VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



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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 *p* icon or press Enter to send.

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International Day of Non-Violence

Birthday of Mahatma (Mohandas Karamchand) Gandhi, 1869
 National Diversity Day

□ Please note a <u>CHANGE</u> in event schedule <u>NEXT</u> week:

- NO VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH call Monday, October 5 (AAP NCE)
- We WILL have VCHIP/CHAMP/VDH calls Wed. & Fri.; Gov. Media Briefings Tues/Friday; VMS call with Commissioner Levine Thursday
- □ Situation, VDH & AAP Updates; today's media briefing
- Practice Issues: Food Insecurity Measure Testing Project; continued discussion of Return to School

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









Practice Issues

Food Insecurity Measure Testing Project

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https://www.healthvermont.gov/immunizations-infectious-disease/immunization/parents



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Food Insecurity – Vermont Initiatives

- Previous CHAMP project to improve screening and response for food insecurity (2017 – 2018)
- Current CHAMP project: FI screening as part of our efforts to strengthen Vermont's system of high-performing medical homes (2020 – 2021)
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Action Community: Vermont participation led by Keith Robinson, MD – UVM Children's Hospital







Situation update



□ U.S.: 7.3 million+; 207,699 deaths

- https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coro navirus-us-cases.html (updated 10/2/20)
- 1.0 million+ deaths worldwide

□ VDH Weekly Data Summary (10/2/20):

- Overview, case demographics, clinical course, outbreaks, syndromic surveillance
 <u>https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/</u> <u>documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-</u> <u>Summary-10-2-2020.pdf</u>
- Weekly Spotlight Syndromic Surveillance: What can visits to emergency rooms and urgent care centers tell us about COVID-19 in Vermont?

VERMONT https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/current-activity-vermont#dashboard

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Situation update

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Breaking News

- President Trump & the First Lady test positive for SARS-CoV-2
- "The virus became politicized but as the scientists have told us, the virus isn't political." (Presidential historian Jon Meacham)
- Mark Meadows (Chief of Staff): the President is experiencing "mild symptoms"









VDH Update

Health Update: Use of SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Testing in Vermont



Health Update October 1, 2020

TO:Vermont Health Care Providers and Health Care FacilitiesFROM:Jennifer S. Read, MD; Medical Epidemiologist

Use of SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Testing in Vermont

The following information was reviewed in the September 2, 2020 HAN addressing types of testing for SARS-CoV-2, the etiologic agent of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19):

- The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) updated case definition for COVID-19 includes the following:
 - Detection of SARS-CoV-2 by antigen test in a respiratory specimen is considered presumptive laboratory evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection.
 - Detection of SARS-CoV-2 ribonucleic acid (RNA) in a clinical or autopsy specimen using a molecular amplification test (PCR) is classified as confirmatory laboratory evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection.



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COVID-19 Information for Families Return to School Following Illness

September 2020

- Strong and Healthy Start (School Reopening) Task Force reconvening this week and next
- □ Key issues (selected):
 - Temperature screening will continue flexibility re: collection
 - Travel guidance strengthen, elevate visibility in guidance
 - Distance: preserve 3 6 ft. for pre-K through Grade 6
 - Preserve 6 ft. for older students
 - Pods
 - Busses

Parent handout – COVID-19 Information for Families: Return to School Following Illness





AAP Updates



Years of Caring for Children—1930–2020

Don't forget the National Conference (AAP NCE)!

- Opening session *tonight*: Jennifer Hudson
- Opening Plenary with Dr. Anthony Fauci (10/3/20): "COVID-19: Public Health and Scientific Challenges," followed by Q & A
- Peds 21 Symposium (10/3/20): Fighting Racism to Advance Child Health Equity: A Call to Action
- □ Keynote speakers: Jacob Soboroff, Ibram Kendi, and more!

Federal Advocacy Update

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- □ HHS announces new provider relief funding
- □ AAP urges inclusion of children in COVID-19 vaccine trials
- AAP responds to data showing decline in care, calls for federal action



What you may be reading and hearing . . .

- Propublica: The Students Left Behind by Remote Learning <u>https://www.propublica.org/article/the-students-left-behind-by-remote-learning</u> (thank you, Becca Bell)
- In case you missed it Family Medicine Grand Rounds: "COVID-19 Vaccines: What? How? When?" (thank you, Melissa Kaufold)
 - Beth Kirkpatrick, MD, FASTMH, FACP, Professor and Chair
 - Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics
 - This Monday, October 5, 2020, 8 9 am (CME available)

Zoom meeting accessed through this Zoom link: <u>https://uvmcom.zoom.us/j/98695229610?from=msft</u> Meeting ID: 986 9522 9610





Today's Media Briefing (October 2, 2020)

Governor Scott:

DMV opening additional offices for in-person services



- Reminder that virus knows no boundaries
- Try to find a way to come together; pandemic has tested our strength and created fear
- "Let's focus on areas where we agree, give benefit of doubt, listen to & learn from each other – be kinder to each other."
- Take time this weekend to enjoy: maple creemee, foliage, Vermont state parks, mountains!





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Agency of Education Secretary French

- Schools now operating in Step III requires continued mitigation with greater flexibility.
- Smooth transition: only a few cases in schools
- Schools moving to more in-person instruction
 - Step III also allows interscholastic athletic competition reminder re: spectator vigilance/follow guidance
- □ Launched 1st monthly survey to understand models in use
 - Results to be published on AOE web site; data to inform decisions
- Met w/school nutrition association (Step III allows cafeteria use)









AOE Secretary French

- □ Where do we go from here? Health guidance only has 3 steps
- Focus on implementing health guidance
- Maintain flexibility: have designed plans based on assumption conditions could change at any time.
- Safety remains most important job, esp. as we move indoors & approach flu season.
- □ Will continue to refine health guidance
- Renewed focus on essential work of educating our students
 Have heard from Dr. Bell re: health reasons for IP instruction





AOE Secretary French

- 1st change in school operations (March) was true emergency response
- □ Early remote learning systems were imperfect
- Delta Meeting educational needs of our students is now our priority
- Coming weeks: teachers will assess impact on students' academic success & healthy development







Vermont COVID-19 New Cases and Deaths

Commissioner Levine:

- Not currently following any significant cases/clusters/ outbreaks in colleges/universities or K-12 schools, LTC, Corrections; VT inmates in MS remain negative in f/u testing.
- Reviewed details of Health Update on antigen testing
- BUT graph w/13 new cases ("spike") overnight: golf tournament in Bennington
 - 5 total cases weekend of September 19 3 in Vermonters





Commissioner Levine:

- □ Ag testing Health Update: guidance to VT clinical community
 - Detects spec protein on surface of v. vs. PCR detects RNA of v.
- CSTE case definition: pos. Ag test = presumptive & PCR = confirmatory





Calling VT General Pediatricians!

- What: Building Bright Futures (BBF), Vermont nonprofit working to improve the well-being of young children and families in Vermont . . . by monitoring VT's early care, health, and education systems to inform policy.
- Who: BBF is seeking a general pediatrician for appointment to Vermont's Early Childhood State Advisory Council (SAC); primary advisory to the Governor and Legislature on status of children & families (prenatal age 8)
 SAC meets 8-12 times/yr., sets annual policy priorities & makes formal recs.
- Why: including pediatric health leadership is critical to ensuring the SAC addresses diverse topics related to child health and well-being
- How to apply: contact BBF Executive Director, Dr. Morgan Crossman, at: <u>mcrossman@buildingbrightfutures.org</u>



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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)... read more

 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
- VDH WILL provide needles and/or syringes for vaccination, IF practices not able to obtain them in their usual manner (allocations of these supplies may be limited through some distributors. Working to establish a central ordering process (anticipate later this week). In the meantime, please email:

merideth.plumpton@vermont.gov







Developmental Screening





Strengthening Vermont's System of High-Performing Medical Homes

VCHIP CHAMP 2020 Learning Session

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

Improving screening & follow-up for family centered preventive services and well child visits*

Vision

Strabismus

- Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)
- Blood lead level testing
- Oral health

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- *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 http://go.uvm.edu/champ2020learningsession

Topics We Are Following

School (K-12), college/university reopening, return to sports guidance

- School and recreational sports
- □ AAP-VT Task Force on Race and Health Equity
- □ Immunization strategies/policy: catch-up, flu, COVID-19 (?)
- Pediatric health care delivery: innovations & best 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)

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: <u>https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip_champ_vdh_covid-19_updates</u>
- Next CHAMP call: <u>Wednesday</u>, October 7, 12:15-12:45 (usual schedule: M-W-F)
- □ Please tune in to VMS call with Commissioner Levine:

Thursday, October 8, 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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