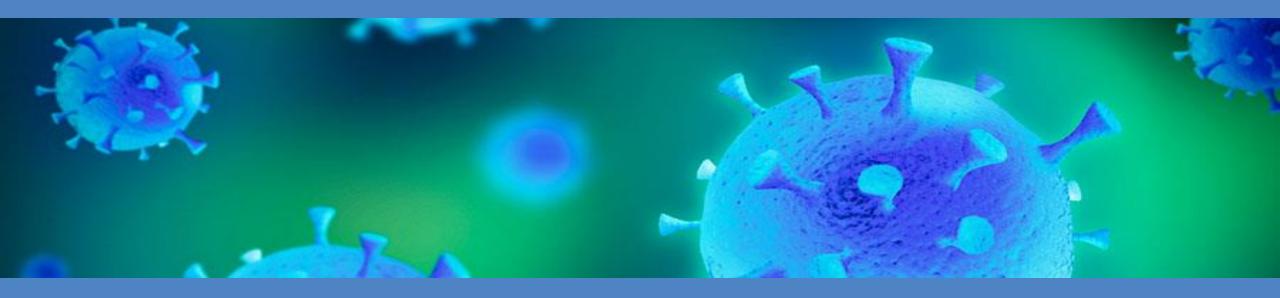
VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM
Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – Director of Maternal & Child Health, Vermont Department of Health
August 28, 2020









Technology Notes

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

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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 licon or press Enter to send.





Overview

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- □ Anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech
 - August 28, 1963: March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom
 - August 28, 2020: National Action Network March on Washington
 - #DreamDayQuestAndJubilee
- Reminder: weekly event schedule
 - VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Mon/Wed/Friday [NOTE: NO VCHIP CALL Friday, September 4, 2020 (pre-Labor Day weekend)]; Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Friday; VMS call with Commissioner Levine Thursday.
- Situation, VDH, AAP & CDC Updates, Media Briefing
- Practice Issues: Return to School & Other Favorite Topics!
- 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

1,589

3 New

Currently Hospitalized

3

Hospitalized Under Investigation

8

Total People Recovered

1,400

Deaths

58

People Tested

126,755

Travelers Monitored

769

Contacts Monitored

68

People Completed Monitoring

7,354

Last Updated: 8/28/2020, 11:00:29 AM

- VDH Weekly Data Summary (8/28/20):
 - Overview, case demographics, clinical course, outbreaks, syndromic surveillance
 - https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/d efault/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-8-21-2020.pdf
 - Weekly Spotlight topic: County Profiles Testing Data – countyspecifics demographics among VT residents tested for COVID-19.



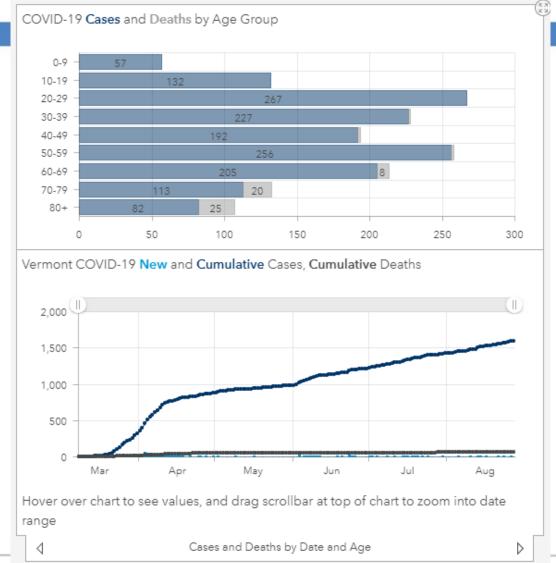
The Scream Mask (c 1910) Edvard Munch

History is in our hands. Please wear a mask.

#MasksOnVT

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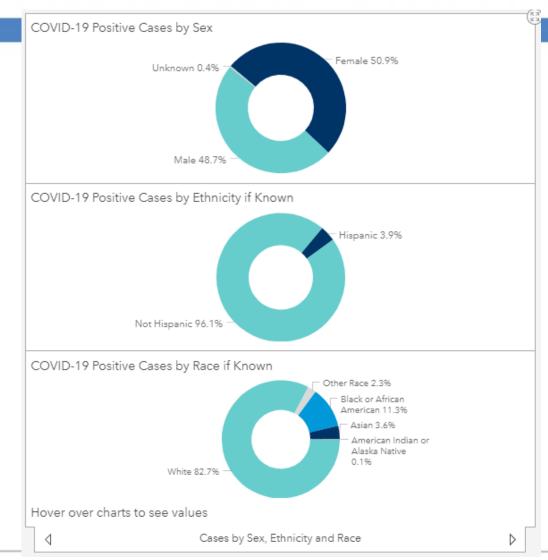
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AAP-VT Updates

 Grant to increase influenza vaccine coverage rates from VDH Immunization Program to AAP-VT Chapter:





VT Medical Society Leadership Development Opportunity

- WHAT: 2020/2021 VMSERF Physician Executive Leadership Institute
 - □ A handful of slots remain in 2nd cohort
- WHEN: Apply now deadline is September 18, 2020.
- □ WHERE: find brochure, curriculum & application details at
 - http://www.vtmd.org/sites/default/files/VTMS%20Foundational%20Brochur e%202020-2021.pdf
- What participants are saying: "I have learned more about myself, as well as leadership tools and strategies, in 6 months than in over a decade of practice!" Elizabeth Hunt, M.D.





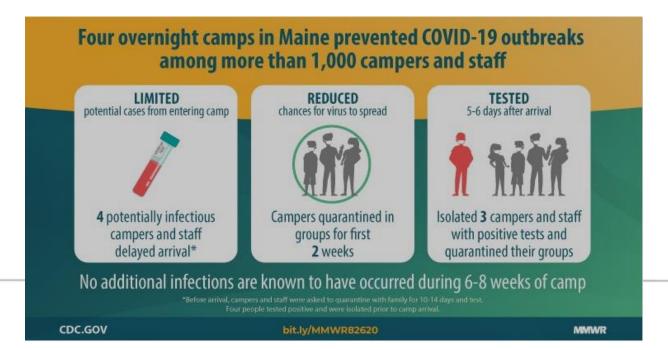
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Camp and School News

- From WBUR: (thank you, Ann Wittpenn)
- https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2020/08/27/leander-isd-school-in-person-online
- □ MMWR Early Release (Aug. 26, 2020)







Successful Camp Example from MA

- News report, Boston station WCVB (via @healthvermont Twitter)
- Where: Camp Sewataro, Sudbury, MA
- □ Who/what:
 - 40 days, sessions q. 2 weeks, 120 staff, 350 campers
 - Zero cases COVID-19!
- ☐ How:
 - Masks, 6-ft. distancing
 - Constant cleaning & disinfection
 - Extra RNs: isolation rooms (not used), daily T & sx checks





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Camp and School News

- AOE VDH guidance: Social-Emotional-Mental Health Supports During COVID-19
 - https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-dmh-guidance-strong-healthy-start-social-emotional-mental-health-supports-during-covid19.pdf
- From WBUR: (thank you, Ann Wittpenn)
- https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2020/08/27/leander-isd-school-in-person-online
- The Vermont experience
- □ Masks vs. gaiters, anyone?





Today's Media Briefing (8/28/20)

Governor Phil Scott

- Recap at almost 6 months into the pandemic
- □ Today is the 9th anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene
- Grant programs:
 - Health care sector
 - Food security







AHS Secretary Mike Smith:

- Front-line employees Hazardous Pay Grant Program 397K out early next week (total appropriation 28m.)
 - □ PS, PH, HS employers whose employees substantially dedicated to mitigating COVID-19 (3/13 – 5/15/20)
 - 460 applications rec'd.; 70 meet review criteria
 - Many applications still under review (in order of submission; expect to review all by mid-Sept. First-come, first-served based on avail. \$\$)
- Health Care Stabilization Grant Program
 - First round of payments ready to be distributed





AHS Secretary Mike Smith:

- Health Care Stabilization Grant Program (275m. total)
 - □ HHS providers for COVID-19 lost revenue & specific expenses
 - 3/1-6/15/20. Opened 7/17 closed 8/15 Rec'd 351 applications from eligible provs. 78% were new to seeking relate financial relief; 22% had received some form of relief (reatainer, direct to hosps./special svcs & DAs) \$\$ to 93 rpovs next 4,459,000 9mostly smaller with severe impact) 2nd round for 6/16/- 9/30/20
 - Total request >116m.
- VT rec'd. \$\$ (fed. CARES) for increased 3 Squares benefits not permanent – automatic (however benefits rec'd. now)





VT Modeling – Commissioner Pieciak:

- VT data: 50 new cases past week; lowest U.S. per capita infection rate & lowest infection rate X past 7d.; lowest positivity rate.
 - New cases: more in Windham, Bennington Cos.
 - □ Decreased cases despite >16K tests conducted (highest/wk.) higher ed.
- VT metrics all stable
 - Strong hospital capacity if needed
- □ Forecast: anticipate slight increase in cases this week projections show steady flattening X next few weeks. Antic. low-level growth.





VT Modeling – Commissioner Pieciak:

- Higher education reopening (national examples)
 - Elements that increase Likelihood of success: size of student body; prevalence of student origin; testing policy/program
 - Northern VT U (1500 students) vs. UNC (30K); prevalence 60% from VT, 30% mostly from NE (weighted av. 17 cases/100K vs. UNC 205/100K.
 - Testing policy: NVU followed VT GLs (d. 0 & 7, fac. & staff) vs. UNC symptomatic or exposed (not universal 0.16 tests/student). NVU 0 pos. tests vs. UNC 945 cases.
- □ This fall just >21K on campus (15K from OOS); just >9K have returned to date.





VT Modeling – Commissioner Pieciak:

- Higher education reopening
- □ Testing: ~8700 across all w/19 pos. (0.22% pos. rate)
- □ K 12 reopening:
 - Interactive map w/links to District plans (by type) to be published next wk.
 - ~65% VT students will start remotely (at least 3d./week)
- Regional
 - Cases increasing in Midwest other regions incing down.
 - NE region: slight uptick but not concerning
- □ Travel map cos. varying, travelers elig. for non-quar. relatively flat.





Commissioner Levine:

- Scattering of "outbreaks," but very small.
- □ CDC (science- & ev.-based practices):
 - New testing guidance "controversial": asympto may not need to be tested despite close contact.
 - State PH officials & medical community reaction
 - Based on experience to date, close contacts may be at risk for contracting and shedding virus in pre-symptomatic state.
 - VT recs. not changing: def. test if symptomatic; per provider recommendation; close contacts "can certainly be tested." Strongly encouraged if vulnerable or in contact with vulnerable.
- Advised to quarantine per contact tracing activity.



Commissioner Levine:

- □ Colleges & universities cont. close collaboration w/VDH
 - Day 0 & 7 testing; quick action if positives (isolation, quarantine per policy)
 - Some new cases in asympto VT students prior to departure to other states.
 - Weekly meetings w/BTV, UVM, Champlain College
- Influenza vaccine
 - Working on easy access to vaccine
 - Avoid "twindemic" by increasing rate of flu vaccination
 - Last year: 42.6% of 5-12 y.o. and 35.5% y.o. 13-17 covered; must improve!
 - No decision to REQUIRE flu vaccine for K-12 students at this time; MA only state to date; "policy is under consideration."





Practice Issues

Return to School & Other Favorite Topics!







COVID-19 in Pediatric Patients (Pre-K - Grade 12)



[&]quot;This algorithm was developed in the setting of Vermont's low prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 Virus.

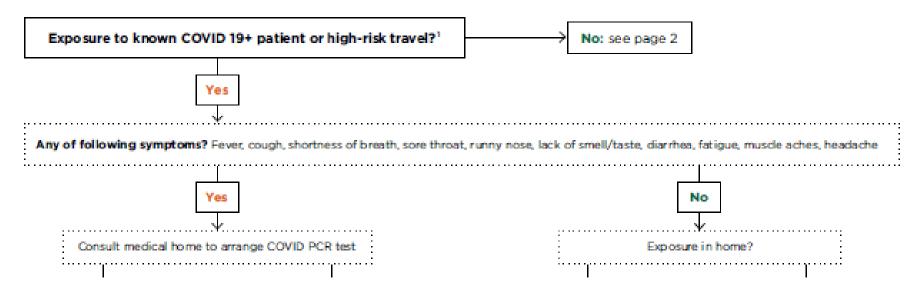
This is a changing environment, and as we gain new knowledge about this virus, expect adaptations:





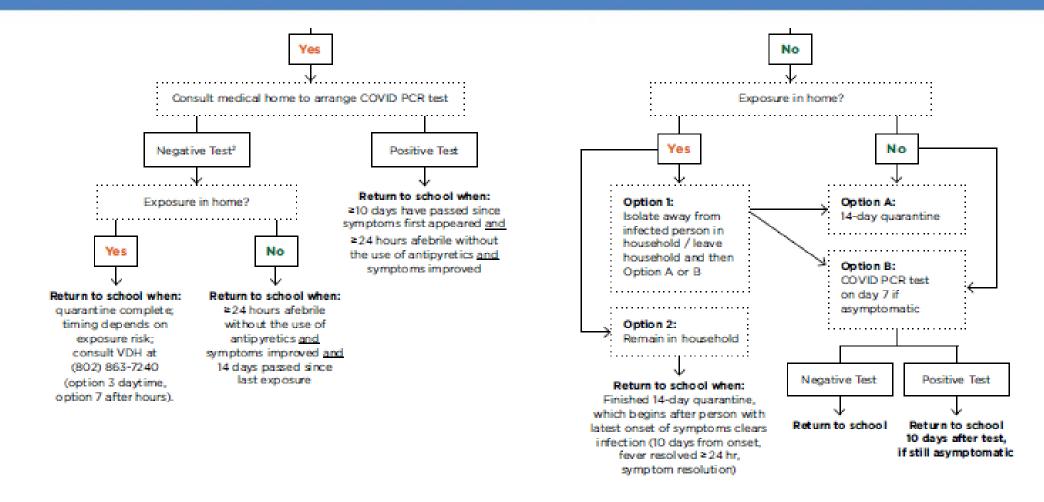


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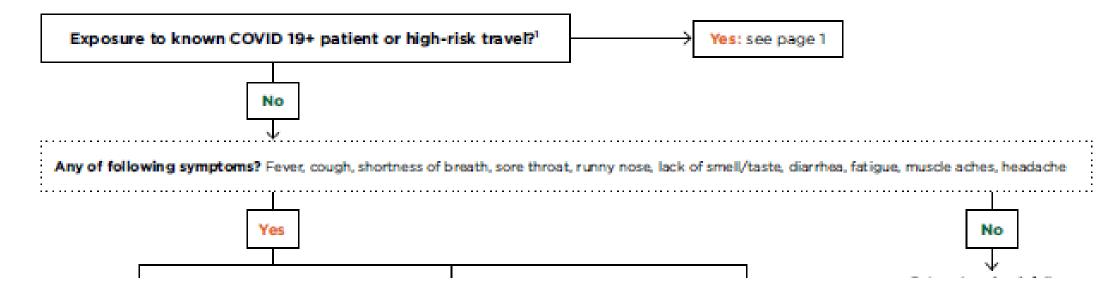






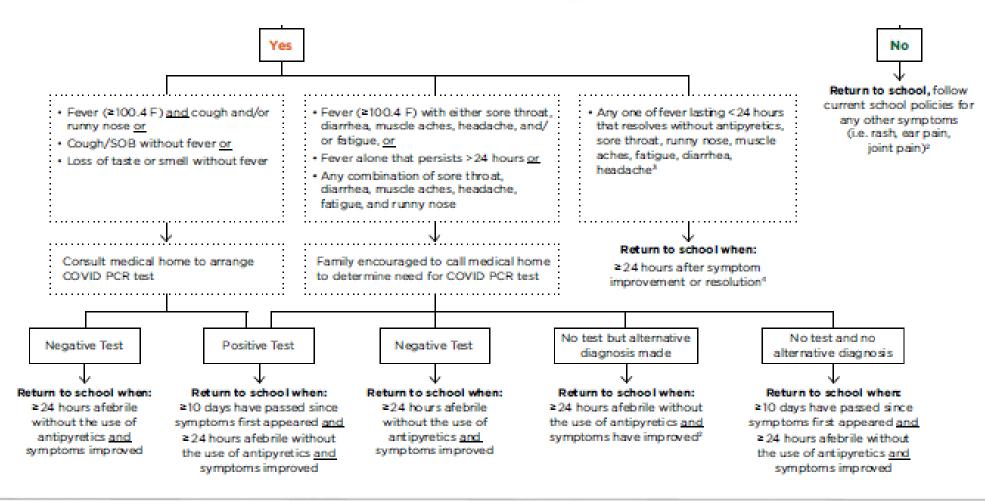


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School Nurse – Family – Medical Home Tool

ic COVID-19 Communication Tool for Vermont School Nurses, students/families, and medical nealth care professionals (Version 1: current as of August 28, 2020)			
meLast Name			
Nurse Phone Fax			
This document is intended for use as a communication tool among families, school nurses and medical homes serving children and youth. We encourage local teams to agree on optimal communication pathways in using this tool (e.g., telephone contact, fax, hand delivery). School nurses: please use this form to communicate with families and the student's medical home. Families: please take this form to the student's medical home for evaluation, diagnosis, and plan for return to school. Medical home/health care professionals: please circle appropriate disposition on attached algorithm and return to school nurse.			
19 symptoms present or reason patient was sent to Primary care Provider: Contact with an individual who is COVID-19+ or quarantining with COVID-19 symptoms Fever (100.4 or greater) Cough Shortness of breath Chills Fatigue Muscle pain or body aches Headache Sore throat Loss of taste or smell Congestion or runny nose Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea (diarrhea is defined as frequent loose or watery stools compared to child's normal pattern) Other:			





School Nurse – Family – Medical Home Tool

Health care professional:		
Date of contact:		
(Presumptive) Diagnosis:		
Plan for return to school – please follow the	algorithm entitled COVID-19	in Pediatric Patients (Pre-K –
Grade 12) from UVMCH - VCHIP - VDH, atta		•
Please circle the appropriate disposition an	d return to school nurse and p	satient/family.
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	
Primary Care Provider Signature	Date	
Signatures on this form signify parent/guardian unde school nurse to communicate regarding student healt		on for health care professional and





AAP COVID-19 Update: Federal Financial Relief

□ Deadline to apply for financial relief extended to Aug. 28

- AAP recommends that all pediatricians who believe they may be eligible for these funds apply now, esp. if have pts. on Medicaid/CHIP.
- If you received automatic Medicare-based payment & rejected initial payment or did not apply for additional funding (can attest to receiving initial payment & apply for a second, "true-up" payment; brings total relief payment up to 2% of annual patient revenue).
- Application process simplified/streamlines by DHHS;
 portal reopened for those who were not previously eligible because they received a small Medicare-based payment.





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
- 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 <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, August 31, 12:15-12:45 (current schedule: Mon/Wed/Friday)
- Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:

Thursday, September 3, 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Zoom platform & call information:

□ Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJ1ZFQ2R3diSVdqdlJ2ZG4yQT09

- Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
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