

VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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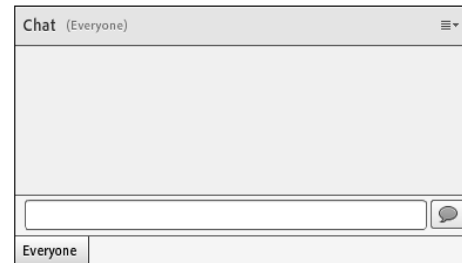
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Overview



- World Breastfeeding Week, National Breastfeeding Month
 - ▣ Theme: “Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet”
- *Reminder: weekly event schedule*
 - ▣ **VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Mon/Wed/Friday**; Governor’s Media Briefings **Tues/Friday**; VMS call with Commissioner Levine **Thursday**.
- Situation, VDH, AAP Updates
- Practice Issues: Safety & Health Guidance for Reopening Schools, Fall 2020
- 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

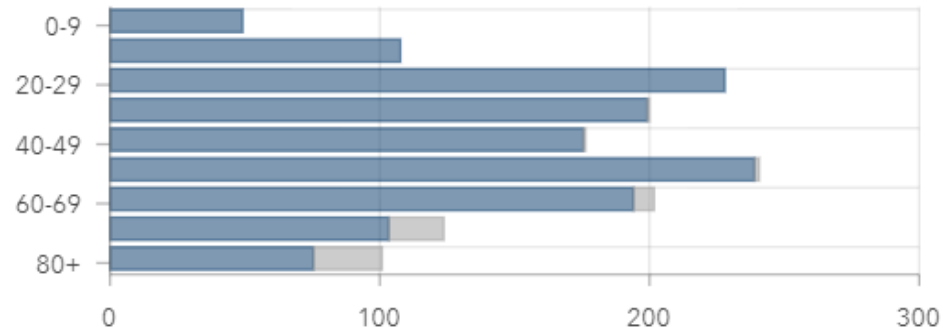
Total Cases	1,427 1 New
Currently Hospitalized	1
Hospitalized Under Investigation	13
Total People Recovered	1,240
Deaths	57
People Tested	97,238
Travelers Monitored	1,172
Contacts Monitored	29
People Completed Monitoring	5,417
Last Updated: 8/3/2020, 11:04:20 AM	

- **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>

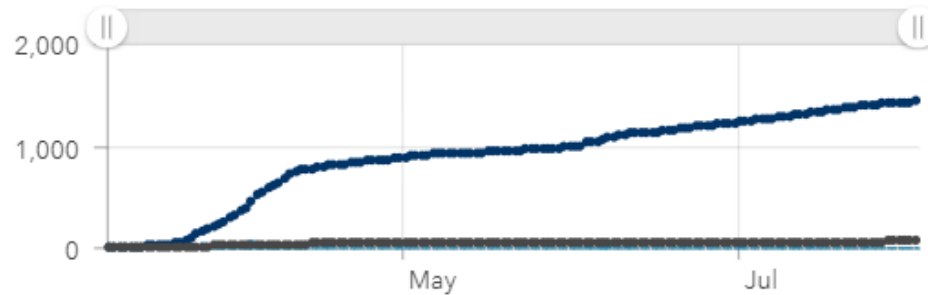
(No **Weekly Spotlight** topic this week)

Situation update

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



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



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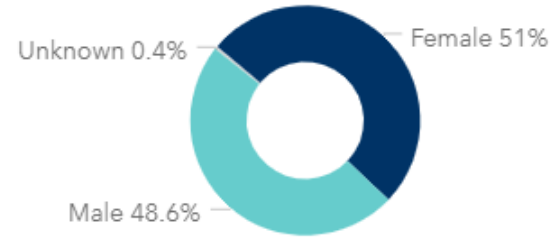


Cases and Deaths by Date and Age

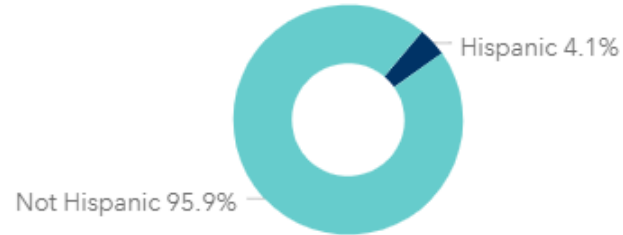


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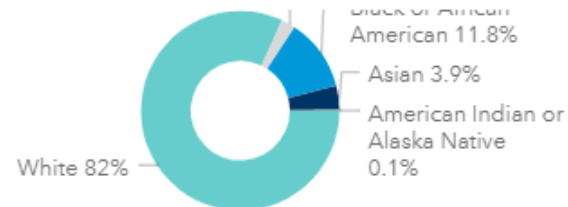
COVID-19 Positive Cases by Sex



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



VDH Update – Anterior Nares Testing

- ❑ SEE VDH **Health Advisory** (6/2/20):
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-HAN-AnteriorNares-final.pdf>
- ❑ Pediatric practices/patients remain priority for appropriate swabs.
- ❑ Pediatricians associated with UVMHC & HN should request supplies and sample processing through UVMHC.
- ❑ Pediatricians associated with FQHCs should have supplies.
- ❑ Others: please use VDH ordering system:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O5O0IK26PEOcAnDtzHVZxnYHsES1qh9Hs2EGYmwc2tBURDVPSDJDS1hUTzdJMFIXVDZHQ1JHS1cxViQIQCN0PWcu>
- ❑ If unable to provide in-office testing, direct patients to:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-covid-19>

AAP (National) Updates: Federal Advocacy

- **COVID-19 Response Advocacy Report 4.0 (7/29/20)**
 - <https://downloads.aap.org/DOFA/COVID-19%20Advocacy%20Report%204.0.pdf>
 - AAP released statement on Senate COVID-19 financial relief bill (last week) – bill “falls far short of meeting the needs of children and families.”
 - Urges passage that addresses priorities for children/families: robust funding all schools need to reopen safely (regardless of timeline); children's access to nutritious foods; enhanced federal funding for Medicaid.
- August 3 (**today!**) deadline to apply for funding from CARES Act Provider Relief Fund; AAP advises all pediatricians who believe they're eligible apply! (see FAQ page)

AAP (National) Updates: Federal Advocacy (cont'd.)

- AAP endorsed House bill to expand access to **free school meals for all children during the 2020-2021 school year**
- Vaccine Advocacy:
 - ▣ One pager on AAP's vaccine strategy
 - ▣ Policy white paper: *Policies to Preserve the Vaccine Delivery System for Children*
- **#CallYourPediatrician resource page:** social media graphics enc. parents to see pediatrician for sick and well care
- **Pediatrics On Call** (new podcast) topics to date: drowning prev.; vaccine hesitancy; safe sleep; post-op disparities; battling racism.

AAP Updates (cont'd.)

- **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 News article (summary):
<https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/07/22/newbornguidance072220>
- Fetal/neonatal outcomes: while pregnancy outcome data is limited, there does not appear to be risk of birth defects associated with COVID-19 infection in pregnancy, and rates of miscarriage and growth abnormalities are similar to background rates. However, there may be an increased risk of preterm birth.
- AAP-VT received inquiry re: national AAP Policy Statement on Home Birth.

Mother-Baby Care

- UVM MC and pregnant women seeking work-related guidance:
 - At this time, research studies do not indicate that pregnant patients are at increased risk of becoming infected.
 - (Per CDC data): pregnant women are more likely to be hospitalized, & are at increased risk for severe disease compared with non-pregnant women.
 - There does not appear to be an increased risk of death in pregnant women, compared to non-pregnant women in similar age groups.
 - Given [this higher risk], reducing the risk of exposure is extremely imp., including hand hygiene, masking, social distancing, avoidance of crowds, & strategies to limit exposures to family members who reside in household.
 - Follow CDC employee guidance to allow for...social distancing – including remote working when possible, univ. facial coverings, & frequent hand hyg.

AAP-VT Updates

- **Responses to 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 ECE provider: statement “has created even further divide between schools and communities, families against educators...urge you to learn more about Vermont public education system.” [responded with description at local level]
 - ▣ “Why are many pediatrician visits continuing to occur via telemedicine if it’s safe to reopen schools in person?”
 - ▣ “Why has the 6 ft. distance requirement been reduced to 3 ft...fear that this is happening to fully reopen schools & have all students in bldg. at same time.” (and referenced JAMA Peds article). [responded with data re: case positivity rate, etc.]

What You (& Others) May Be Reading

- 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: <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2768952>
 - 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."
- MMWR: **SARS-CoV-2 Transmission and Infection Among Attendees of an Overnight Camp — Georgia, June 2020 (early release 7/31/20)**
 - https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6931e1.htm?s_cid=mm6931e1_w
- **NOTE:** We will address these and other **NEW** epidemiologic data re: transmission in children later this week with Drs. Ben Lee and Bill Raszka

Practice Issues

Safety & Health Guidance for Reopening Schools, Fall 2020



Safe and Healthy Schools: What to Expect This Week

- ***Under review:*** updated (Vermont-specific) school guidance: **A Strong and Healthy Start: Safety & Health Guidance for Reopening Schools, Fall 2020**
- Return to school after illness: working on an algorithm
 - ▣ Symptom-based return pathways
 - ▣ When to test
 - ▣ Medical clearance
 - ▣ *Thank you, Barb Kennedy, Alicia Veit, Ben Lee, Bill Raszka*
- *Please continue to help disseminate/explain guidelines and inform implementation in your communities!*

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 not 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:** <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***

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
 - ❑ 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: **Wednesday, August 5, 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=VkVuNTJlZFQ2R3diSVdqdJ2ZG4yQT09>
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