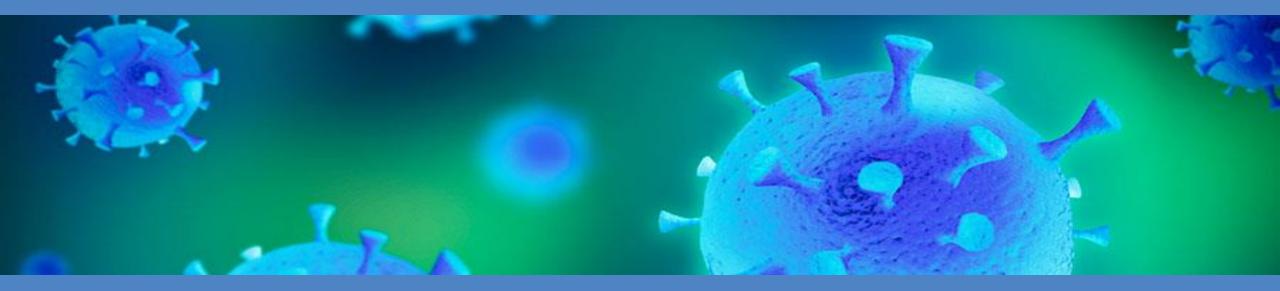
#### VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – Director of Maternal & Child Health, Vermont Department of Health July 31, 2020









#### **Technology Notes**

#### 1) All participants will be muted upon joining the call.

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#### Overview

□ Six months since HHS Secy. Azar declared U.S. PH emergency

Also National Mutt (Mixed Breed) Day

- Reminder: weekly event schedule
  - VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Mon/Wed/Friday; Governor's Media Briefings TuesFriday; VMS call with Commissioner Levine Thurs.
- □ Situation, VDH, AAP-VT, media briefing updates
- Practice Issues: Vermont Afterschool: the Third Space for Learning
- □ Q & A, Discussion

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[Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve very rapidly –

so the information we're providing today may change quickly] July 31, 2020





# Situation update



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#### □ Weekly data summary (7/31/20):

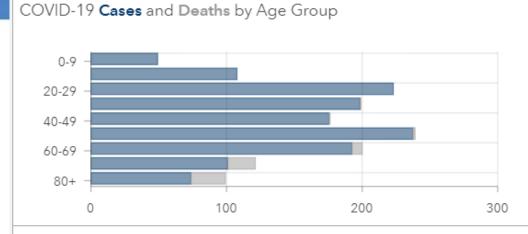
- Overview, case demographics, clinical course, outbreaks, syndromic surveillance
- https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/ files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-7-30-2020.pdf

#### (No Weekly Spotlight topic this week)

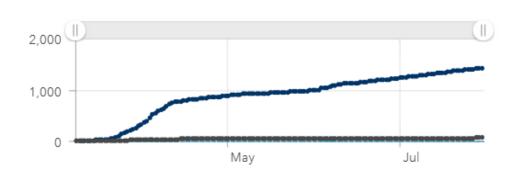
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### Situation update



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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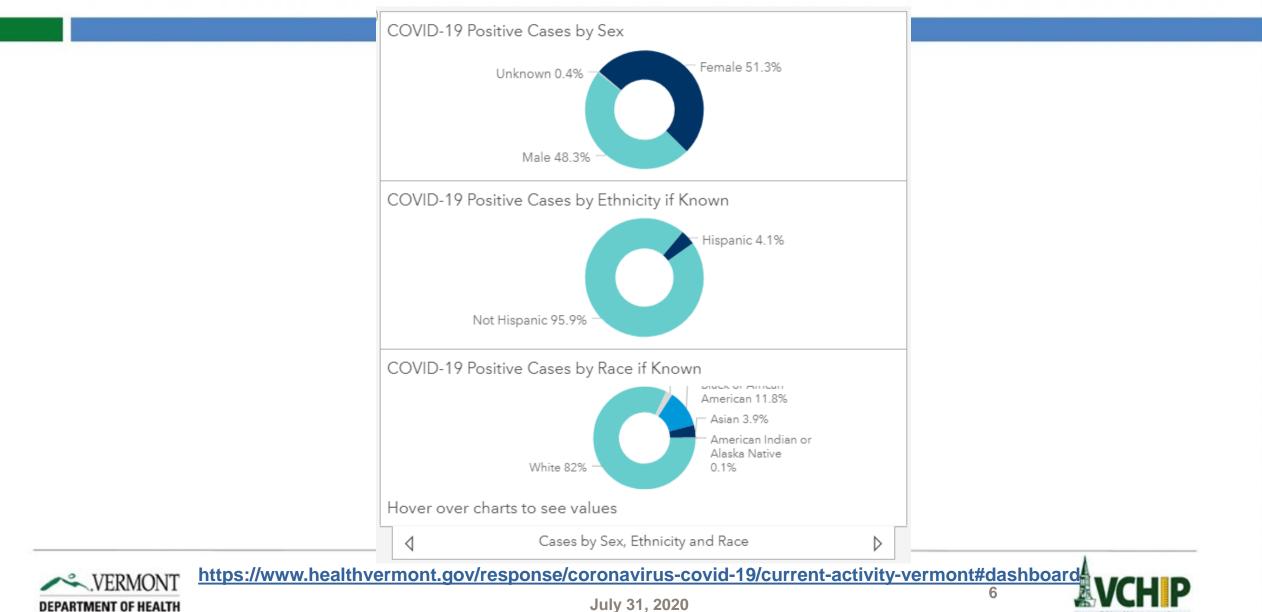
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### Situation update



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AAP Critical Updates on COVID-19 **Clinical Guidance** Landing Page: <u>https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/</u>

- New Guidance for Children & Families Involved w/Child Welfare System During the COVID-19 Pandemic (7/27/20):
  - Visitation Principles & (detailed) Guidance; Concerns for COVID-19 Positive or Exposed Children; Collaborating with the Pediatric Community

□ *New* COVID-19 Interim Guidance: Return to Sports (7/22/20)





### AAP Updates (cont'd.)

AAP Critical Updates on COVID-19 **Clinical Guidance** Landing Page: <u>https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/</u>

Updated FAQs (7/22/20): Management of Infants Born to Mothers with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

Evidence to date suggests risk of newborn acquiring infection low when precautions (against exposure to maternal respiratory secretions) taken & appears no greater w/rooming-in using infection control measures vs. infant placed in separate room.





### **AAP-VT Updates**

- Responses to (7/27/20) AAP-VT press release (7/27/20): "AAP Vermont Chapter Calls on Schools To Prioritize In-Person Attendance for Preschool Through Grade 5 and For Students with Special Needs"
  - From one citizen: "...advocate for remote learning until January 2021...understand urgent need to get the kids back in school in-person but not at the expense of the community at large...we don't know exactly what COVID-19 does to children or adults long term...makes no sense to open schools in middle of worst pandemic the world has seen when a vaccine candidate could be ready to distribute in less than 6 mos."
- □ Media:

Seven Days (7/29/20): focus on possible change in distancing guidance <u>https://www.sevendaysvt.com/OffMessage/archives/2020/07/29/revamped-vermont-guidance-for-schools-could-allow-three-feet-of-distancing-instead-of-six</u>







# What You (& Others) May Be Reading

 New Yorker (thank you, Melissa Kaufold, and others):
What Vermont and Its History Might Teach the Nation About Handling the Coronavirus

https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/what-vermont-and-its-history-might-teach-thenation-about-handling-the-coronavirus

- New York Times: <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/29/opinion/coronavirus-schools-reopen.html?referringSource=articleShare</u>
- JAMA Pediatrics: Age-Related Differences in Nasopharyngeal Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) Levels in Patients With Mild to Moderate Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Heald-Sargent T, Muller W., Zheng X, et al: <u>https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2768952</u>
  - Feedback on this from Dr. Benjamin Lee, Pediatric Infectious Disease at UVM Children's Hospital: "this study measured detectable nucleic acid and makes inferences based on those data, but it does NOT actually address how well children actually spread virus."





# Happening Today: Capitol Hill Testimony

House subcommittee on Trump administration COVID response (Fauci, Giroir, Redfield)



- Fauci: NIAID seeks to improve knowledge of virus; develop diagnostics & assays; define characteristics/testing of therapeutics; develop/test vaccines (strategic approach to address multiple candidates moving at rapid pace); create std. protocols; common safety monitoring & endpoints).
- Registration available to those interested in participating in clinical trials to assure diverse representation (>250K registered as of last night).
  <a href="https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/covid-19-clinical-research">https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/covid-19-clinical-research</a>
  - Hope to have safe & effective vaccine by late fall/early winter "cautiously optimistic."
  - Early human trials: individuals mounted neutralizing Ab response
- Comparable to or better than convalescent serum in recovered pts.





# Today's Media Briefing

Governor Scott:

- Acknowledge that we lost another Vermonter to COVID-19 this week: "every death is a sad loss for Vermont, but we're fortunate to have gone 6 weeks without a death."
- □ Still have lowest positivity rate in U.S. & lowest # of cases
- Next "turn of spigot": increase capacity for retail businesses from 25% to 50% beginning August 1 (same day as statewide mask mandate becomes effective)
- Emergency Management Team to distribute >200K free masks
- Dept. of Public Svc. 2m. to help extend lines to homes for internet access: https://publicservice.vermont.gov/



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# Today's Media Briefing



Vermont Modeling – Commissioner Pieciak:

- Updated national data
  - This week U.S. passed threshold of 150K deaths, with record spikes FL/CA
  - CDC weekly national syndromic surveillance: fewer presenting w/sxs; daily COVID case growth slowing (tied to reduction in south & west; but cont. to increase in Midwest & slightly in northeast)

#### Regional data

- RI & NH highest daily case count since early June; similar in MA; Quebec has uptick in new cases.
- Many counties in Northeast show worsening data.









- VT Modeling Commissioner Pieciak:
- Northeast new cases ~25% higher than end of June
- □ IHME: certain parts mid-Atlantic/Northeast likely to see ↑ new cases
- □ VT metrics:
  - Syndromic surveillance well below 4% guardrail
  - Rolling 3- & 7-day average viral growth rates both declining
  - Positivity rate 7-day rolling average 0.54%
  - Hospital/critical care beds: ICU at ~30% buffer, but not a concern based on other metrics; only 1 in ICU for COVID & 2 hospitalized.
  - Travel map: pop. **not** subject to quarantine ~4.8m (decr. by ~2.3m from

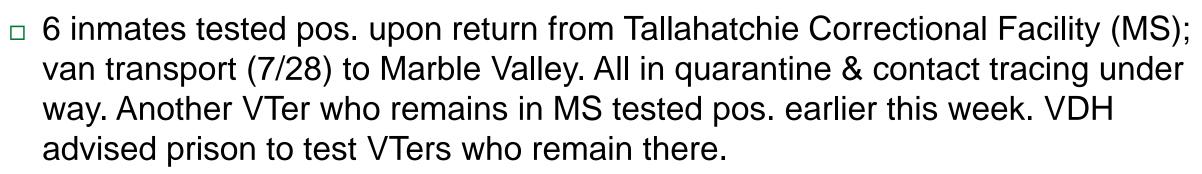




# Today's Media Briefing

**Commissioner Levine** 

□ Yesterday reported 57<sup>th</sup> death (1<sup>st</sup> in 43 days); "an older Vermonter."



- Gains only possible due to VTers cooperation/sacrifices but "our standing is fragile."
- Return of college students on immediate horizon, vacation travel continues, and increased frequency of opportunities for VTers to be in closer contact – all mask mandate (effective August 1) timely.







## Safe and Healthy Schools

#### Hot topic:

Return to school after illness: working on an algorithm

- Symptom-based return pathways
- When to test
- Medical clearance
- Thank you, Barb Kennedy and Alicia Veit

We need your help to disseminate/explain guidelines and inform school & district-specific implementation in your communities!

News from northeastern Vermont (Josh Kantrowitz, MD)





# **Practice Issues**

# Vermont Afterschool: The Third Space for Learning Holly Morehouse, Executive Director





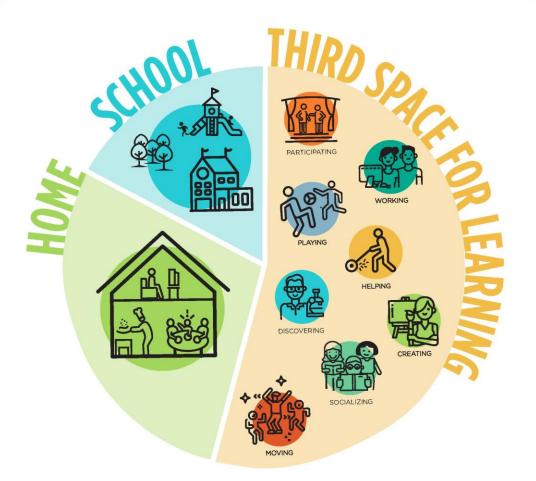


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- Ensuring that children and youth are active, engaged, connected, and heard
- Third Space for Youth
- The afterschool and youth-serving field is characterized by grit, dedication, flexibility, and caring
- Statewide network of programs and partners







# Afterschool as Part of the Solution

- More time for engaged learning
  - Different but complementary to school day
  - New ways to explore material and ideas
- Supporting how students feel and heal
  - SEL, hobbies/interests, youth voice/agency, food
- Sustaining connections to families and communities
  - Resources, relationships
- Addressing inequities that are likely worsening



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Afterschool







- What the field is grappling with now
- What the field has to offer
- How we look at what children and youth need
- □ How we address disparities
- □ Action steps
  - Communities of Practice
  - Gathering Parent and Family Voices
  - Elevating Examples of What Works
  - Seeking Cross-Agency and Cross-State Collaboration







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### CHAMP Surveys Assessing COVID-19 Impact on Practices

#### Thank you for participating!

- Goal: Identify the impact of COVID-19 on practices and preventive services in order to keep delivering call content that's timely and relevant, to inform advocacy efforts & priority topic areas or the fall learning session and QI project
- □ 2 surveys:
  - Preventive Care During COVID-19, assessing how well visit care is being provided (including telehealth, developmental screening, and issues facing adolescent patients)
  - Practice Impact, including personnel impact, stressors related to care delivery, and opportunity to provide feedback to CHAMP
- □ NOTE **revised** frequency (based on your feedback!):
  - Final set of surveys will go out August 15. There will <u>not</u> be an August 1 Impact Survey.







# 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: <u>https://humanservices.vermont.gov/help-and-resources/covid-19-information</u>
- **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: <u>vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu</u>

Federal and state COVID-19 financial relief

- In 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: <u>vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu</u>
  - What do <u>you</u> 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, August3, 12:15-12:45* (current schedule: Mon/Wed/Friday)
- □ Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:

*Thursday, August 6, 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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