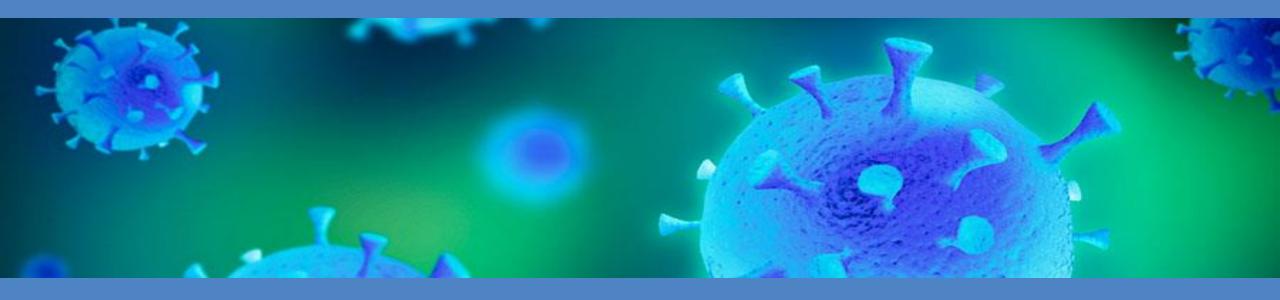
### VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Senior Faculty, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM Breena Holmes, MD FAAP - VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH September 18, 2020









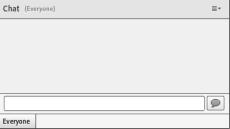
## **Technology Notes**

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

### September is Hunger Action Month

- □ Children's Health Watch presentation: <a href="https://childrenshealthwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/NCoP-VM-9.20-Recording.mp4">https://childrenshealthwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/NCoP-VM-9.20-Recording.mp4</a>
- Hunger Free Vermont COVID-19 pandemic resources: <a href="https://www.hungerfreevt.org/coronavirus">https://www.hungerfreevt.org/coronavirus</a>
- Reminder: weekly event schedule
  - VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls: Mon/Wed/Fridays; Governor's Media Briefings Tues/Friday; VMS call with Commissioner Levine Thursdays
- Situation, VDH, AAP & Other Updates; today's Media Briefing
- Practice Issues: Friday Potpourri (including school scenarios)
- □ Q & A, Discussion

[Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve very rapidly – so the information we're providing today may change quickly]





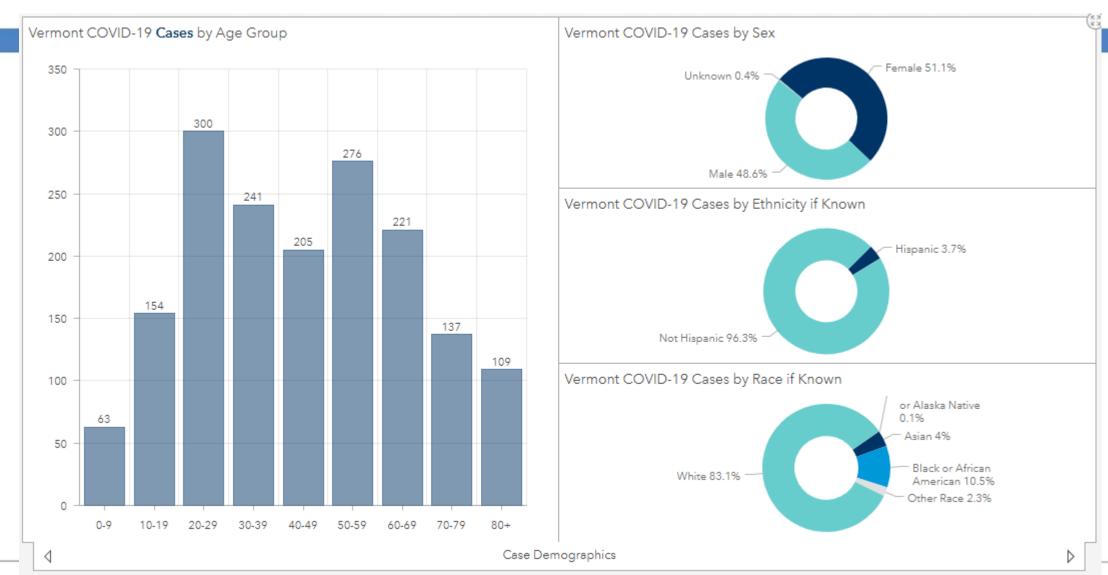
HUNGER

# Situation update

Total Cases
1,706
2 New
Currently Hospitalized
3
Hospitalized Under Investigation
3
Total People Recovered
1,536
Deaths
58
People Tested
154,099
Travelers Monitored
464
Contacts Monitored
32
People Completed Monitoring
8,489
Last Updated: 9/18/2020, 11:10:00 AM

- □ U.S.: 6.6 million+; 197,529 deaths (https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coron avirus-us-cases.html, updated 9/18/20)
- □ VDH Weekly Data Summary (9/18/20):
  - Overview, case demographics, clinical course, outbreaks, syndromic surveillance <a href="https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-9-18-2020.pdf">https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-9-18-2020.pdf</a>
  - Weekly Spotlight Cases among Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC): disproportionate number of BIPOC with COVID-19 in VT. Focus on 371 VT resident cases among Asian, African American/Black, American Indian/ Alaskan Native, Hispanic, race other than white.

# Situation update







### The Not-So-Good News

- NYT (thank you, Lisa Gannon!): CDC Testing Guidance Was Published Against Scientists' Objections
  - https://nyti.ms/2ZN0vDm
- NYT Update after our call today: After Criticism, CDC Reverses
   Guidelines About Testing People Who Were Exposed

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/18/world/covid-coronavirus.html?referringSource=articleShare

- Burlington High School campus closed (Sept. 10) for in-person learning through the end of 2020 (pending mitigation efforts)
  - PCBs identified in air quality testing
  - District working to identify locations for Burlington Tech Center classes



# In the (Good) News

- Vermont's **Dr. Ashley Miller** promotes well child care
   & immunizations in the *Medical Home!*
  - https://www.wcax.com/2020/09/16/pediatricians-say-pharmacy-vaccination-waiver-no-replacement-for-regular-check-ups/
- Dr. Fauci's media briefing appearance makes national news (abc News and Newsweek)

https://abcnews.go.com/US/vermont-model-country-responding-coronavirus-pandemic/story?id=73057030

- Creativity in child care (thank you, Heartworks!)
  - Discussing with the children the places they go in their communities; then children create their own "web"









### Pediatric COVID-19 Data

- (National) AAP Children and COVID-19: State Data Report
   (9/10/20) <a href="https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/children-and-covid-19-state-level-data-report/">https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/children-and-covid-19-state-level-data-report/</a>
- MMWR: SARS-CoV-2—Associated Deaths Among Persons Aged <21</li>
   Years United States, February 12—July 31, 2020 (9/18/20)
   <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6937e4.htm">https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6937e4.htm</a>





### From AAP National . . .

# COVID-19 Case Data Available on 9/10/20

Summary data across the 49 states, NYC, DC, PR, and GU that provided age distribution of reported COVID-19 cases\*

Child population, 2019	Cumulative total cases (all ages)	Cumulative child cases	Cumulative percent children of total cases	Cases per 100,000 children
75,423,548	5,493,006	549,432	10.0%	728.5

72,993 new child cases reported from 8/27-9/10 (476,439 to 549,432), a 15% increase in child cases over 2 weeks



### Pediatric COVID-19 Data

VDH monitors Vermont-specific pediatric data bi-weekly

□ NEW: school-specific COVID case dashboard (privacy concerns –

advocacy needed?)



**September 17, 2020** 

Data are preliminary and subject to change.



The data provided in the table below represent laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases present and transmitted in Vermont K-12 schools. If a student, faculty, or staff member contracted COVID-19 outside of the school environment and was not present at the school during their infectious period, the case will not be counted in this table.

 Link to Public Testing Dashboards and Information for Vermont Colleges and Universities (VT Dept. of Financial Regulation)

https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/school-reopening





### From AAP National . . .

# **Your Vote Counts!**

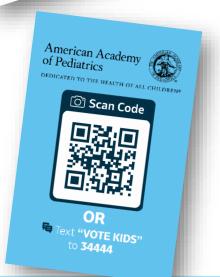
- AAP Bylaws Amendment Referendum voting opened 9/16/20 and closes 5:00 PM CT September 29
- Referendum explicitly codifies antidiscrimination language in the AAP Bylaws
- Cast your vote today at <u>www.aap.org/vote</u>
  - Eligible voters can access the voting site from reminder email links, AAP.org home page, or MyAccount



# Election 2020: Voter Registration

- National Voter
   Registration Day:
   Tuesday, September
   22
- Make your voting plan
- Tools to educate patients & families
- State resources
   Visit AAP.org/VoteKids





### MAKE CHILDREN COUNT



Parent(s) of:	78
Date:	

Your action is necessary to give children a voice this election and to ensure they are counted. Their health and futures depend on it!

#### REGISTER NOW AND VOTE ON ELECTION DAY-Tuesday, November 3.

Children can't vote, but you can!

#### INSTRUCTIONS.

Text "VOTE KIDS" to 34444 or scan the QR code to register to vote or request to vote by mail.

#### **COMPLETE THE CENSUS**

Leaving children uncounted means our community will receive less funding and have less representation in our nation's capital – where our legislators make important policy decisions that impact children and families.

#### INSTRUCTIONS.

Visit 2020census.gov to respond online without meeting a census-taker in-person, or call 844-330-2020.

FILLING OUT THE CENSUS IS REQUIRED BY LAW.

THE CENSUS WILL NOT ASK ABOUT U.S. CITIZENSHIP.

INFORMATION SHARED ON THE CENSUS IS KEPT STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CANNOT BE USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

**Refills**: Vote every election. Fill out Census every ten years. Signature:

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### From AAP National:

# Connecting with the Experts: AAP COVID-19 Town Halls

- Bi-weekly Series launched Thursday, September 10
- Interactive Q&A sessions with AAP experts
- Caring for Patients w/Acute Illness in Ambulatory Settings
  - September 10 at 7:00 pm CT
  - Expert Faculty: Sue Kressly, H. Dele Davies, Steve Caddle
- Next session on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm CT
  - Proposed topic is **Testing**
  - Open to suggestions for future topics



# **Upcoming Interim Clinical Guidance Revisions**

- Out Today: Revised Return to Sports Interim Guidance
- Breastfeeding (minor edits to ensure consistency with newborn guidance)
- PPE
- Testing



# **Updates: PREP Act and COVID-19**

### Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act

Allows HHS Secretary to provide immunity from liability for providing medical countermeasures

### Original COVID-19 Declaration

- HHS issued declaration in March to provide immunity for COVID-19 medical countermeasures
- Allowed pharmacists to administer COVID-19 testing

### August 24: Childhood Vaccine Amendment

- Expanded declaration to include pharmacist-administered routine childhood vaccines (age 3 and up)
- HHS says its revised declaration automatically supersedes any state laws

### September 9: COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance

 Allows pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines to ages 3 and up American Academy of Pediatrics

# Vaccine Advocacy: Next Steps

#### PREP Act

- Evaluating options for response with legal counsel, AMA, and other medical organizations
- Statutory prohibition on legal challenges: "No court of the United States, or of any State, shall have subject matter jurisdiction to review, whether by mandamus or otherwise, any action by the Secretary under this subsection."
- Messages:
  - Preempting state vaccine laws regulating administration of routine childhood vaccines risks disconnecting children from their medical home, jeopardizing preventive care
  - Lower vaccination rates are the result of decreased demand, not decreased supply

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Vaccination rates are continuing to increase to pre-COVID levels

### Congressional Asks

- Implement proposed Medicare vax payment increases in Medicaid, pass VACCINES act
- COVID Vaccine Approval: public statements on importance of high standards of safety and efficacy and transparency
   American Academy of Pediatrics

# Update: VDH & AAP collaboration to increase flu vaccine coverage rates



#### Welcome to the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter

The American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter (AAPVT) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the physical, mental, and social health and well -being of the state's infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. AAPVT works to achieve these goals by using the collective voice of Vermont's pediatricians to improve the lives of Vermont's youth through public education, research, child advocacy and policy development.

#### It's time to complete the Flu Clinic Grant Application!

The form is available in the following ways:

- 1. Hard Copy
- 2. Online Google Form

American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter
NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

#### AAPVT News

- American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter Calls on Schools To Prioritize In Person Attendance for Preschool Through Grade 5 and For Students With Special Needs MONTPELIER (July 27, 2020)...
- Chapter Immediate Past President Dr. Jill Rinehart discusses prioritizing in person learning mychamplainvalley.com: As Vermont schools plan to reopen next month, some pediatricians are... read more
- AAPVT Chapter President Speaks at Governors Press Conference on Prioritizing In Person Learning Rebecca Bell spoke eloquently on the science and Vermonts unique position to be able to prioritze in... read more

- Seeking novel strategies to address barriers and expand access
- Application may be downloaded: <u>www.aapvt.org</u>
- May receive \$1,000 per clinic held, up to \$5,000
- Applications must be received by Oct 23, 2020
- NOTE MMWR today re: decreased influenza transmission in southern hemisphere
- for vaccination, IF practices not able to obtain them in their usual manner (allocations of these supplies may be limited through some distributors; want to ensure vaccination occurs. Working to have the request go through a central ordering process and should have it ready next week.





# 2020 Northern New England Advocacy Conference

- What: ME/NH/VT Pediatric Residency collaboration
- □ When: Wednesday, September 23, 2020
  - □ Pediatric Grand Rounds, 8-9 a.m: Meeting ID: 123 552 961
  - https://uvmcom.zoom.us/j/123552961; PASSWORD: pedsgr
  - One tap mobile +16468769923,,123552961# US (New York)
  - +13126266799,,123552961# US (Chicago)
  - Life Support: Equity as a Social Determinant of Health Xusana Davis, Vermont Executive Director of Racial
  - 12-1:30pm (in place of VDH-VCHIP Call): Race and Equity Projects - overview of diversity, equity, and inclusion topics by VT representatives (Jill Rinehart, Becca Bell, LE Faricy, Charlotte

# Today's Media Briefing (9/18/20)

### Governor Phil Scott

- Can't let our guard down: echo Dr. Fauci's call to remain vigilant
- □ Approaching sad milestone of ~200,000 U.S. deaths
  - Will honor VT deaths tomorrow on 9/19/20 (monthly since April)
- Updated guidance : bar seating in restaurants will be allowed w/minimum of
   6 ft. between parties & barriers at counter
- Lodging facilities may rent all room (comply w/all other regulations)
- Some may worry re: influx of travelers; but campgrounds have been open at full capacity & quarantine regulations remain in place. Moving travel update to Tuesday media briefing.
- □ **TA** now available for VT small businesses: accd.vermont.gov





# Today's Media Briefing (cont'd.)

### Commissioner Levine

- September is Public Health Laboratory Appreciation Month
  - >153,000 tests to date!
- School cases: thank you to schools/district administrators
  - Crossett Brook: many individuals tested at VDH pop-up Wednesday; all negative to date; all close contacts in quarantine
  - "Pleased to announce on VDH web site can now link to school-based COVID-19 transmission table"
- □ Recap Fauci comments from 9/15: lowest U.S. test pos./rate of new cases
- "Success based on what we've done correctly"; maintain caution re: onset of fall & colder weather, moving indoors





# Today's Media Briefing (cont'd.)



### Modeling – Commissioner Pieciak:

- U.S. trends: decrease followed by uptick unclear re: Labor Day (decreased testing/behavior change); opening K-12 & higher education
- □ Regional: no specific area stands out all slight uptick post-Labor Day
- Very low prevalence in Northeast
- VT data: 46 new cases this week; maintaining lowest infection & positivity rate X past 7d.; lowest prevalence from start of pandemic.
- Forecast similar to last week (incl. higher education restart, mobility factors w/K-12 reopening); not concerning/continue to monitor.
- □ ALL VT Restart metrics low/stable





# Today's Media Briefing (cont'd.)

- K-12: northern New England
  - VT school cases
  - ME: 6 cases (4 institutions)
  - NH: 23 cases (14 schools)
- □ Colleges: >12K tests (almost 55K since start; 42 pos. tests total)
  - SEE college/university-specific dashboards; link on DFR web site
- National analysis: VT/NH/ME (lowest prev. 47/100K) vs. NC/IN/VA (av. prev. 382/100K) vs. 3 w/highest 786/100K). Also presented college data.
- □ Regional: incr. 25% (higher ed & K-12);
- Travel map: 2020 in-state tourism business down vs. 2019







# Practice Issues

# Friday Potpourri: Return to School







# School Reopening

- (New) issue: thermometers not functioning properly in cold weather (below 60 degrees).
- □ AOE/VDH response to 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of school:
  - Anticipate meeting soon to determine opportunity to move to "officially" to Step III
- Concern raised (thank you, Katie Marvin!) re: discordance between school and rec sports; anticipation of change in interscholastic competition (esp. re: field spectators, etc.)
- Reviewing Rhode Island's excellent Playbook & Parent Handout for school reopening (thank you, Alicia Veit)





### School Clinical Scenarios

- □ Two recent cases (SEE algorithm):
  - A child without COVID exposure has a grouping of symptoms that would get them into either the left hand box or middle box. Testing would either be recommended (if choosing to follow the left box) or at PCP discretion (if middle box).
  - How do we handle situations where the nurses feel like the PCP has not interpreted the algorithm correctly? (e.g, a student fell into the middle box for symptoms but was told by PCP they could return after 24 hours with no indication of an alternate dx)
- □ Role of clinical judgment (not testing) in "alternate dx"
- □ Heightens need to assure good communication across sectors:





# VCHIP CHAMP 2020 Learning Session oning Vermont's System of High-Performing Medical Her

### Strengthening Vermont's System of High-Performing Medical Homes

### Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Zoom

- Improving screening & follow-up for family centered preventive services and well child visits\*
  - Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)
  - Blood lead level testing
  - Oral health

Vision

Strabismus

Developmental Screening

- \*12-24 months and 3-6 years
- Racial and health equity in delivery of care
- Maximizing the use of practice-based care coordination resources
- Connecting families to needed support programs

Register by October 1 at <a href="http://go.uvm.edu/champ2020learningsession">http://go.uvm.edu/champ2020learningsession</a>

For questions, reach out to the CHAMP Team at <a href="mailto:vchip.champ@uvm.edu">vchip.champ@uvm.edu</a>





# VT Medical Society Leadership Development Opportunity

- WHAT: 2020/2021 VMSERF Physician Executive Leadership Institute
  - A handful of slots remain in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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# 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, September 21, 12:15-12:45 (current schedule: usually Mon/Wed/Friday) NO CHAMP call next Wednesday, 9/23/20; details re: options to follow
- Please tune in to VMS Thursday calls with VDH Commissioner Levine: Thursday,
   September 24, 12:30-1:00 p.m. Zoom platform & call info:
- □ Join *Zoom* Meeting:

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

- Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
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