 Reopening)

*Stories from the Field*



# VT Principals' Association – Fall Sports

From **Jay Nichols**, VPA Executive Director

- 7/2/20: HS fall sports preseason practice start date **delayed** (previously Aug. 10) due to coronavirus health/safety concerns
- VPA Activities Standards Committee/COVID-19 task force recommended fall season to start on the first student day for a school (e.g., end August/early September).
- Group hopes to forward **final recommendations** to Governor, Secretary French & Commissioner Levine shortly – then anticipate announcement (soon!) once final approval obtained.

# Re-opening Schools – Process to Date

- 5/22/20: AOE Secretary Dan French convenes “Advisory Group to the Secretary on COVID” (education partners)
- 5/29/20: formal collaboration w/VDH: Breena Holmes (MCH Director), Patsy Kelso (VT State Epi); Commissioner Levine
  - This group continues to meet
- Week of 6/8/20: Safe & Healthy Schools Task Force
  - Convened by Breena: health & education partners
- 6/17/20: A Strong and Healthy Start guidance released
  - Always intended to be iterative
  - Task Force reconvened last week and this week

# VT School Re-opening Task Force/Guidance

## **DRAFT Considerations – NOT FINAL: PLEASE do not disseminate**

- **Introductory language:** “The unique and critical role that schools play makes them a priority for opening and remaining open, enabling students to receive both academic instruction and support as well as critical services. Early reports suggest the number of COVID-19 cases among children may vary by age and other factors. Adolescents aged 10-17 may be more likely to become infected with COVID-19 than children younger than age 10, but adolescents do not appear to be at higher risk of developing severe illness. For this reason, the Safe and Healthy Schools Task Force recommends in-person instruction, to the best extent possible, and especially for children PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.”
- **Physical distancing:** consider 3-6 feet for PreK – grade 5
- **Health screenings** – new CDC guidance does NOT recommend for schools
  - **Task Force** recommends doing health screenings but considering symptom screening **at home** (with parent sign-off) and temp checks on bus/at school.

# School Re-opening: Resources

## For education & health professionals:

- VDH & VT Agency of Education: guidance:  
<https://education.vermont.gov/documents/guidance-strong-healthy-start-health-guidance>
- PowerPoint presentation (for **your** use)  
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Safe-Healthy-Schools-Guidance-Summer-Slides.pdf>
- Additional VT AOE documents:
  - FAQ: <https://education.vermont.gov/strong-healthy-start-safety-and-health-guidance-faq-1>
  - Hybrid Learning: [https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-hybrid-learning-during-the-2020-2021-school-year\\_0.pdf](https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-hybrid-learning-during-the-2020-2021-school-year_0.pdf)

# Reconvening ***Safe and Healthy Schools Task Force***: Current Issues

- Guidance Revisions
  - ▣ Have solicited feedback on guidance to be added/revised/discussed
- More specific guidance needed:
  - ▣ Implementing health screening prior to boarding buses or entering schools, including recommendations on devices for taking temps, uniform protocols, etc.
- Clarification re: when to close
- Challenges with seating on buses
- Physical distancing (implementation “6 ft.”)
- Interns/Learners
- Children with special education needs (subgroup meeting on this topic)
- Social-emotional health of staff and students



# Safe and Healthy Schools

## ***Hot topic:***

- Return to school after illness: working on an algorithm
  - Symptom-based return pathways
  - When to test
  - Medical clearance
- *We need your help to disseminate/explain guidelines and inform school & district-specific implementation in your communities!*

# School Reopening

- Communities are moving forward – where is **yours** in this process?
- What are **your** thoughts/concerns to safely re-open?
- What are you hearing from families and what are communication gaps?
  - ▣ We are addressing topics raised on 7/20/20 call – thank you!
- **Volunteers needed** for PSAs and videos
- Continuing to seek cases for analysis and to inform guidance revisions.

# *Reminder:* Special Pediatric Grand Rounds

- **Wednesday, July 29, 8 – 9 a.m.: Dr. Lee Beers, M.D., FAAP, President-elect, American Academy of Pediatrics**
  - ▣ ***Early Childhood Brain Development—Aligning for Impact***
  - ▣ Dr. Beers is Professor of Pediatrics & Medical Director for Community Health and Advocacy, Goldberg Ctr. for Community Pediatric Health & Child Health Advocacy Institute at Children's National Hospital, Washington, DC
  - ▣ Early childhood partners also invited!
- The session will be held by Zoom meeting only at this link:
  - ▣ <https://uvmcom.zoom.us/j/123552961> - Password: pedsgr
  - ▣ To access by phone: +1646-876-9923, meeting ID 123552961#.

# Reminder: HCP Stabilization Grants (from 7/14/20)

AHS Secretary Mike Smith:

- **Opened 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 1<sup>st</sup> cycle.
- ***HCPs encouraged to apply even if uncertain re: eligibility***



# Topics We Are Following

- School (K-12), 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip_champ_vdh_covid-19_updates)
- Next CHAMP call: **Wednesday, July 29, 12:15-12:45** (current schedule: Mon/Wed/Friday)
- Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:  
***Thursday, July 30, 12:30-1:00 p.m. – NEW (Zoom) platform & call information:***
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJ1ZFQ2R3diSVdqdlJ2ZG4yQT09>
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