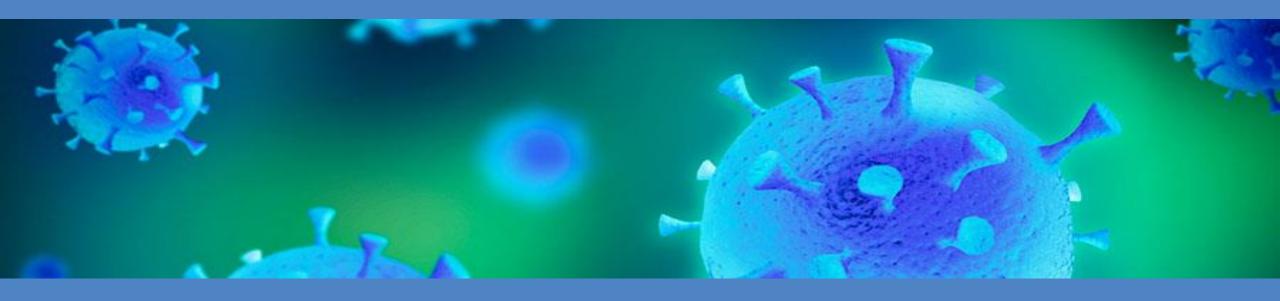
VCHIP / CHAMP / VDH COVID-19 UPDATES



Wendy Davis, MD FAAP - Senior Faculty, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM Breena Holmes, MD FAAP – VCHIP Senior Faculty & Physician Advisor, MCH Division, VDH July 20, 2022









Technology Notes – "Welcome to Zoom!"

- 1) All participants will be muted upon joining the call.
- **2) Presenters**: Please avoid the use of speakerphone and make sure your computer speaker is muted if you dialed in via phone.
- To ask or respond to a question using the *Chat* box, click on your toolbar, type your question and press the *Enter* key on your keyboard to send.

4) We will monitor Chat and review/address questions after content presentation

- 5) If you wish to verbally ask a question, click the microphone on your toolbar or press ALT-A to Unmute/Mute.
- 6) If you have technology questions, please directly message Kelli Joyce, Allison Koneczny, or Angela Zinno.
- 7) Calls are RECORDED and posted on VCHIP web site for asynchronous review.





Overview

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- Take Your Poet to Work Day (see next slide)
- Celebrating Carson Pickett, 1st person w/limb difference to appear for the U.S. women's national soccer team
 - https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2022/06/29/carson-pickett-uswnt/
- □ Reminder weekly event schedule:
 - VCHIP-VDH call calendar (see slide) Governor's Media Briefings generally *Tuesdays only*; VMS calls with Dr. Levine 1st and 3rd Thursdays
- Practice Issues: Pediatric COVID-19 & Monkeypox
 Vaccine Update
- □ Q & A/Discussion [Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve so the information we're providing today may change]

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/ 2022/06/29/carson-pickett-uswnt/



https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2022/07/19/uswnt-canada-concacaf-2024-olympics/



Take Your Poet to Work Day Amanda Gorman

- Follow her on Instagram:
 https://www.instagram.com/amandascgorman/?hl=en
- Hymn for the Hurting (published in the New York Times 5/27/22)
 https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/27/opinion/amanda-gorman-uvalde-poem.html



https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/2210710/amanda-gorman/

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Everything hurts,
Our hearts shadowed and strange,
Minds made muddied and mute.
We carry tragedy, terrifying and true.
And yet none of it is new;
We knew it as home,
As horror,
As heritage.
Even our children
Cannot be children,



Schools scared to death.
The truth is, one education under desks,
Stooped low from bullets;
That plunge when we ask
Where our children
Shall live
& how
& if

Cannot be.

July 20, 2022



VCHIP-VDH COVID-19 Call Schedule

June / July / August 2022:

- □ June: two calls only 6/1 and 6/8
- □ July: one call only **7/20**
- □ August: one call only 8/24
- □ Fall, 2022: we REALLY need your input/feedback!
- Schedule subject to change if circumstances warrant!
- Please continue to send your feedback re: schedule/topics to vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu

2 years strong!





Call Schedule: Planning for Fall, 2022

Crunch time – we *really* need your feedback!

- Planning to tie into existing primary care-public health integration work (close collaboration with VDH/MCH, AAPVT, VAFP, VCHIP)
- □ Considering continuing monthly how are Wednesdays working?
- Topic suggestions received to date:
 - Updates from UVM Children's Hospital (introduce new subspecialists & content re: their interests, projects, research could complement Pediatric Grand Rounds)
 - Presentations from general pediatricians about their practice services/structure/staff; practice projects; cases; issues related to correct coding, helpful resources – to support and inspire each other!

Thank you, Alex Bannach!





VMS COVID Convos with Health Commissioner Levine

- □ 2022 Schedule
- □ Calls with VDH Commissioner Levine now 1st and 3rd Thursdays
- □ Next VMS COVID Convo with VDH Commissioner Levine is 8/4/22
- Summary: VMS calls are held the first and third Thursdays of the month from
 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.
 - Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726253105?pwd=VkVuNTJ1ZFQ2R3diSVdqdlJ2ZG4yQT09
 - Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 Password: 540684 Dial In: 1-646-876-9923







VMS COVID-19 Update (7/19/22)

- VMS's next COVID Conversation with Commissioner of Health Mark Levine, MD, will take place on Thursday, August 4th from 12:30-1pm.
- The administration press conference 7/19/22 did not address COVID-19; Dr. Levine gave an update to the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems on Friday, July 15th and notes are available: https://vermontmedicalsociety51665.wildapricot.org/resources/VAHHS%20Call%2 0Notes%20with%20Commissioner%20of%20Health%20-%20July%2015th.pdf
- He highlighted that case positivity and hospitalizations in Vermont remain low, despite that BA.4 and BA.5 variants comprise approximately 50% of cases in the state. Access to rapid testing will be increasing with municipal sites like food shelves and libraries signing up to help with distribution. There is currently an abundant supply of Paxlovid, although it is still unclear if pharmacists in Vermont will use new federal authority to prescribe Paxlovid directly to patients.





Vermont Medical Society: U.S. Senate Candidate Forum

- What: Health Care Policy Forum
- Who: Democratic and Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate race;
 moderated by VMS President Dr. Simha Ravven
- □ When/Where: tomorrow/Thursday, July 21, 12 1 p.m. Join by Zoom (no registration required: https://vtmd.org/2022-vms-primary-candidate-forum
- □ In case you missed House candidate forum (7/14/22), find recording at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwV_8C0tyGU







VDH COVID-19 Surveillance Report

- UDH COVID-19 Surveillance Report focuses on data/indicators most useful to help monitor & determine risk of COVID-19 in Vermont.
 - Updated every Wednesday & replaces COVID-19 Case Dashboard (final 5/18/22)
 - COVID-19 data sets will still be accessible through the Vermont Open Geodata Portal, including case counts, hospitalizations, deaths, PCR testing & more.
- Topics: Syndromic Surveillance; Proportion of Circulating Variants; Wastewater Monitoring; Reported/Confirmed Outbreaks; Vaccination Rates; Identified Cases





COVID-19 Surveillance Report – July 13, 2022

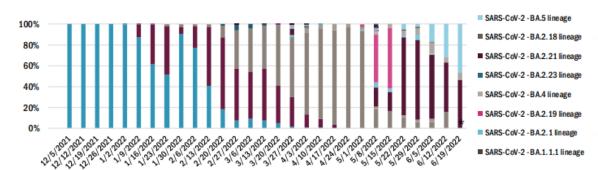
- □ Report Time Frame: July 3 July 9, 2022
 - Statewide community levels = Low.
 - Rate of new COVID-19 cases/100K is <200.</p>
 - New COVID-19 admissions <10/100K</p>
 VTers/day; percent staffed hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 is <10%.</p>
- □ New COVID-19 cases, last 7 days: 73.2/100K
 - Weekly Case Count: 457 (decrease from previous week & from 968 on June 8 call)
 - New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 5.29 per 100K
 - 33 total new admissions with COVID-19 (vs. 52 on June 8 call)
 - Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by patients with COVID-19 (7-day average):
 1.77% (decrease from previous week)
- □ Find report at: https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-



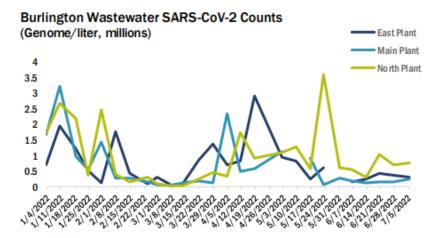
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COVID-19 Surveillance Report – July 13, 2022 (cont'd.)

Proportion of circulating variants

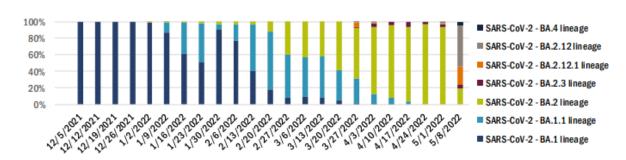


There were 15 sequenced specimens reflecting the week of 6/19: one BA.4 and seven each of BA.2.12.1 and BA.5. The subvariant distribution is similar to what CDC projects for New England for the week of June 26 through July 2 (2% BA.2; 38% BA.2.12.1; 14% BA.4; 46% BA.5). (Sources: Broad; Health Department Whole Genome Sequencing program; CDC COVID Data Tracker)

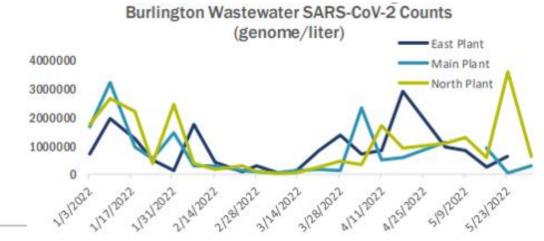


Burlington wastewater appeared generally stable in the most recent period, with SARS-CoV-2 counts at the East plant slightly decreasing, with slight increases at the other two plants. (Source: City of Burlington; burlingtonvt.gov)

Proportion of circulating variants



The Health Department has not received an updated sequencing file from the Broad Institute since the last update. The VDHL sequencing data from May is almost exclusively BA.2 and subvariants, with 4 sequences of BA.4. (Sources: Broad; Health Department Whole Genome Sequencing program.)







VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Web Page

GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Find out about vaccines for children, now starting at age 6 months 2

GET YOUR BOOSTER SHOT, FIRST OR SECOND DOSE

We encourage you to get vaccinated through your health care provider, a pharmacy or anywhere you get other vaccines. The COVID-19 vaccine is still free at any location and widely available across the state, including second booster doses! There is no longer a registration process for clinics through the Health Department. Find a vaccine near you at Vaccines.gov.

If you cannot get vaccine through any of these options, call the Health Department at 802-863-7200, toll-free 800-464-4343.



> Walk-in vaccine clinics

If your business or organization would like to host a COVID-19 vaccine clinic contact the state!

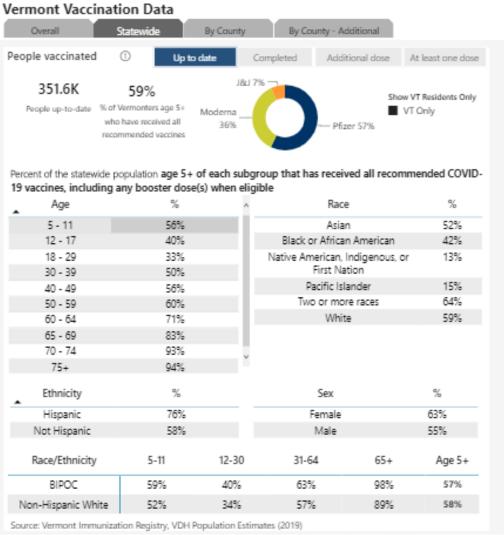
STAY UP TO DATE ON YOUR VACCINES!



VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard ("Statewide" view, 7/13/22)

[this slide will be updated after today's call]

- Dashboard now updated
 weekly on Wednesday; "UTD"=
 % 5+ yo w/all recommended
 vaccine doses)
- https://www.healthvermont.gov/ covid-19/ vaccine/ covid-19vaccine-dashboard
- □ By Age Statewide:
 - **5-11** = 56%
 - **12-17 = 40%**
 - **18-29 = 33%**
 - □ VT Age 5+ = 59%



Updated 07/13/2022 12:42 PM

Data note

Statewide numbers and percentages are capped at 100%. To protect the identity of individuals, data is suppressed when there are fewer than six people vaccinated in a subgroup.

Race information is not reported for 3% of people vaccinated.

Race/ethnicity information is not reported for 4% of people vaccinated.

Ethnicity information is not reported for 4% of people vaccinated.

BIPOC refers to Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

Sex information is not reported for <0.5% of people vaccinated. The categorization of male/female for some people is based on sex assignment at birth, while for others, it is based on gender. This is due to the varying sources and ways the information is reported.

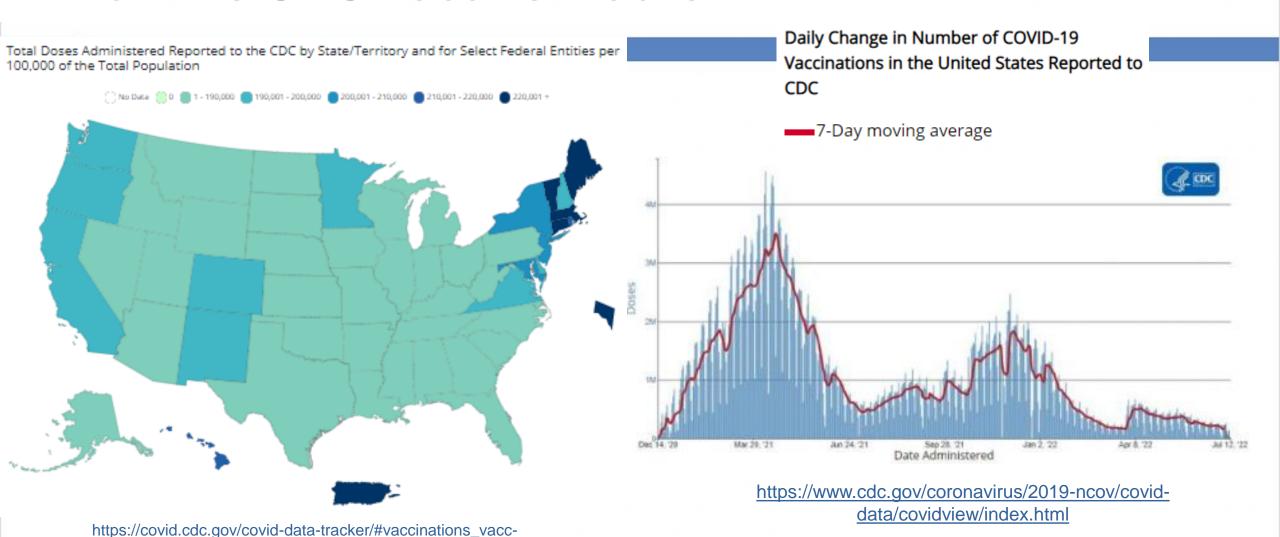
Sex not reported may mean the provider did not collect that information the patient did not provide it, or the provider or the patient selected a category other than male or female.

Data on this page is sourced from the Vermont Immunization Registry and





From the CDC Vaccine Tracker

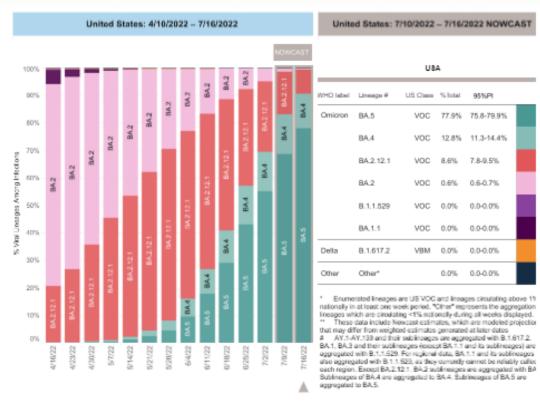


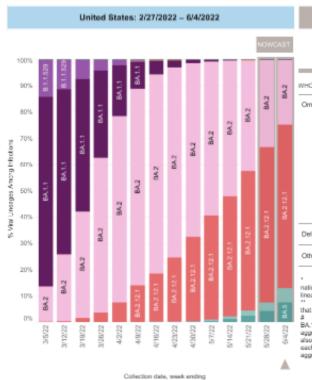


people-additional-dose-totalpop



From the CDC: SARS-CoV-2 Variants in the U.S.







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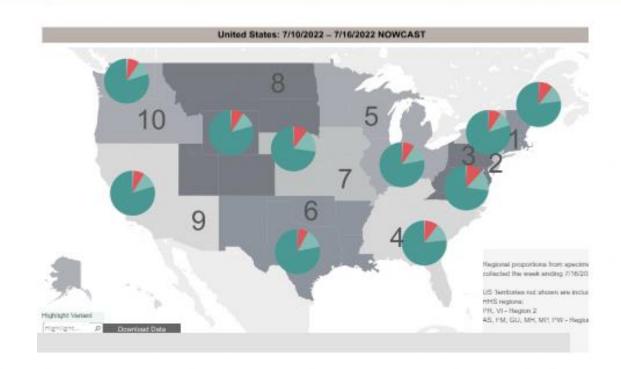
AY.1-AY.138 and their sublineages are appreciated with B.1.617.2. BA.1, BA.3 and their sublineages (except BA.1.1 and its sublineages) are aggregated with B.1.1.529. For regional data, BA.1.1 and its sublineages also aggregated with B.1.1.529, as they currently cannot be reliably called each region. Except BA.2.12.1 and its sublineages, BA.2 sublineages are aggreagated with BA.2.

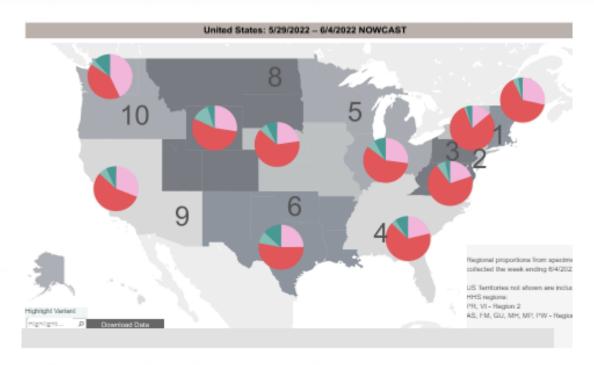
Note: week-to-week comparison in Omicron variant proportion: far right bar in graph on left is week ending 7/16/22. LIGHTEST PURPLE is Omicron subvariant BA.2. RED is BA.2.12.1. Darker green is BA.5 and lighter green is BA.4.





From the CDC: SARS-CoV-2 Variants in the U.S.





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AAP (National) Updates

Slides 19 – 38 courtesy of the American Academy of Pediatrics

(updated after today's call from AAP Chapter Chat)





GUN VIOLENCE OVER JULY 4TH





American Academy of Pediatrics

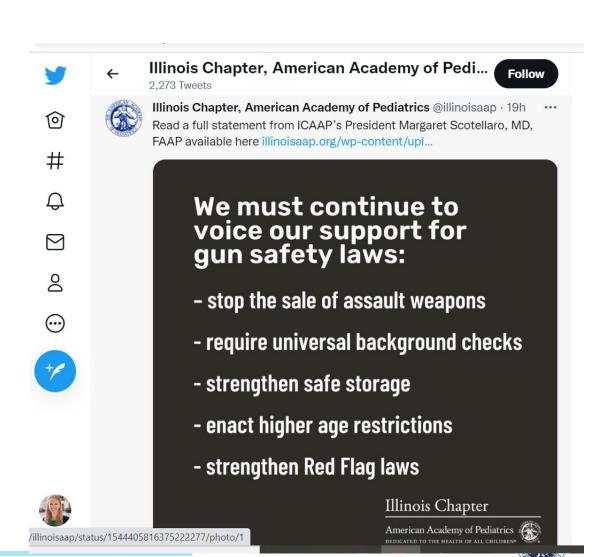
@AmerAcadPeds

We mourn with those whose loved ones were injured, killed and traumatized by yesterday's mass shooting in Highland Park, III. during a Fourth of July parade. Gun violence continues to turn otherwise routine childhood experiences into sites of terror and trauma.

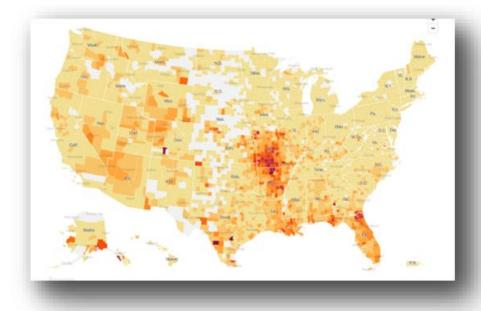
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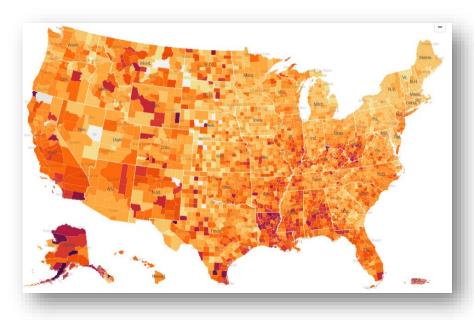
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A year ago...



NYT 7.19.21 all ages



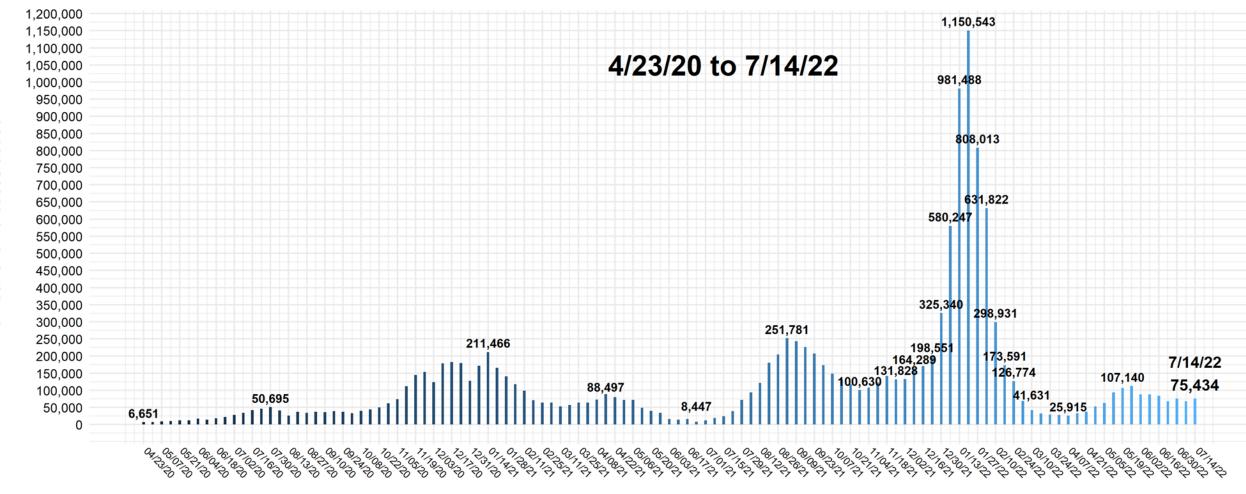
NYT 7.20.22 all ages

As of 7/14/22 – over 13.9M cumulative confirmed child COVID-19 cases

- 75,000 child COVID cases reported week ending 7/14/22
 - Far higher than one year ago, when 24,000 child cases were reported.
- Cases are down substantially from the 1.1 million peak January 20
- Over 6 million cases have been added in 2022



United States: Number of Child COVID-19 Cases Added in Past Week



https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/children-and-covid-19-state-level-data-report/

Week ending in

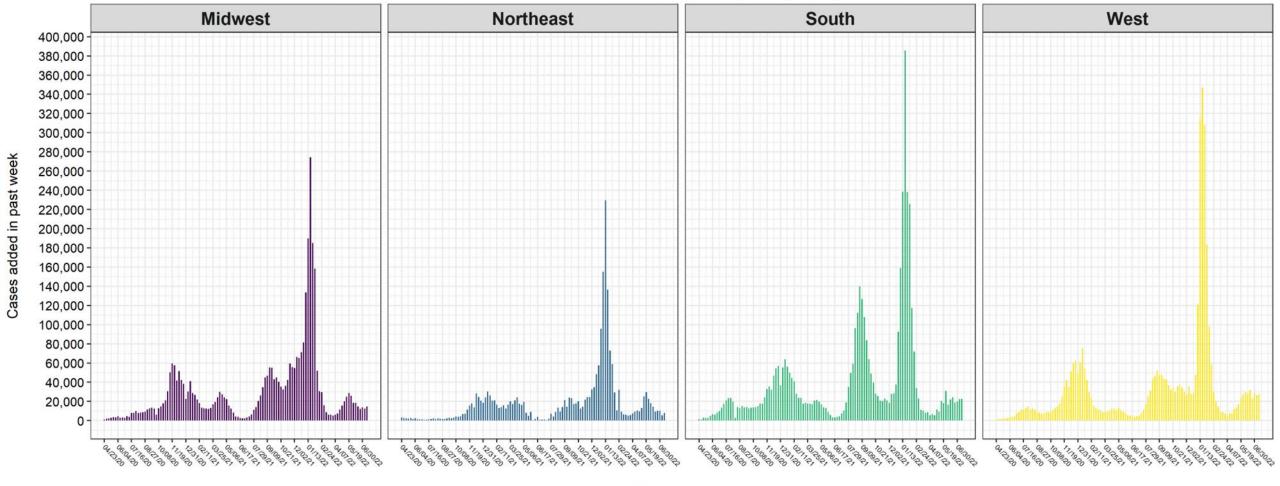
Source: AAP analysis of publicly available data from state/local health departments

Note: 6 states changed definition of child cases: AL as of 8/13/20, HI as of 8/27/20, RI as of 9/10/20, MO as of 10/1/20, WV as of 8/12/21, WA as of 3/10/22

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United States: Child COVID-19 Cases Added in the Past Week, by Region (4/23/20 to 7/14/22)



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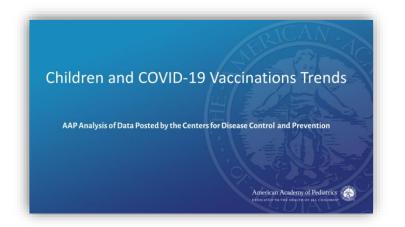
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Due to available data and calculations required to obtain MA child cases, weekly estimates fluctuate (eg, on 7/7/22, cumulative child and total cases through 6/30/22)

For 7 states, due to available data and changes made to dashboards, cumulative child cases and total cases for all ages are not current: AL through 7/29/21, HI through 3/3/22, MS through 3/10/22, SC through 4/28/22, NE through 5/12/22, and MN through 6/30/22 As of 6/9/22, due to available data for FL (case data updated every other week), child and total cases averaged across 2 week period accordingly



As of 7/13/22:

- 600,000 (3%) US children <u>under</u> 5 have received an initial dose of COVID-19 vaccine
 - 135,000 received their initial dose this week
- 10.3 million (36%) US children <u>ages 5-11</u> have received an initial dose of COVID-19 vaccine
 - 50,000 received their initial dose this week
- 17.4 million (69%) US children <u>ages 12-17</u> have received an initial dose of COVID-19 vaccine
 - 26,000 received their initial dose this week

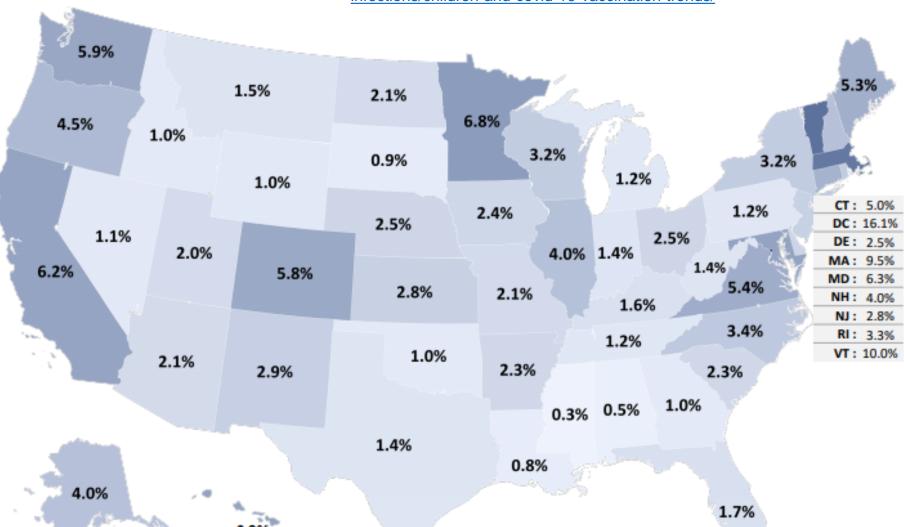
Proportion of US Children
Ages 6 Months - 4 Years
Who Received the Initial
Dose of the COVID-19
Vaccine, by State of
Residence

Note: Infants 6 months and older are estimated as half of infant population based on AAP analysis of report published by US Bureau of Census on June 17, 2021, titled "State Population by Characteristics: 2010-2020. Single Year of Age and Sex for the Civilian Population."

Source: AAP analysis of data series titled "COVID -19 Vaccinations in the United States, Jurisdiction". CDC COVID -19 Data Tracker (URL: https://data.cdc.gov/Vaccinations/COVID-19-Vaccinations-in-the-United-States-Jurisdi/unsk-b7fc). Check state web sites for additional or more recent information.



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Proportion of US
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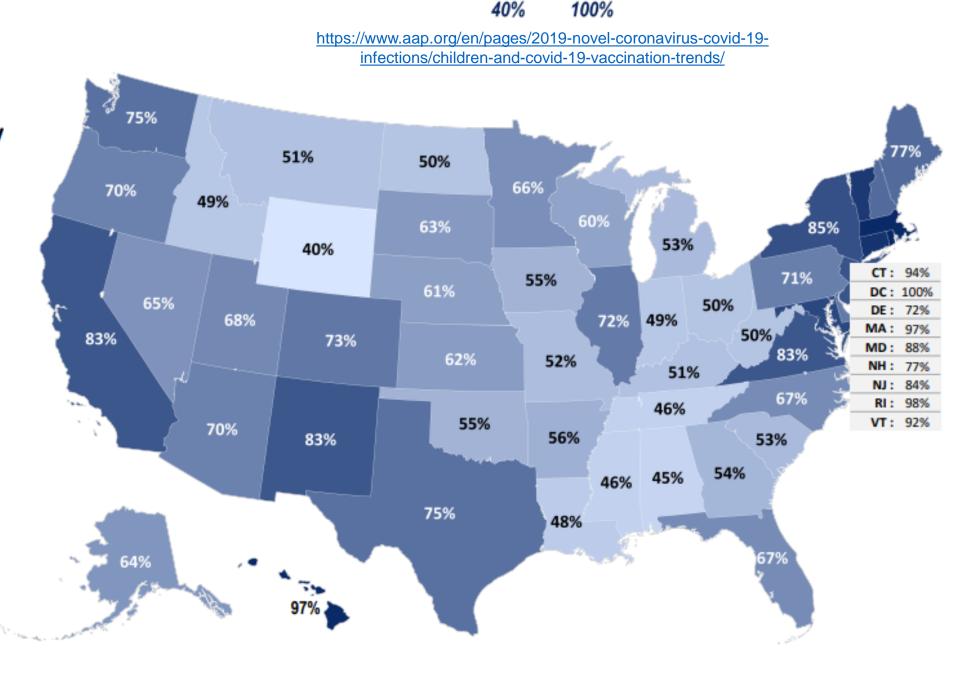
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Proportion of US
Children Ages 12-17
Who Received the
Initial Dose of the
COVID-19 Vaccine, by
State of Residence

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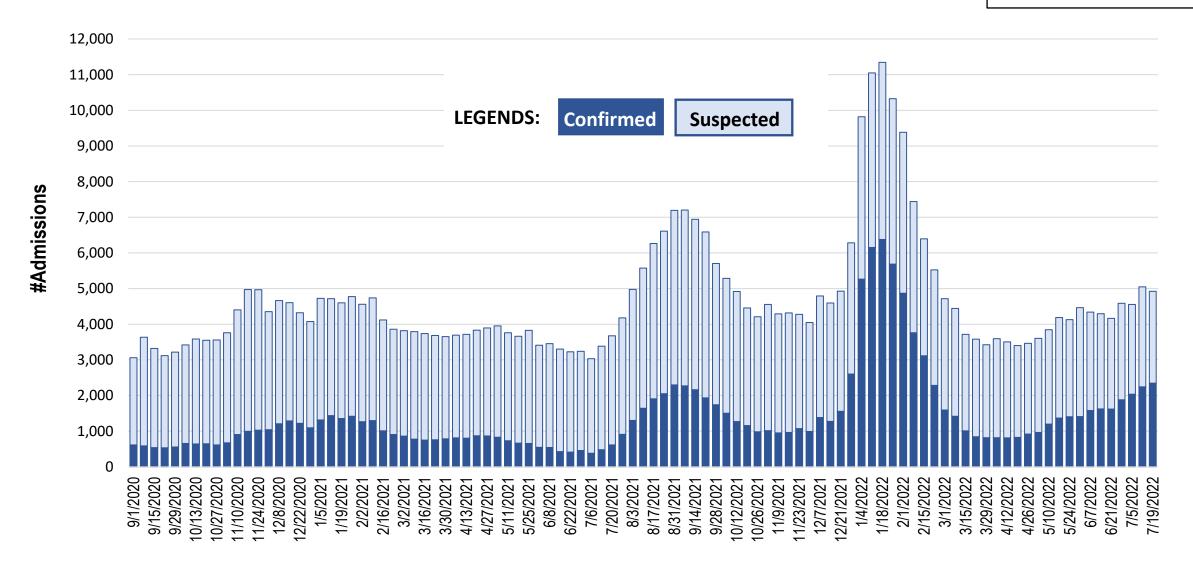
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Confirmed and Suspected COVID-19 Past-week Pediatric Hospital Admissions,

50 States and District of Columbia, by Week

9.1.2020 - 7.19.2022



Source: AAP analysis of COVID-19 pediatric admissions based on the "COVID-19 Reported Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity by State Timeseries" published by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

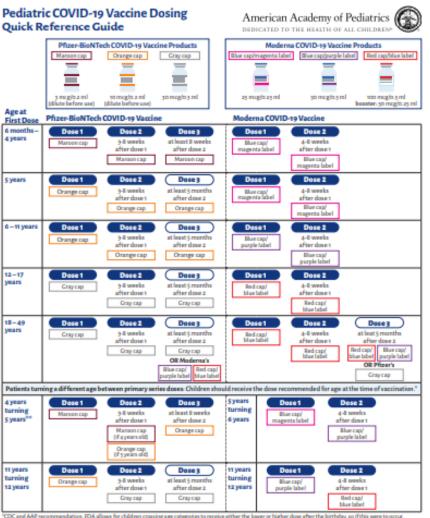
From the AAP:

Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Dosing Quick Reference Guide

- View online at:
 aap.org/CovidVaccine
 Guide
- Last updated July 2022

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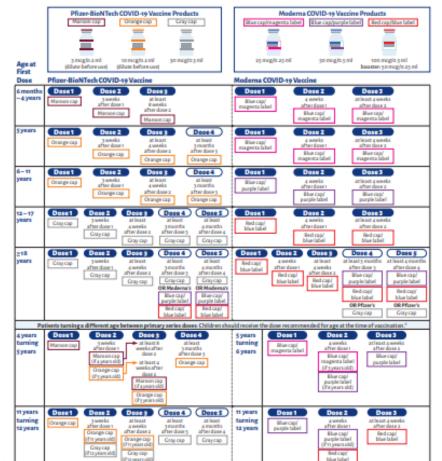


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View online at <u>sap org/CovidVaccineGuide</u> (astupdated July2022 Primary series Booster dose

Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Dosing Quick Reference Guide:
Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised Children





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[&]quot;Children turning 4 to 5 years of age between Dose 1 and Dose 2 also have the option to receive a 2-dose primary series using grange cap.

New CPT Code for Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines

Vaccine anufacturer	Patient Age	Cap Color	Vaccine Product	1st Dose Admin	2nd Dose Admin	3rd Dose Admin	Booster Admin	Vaccine Product	Dosing Interval	NDC
Pfizer	≥12 years	Purple	91300	0001A	0002A	0003A	0004A	COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, PF, 30mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, for IM use	1st to 2nd Dose: 21 d 2nd to 3rd Dose (CDC recommended population[s] [eg, immunocompromised]): 28 or More Days Booster*	59267-1000-1 59267-1000-01
Pfizer	≥12 years	Gray	91305	0051A	0052A	0053A	0054A	COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, PF, 30mcg/0.3 mL dosage, tris-sucrose formulation, for IM use	1st to 2nd Dose: 21 d 2nd to 3rd Dose (CDC recommended population[s] [eg, immunocompromised]): 28 or More Days Booster*	59267-1025-1 59267-1025-01
Pfizer	5-11 years	Orange	91307	0071A	0072A	0073A	0074A	COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, PF, 10mcg /0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation, for IM use	1st to 2nd Dose; 21 d 2nd to 3rd Dose (CDC recommended population[s] [eg, immunocompromised]): 28 or More Days Booster*	59267-1055-1 59267-1055-01
Pfizer	6 months-4 years	Maroon	91308	0081A	0082A	0083A	N/A	COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA, spike protein, LNP, PF, 3mcg/0.2 ml dose, tris-sucrose formulation	1st to 2nd Dose: 21 d 3rd Dose*	59267-0078-1 59267-0078-01 59267-0078-4 59267-0078-04
Moderna	≥18 years	Red	91301	0011A	0012A	0013A	N/A	COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, PF, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage, for IM use	1st to 2nd Dose: 28 d 2nd to 3rd Dose (CDC recommended population[s] [eg, immunocompromised]): 28 or More Days	80777-273-10 80777-0273-10
Moderna	≥18 years	Red	91306	N/A	N/A	N/A	(Low Dose)	COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, PF, 50mcg/0.25 mL dosage, for IM use	Booster*	80777-273-10 80777-0273-10
Moderna	≥18 years	Blue	91309	N/A	N/A	N/A	0094A	COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, PF, 50mcg/0.5 mL dosage, for IM	Booster*	80777-275-05 80777-0275-05
Moderna	6-11 years	Blue	91309	0091A	0092A	0093A	N/A	COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, PF, 50mcg/0.5 mL dosage, for IM use	1st to 2nd Dose: 1 month 2nd to 3rd Dose: (CDC recommended population[s] [eg, immunocompromised]): 1 month	80777-275-05 80777-0275-05
Moderna	6 months-5 years	Blue Cap Magenta Label Border	91311	0111A	0112A	0113A	N/A	COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, PF, 25mcg/0.25 mL dosage, for IM use	1st to 2nd Dose: 1 month 2nd to 3rd Dose: (CDC recommended population[s] [eg, immunocompromised]): 1 month	80777-279-05 80777-0279-05
anssen	≥18 years		91303	0031A	N/A	N/A	0034A	COVID-19 vaccine, DNA, spike protein, adenovirus type 26 (Ad26) vector, PF, 5x10 ¹⁰ viral particles/0.5mL dosage, for IM use	Booster*	59676-580-05 59676-0580-05
anofi-GSK	≥18 years		91310	N/A	N/A	N/A	0104A	COVID-19 vaccine, monovalent, PF, 5mcg/0.5 mL dosage, adjuvant AS03 emulsion, for IM use	Booster*	49281-618-20 49281-0618-20

AAP coding chart:

COVID-19 Vaccine

Administration: Getting Paid

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- ACIP Meeting on 7/19/22 to discuss Novavax COVID-19 vaccine in adults > 18 years
 - More "traditional" adjuvanted, recombinant spike protein nanoparticle vaccine
 - Additional option for those who remain unvaccinated
- CDC Director endorsed ACIP's unanimous recommendation for 2-dose Novavax COVID-19 vaccine as a primary series option

Revised COVID-19 Interim Guidance

- Guidance on Providing Pediatric Well-Care During
 COVID-19
- COVID-19 Testing
- FAQs: Management of Infants Born to Mothers with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19
- Use of Palivizumab Prophylaxis to Prevent
 Hospitalization From Severe RSV Infection During
 the 2022-2023 RSV Season



Revised COVID-19 Interim Guidance

- Management Strategies in Children and Adolescents with Mild to Moderate COVID-19
- COVID-19 Guidance for Safe Schools and Promotion of In-Person Learning
- Face Masks and Other Prevention Strategies
- Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Interim Guidance

(all posted on July 5th)



New Healthy Children Articles



- Ask the Pediatrician: When can kids get the COVID vaccine or a booster?
- Ask the Pediatrician: What should parents know about the COVID vaccine for kids under 5?
- COVID Vaccines for Kids 6 Months and Older: FAQs for Families
- COVID Vaccine Checklist for Kids
- COVID Vaccines Authorized for Children Ages 6
 Months & Up

Post-Roe Era: Responses to Dobbs

AAP Letter to HHS

- HHS must do everything in its power to:
 - protect access to abortion and the physician-patient relationship
 - address impact of abortion restrictions on care for children born with fatal or medically very complex conditions
 - support evidence-based perinatal palliative care

Congressional Action

- House passed numerous bills:
 - codifying Roe
 - protecting right to interstate travel for abortion
 - enshrining right to same-sex marriage

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The Honorable Xavier Becerra Secretary

Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Ave SW

Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra:

On behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), a non-profit professional organization of 67,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical sub-specialists, and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults, I write to ask that you urgently put the full resources of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services behind efforts to protect the nations. physician relationship in response to the recent Supreme Court ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health. The negative repercussions of this ruling will be far reaching, impacting families and children from neonates to adolescents

HHS Must Do All in Its Power to Protect Access to Abortion Care and the Practice o Evidence-Based Medicine

The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casev present grave and immediate consequences for patients, families, and physicians. In the absence of federal constitutional protections for abortion care, states now have the primary authority to determine the terms on which patients can receive and clinicians can provide this essential, evidence-based health care. Already, a number of states have banned or severely restricted access to abortion care and roughly half of all states are expected to do so in the future. These troubling developments threaten patient well-being and the sanctity of the patient-clinician relationship. Confusion about state law restrictions have already resulted in interpretations that impede access to needed prescription medications and emergency medical procedures States continuing to offer abortion services are facing stretched capacity with no additional

Access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion, is critical to the overall health and well-being of adolescents and young adults. It ensures that young people are able to make informed decisions about their health and their future. In light of the importance of this care to adolescents and young adults, the Academy recently reaffirmed its support for adolescents to receive factually accurate, nonjudgmental pregnancy options counseling and confidential care when considering abortion. This includes protecting the privacy of the

Medical issues are best decided by patients and families in consultation with their physicians, and interference by the government into that decision process is inappropriate and dangerous Laws that prevent physicians from providing the full spectrum of comprehensive health care can have life-threatening consequences. Certain pregnancy complications, like ectopic pregnancy or premature rupture of membrane, can lead to severe adverse health effects. nermanent disability, and death when essential care is withheld. In circumstances like these abortion is not just medically indicated but indeed necessary to fulfill physicians' ethical obligations to their patients. Additionally, policies that ban or otherwise restrict access to



LARGEST SUSTAINED DECLINE IN CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION IN 30 YEARS





- 25 million children missed out on 1 or more doses of DTP
- 18 million "zero dose" children
- Globally, over a quarter of the HPV vaccine coverage has been lost
- India, Nigeria, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Philippines, and Brazil are among hardest hit
- Misinformation campaigns from COVID vaccines spilled over into routine immunizations



988: Now *Live* (July 16, 2022)

- Opportunity to create/
- enhance state/local mobile mental health crisis response
- Advocate for unique needs of children in these systems
- Connect with coalitions/ partners
 - NAMI
 - AACAP





Other Updates to CDC Clinical Considerations

People who recently had SARS-CoV-2 infection may consider delaying a primary series or their first or second COVID-19 vaccine booster dose by 3 months from symptom onset or positive test (if infection was symptomatic).

- Studies have shown that increased time between infection and vaccination may result in an improved immune response to vaccination.
- Low risk of reinfection has been observed in the weeks to months following infection.
- Individual factors such as risk of COVID-19 severe disease, COVID-19 community level, or characteristics of the predominant SARS-CoV-2 strain should be taken into account when determining whether to delay getting a COVID-19 vaccination after infection.
 American Academy of Pediatrics

Next AAP COVID-19 Town Hall

- Town Hall Thursday date TBA (8 pm Eastern)
- Session will address the latest related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on children, adolescents, and families – hear from leading experts and connect with your peers
- Summer Schedule: monthly from May 26
- Find previous recordings on AAP COVID-19 Town Hall webpage:

https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/connecting-with-the-experts/



Formula Shortage Updates

July 20, 2022





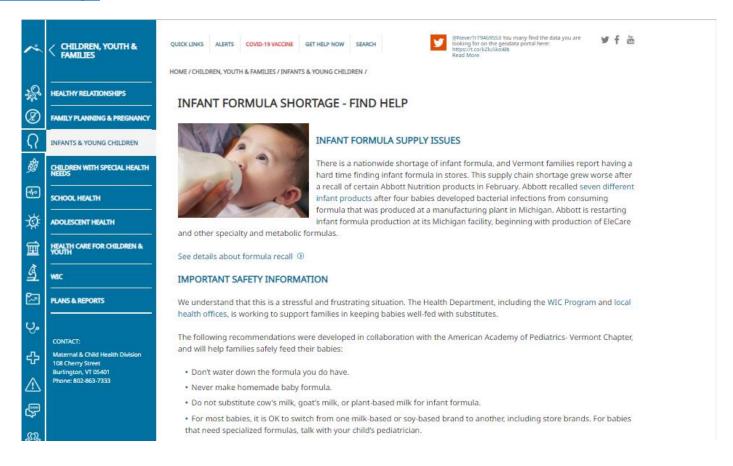
Vermont WIC Program Updates

- With incoming imported formula and all formula companies working to capacity, shelves are showing signs of recovery.
- WIC is continuing to work with families to find what they need, hypoallergenic formulas continue to be the biggest challenges (Nutramigen, Alimentum, Extensive HA)
- Abbott's Sturgis, MI plant has restarted after flooding back in June;
 they are prioritizing their specialty medical formulas
- Abbott is continuing to allow WIC to provide competitor's products through the end of September
- Breastfeeding support is available for any family needing lactation services to maintain or increase their milk supply

Formula Shortage: Helpful Web Page from VDH

Vermont Department of Health:

https://www.healthvermont.gov/family/babies/infant-formula-shortage-find-help



From the VDH Climate and Health Program (thank you, Jared Ulmer) Vermont **Heat Advisory**

- The National Weather Service has issued a Heat Advisory for parts of Vermont; expect hot & humid conditions across the state remainder of this week; heat index values expected to reach 95-100 in some locations today.
- UT data: ED visits for heat-related illnesses increase when temperatures reach the mid- to upper-80s, with impacts getting progressively worse as temperatures rise into the 90s. Humid conditions make the temperature feel even hotter.
- Populations Most Affected: older adults, young children, people experiencing homelessness, outdoor workers and hobbyists, people who are pregnant, people who are overweight, have a chronic medical condition, disability or mental illness, people using recreational drugs or alcohol, and people using certain prescription medications. Risk is further elevated for those who live alone or do not have air conditioning. Dehydration and hot living conditions are the major concerns for these populations.





Vermont **Heat Advisory** (cont'd.)

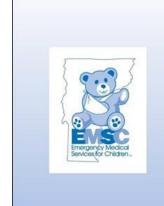
- Symptoms and first aid: muscle cramps, heavy sweating, nausea, headache or light-headedness. Most heat-related illnesses can be treated with fluids & resting in a cooler place. If symptoms persist or get worse, or someone you are with seems confused or loses consciousness, dial 9-1-1 and get immediate medical help. https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/warning.html
- Find more information at https://www.healthvermont.gov/health-environment/climate-health/hot-weather (includes a map of indoor and outdoor locations where people can go to cool off). Safety tips are available in English plus Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, French, Karen, Kirundi, Nepali, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, and Vietnamese.
- The Health Department also maintains a Hot Weather Media Toolkit, which includes key messages about risks and prevention strategies and example Front Porch Forum and social media messages. Please feel free to modify and

use these messages in your communications.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Coming soon... Vermont EMS for Children Case Review

- □ Please join us for our next EMS for Children Case Review on **Tuesday July 26**th at 1900 **Heat Emergencies**. [*Thank you, Dr. David Nelson*]
- □ Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83756998119
 - Meeting ID: 837 5699 8119
 - Dial by your location
 - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
 - +1 646 931 3860 US
 - +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
 - +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)



Vermont EMS for Children

Case Review

Heat Emergencies

Tuesday July 26th at 1900









VDH: Health & the Environment – Cyanobacteria

https://www.healthvermont.gov/health-environment/recreationalwater/cyanobacteria-blue-green-algae

CYANOBACTERIA (BLUE-GREEN ALGAE)

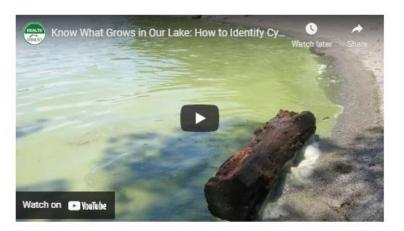
Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, are naturally found in fresh water in the U.S. and in Lake Champlain and other Vermont waters. Some types of cyanobacteria can release natural toxins or poisons (called cyanotoxins) into the water, especially when they die and break down.

Report a Cyanobacteria Bloom ②

Find information in these languages: الحربية (Arabic) | Bosnian | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) (Dari) | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | نحى (Pashto) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | Swahili | Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

> What are cyanobacteria blooms and what do they look like?

It's important to know what cyanobacteria blooms look like so you can stay away from them. Watch the video below to find out, and see more photos of what cyanobacteria look like and what are not cyanobacteria.







Now live!

Vermont Child Psychiatry Access Program (VT-CPAP)

- VT-CPAP: funded by Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) New Area Expansion grant from the ARPA via HRSA. VT DMH & Community Health Centers of Burlington will host of the Vermont Child Psychiatry Access Program.
- Intent: support VT PCPs in managing patients with behavioral health problems so they may continue to be treated within the practice. Patient group includes children, adolescents and young adults through age 21.
- Support available to providers through telephone consultations with VT-CPAP psychiatrists who can answer questions related to diagnosis, medication management, and psychotherapy recommendations. VT-CPAP providers available by phone M F from 9 am to 3 pm, excluding holidays.
- Liaison Coordinator assists by triaging referral for consultation, responding to questions & forwarding cases to the psychiatrist for same/next-day phone consultation, provide linkages to community resources.





VT-CPAP Ways to Use this New Program

- □ Now available *statewide* (launched June 13, 2022)!
- Email vtcpap@vtcpap.com to register your practice.
- Then: call us (9am 3pm weekdays) at 1-802-488-5342
- Book trainings for your practice.
- Attend statewide QI educational series see recorded VCHIP-VDH COVID-19 calls at:
 - https://www.med.uvm.edu/vchip/projects/vchip_champ_vdh_covid-19_archived_information (presenter: Greta Spottswood, MD MPH Child Psychiatrist, CHCB & Medical Director, **VT-CPAP**)
 - □ 5/4/22: Vermont Child Psychiatry Access Program (VTCPAP) 101
 - □ 5/18/22: Caring for Patients with Suicidality in Primary Care





Coming soon...

NICU Follow-Up Survey

- Project conducted by UVM CH Neonatologist Dr. Deirdre O'Reilly and LCOM 2nd year medical student Katie Barker
- Seeking input on follow up of premature infants:
 - Special interest prompted by data that shows underutilization of Early Intervention services for infants treated with hypothermia therapy for perinatal asphyxia. Questions will address specifics of developmental screening in practices.
- Survey will come from AAPVT / Stephanie Winters & will use REDCap format.
- Please stay tuned and consider completing this survey (and thank you in advance for your participation)!





From the CDC

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- MMWR: Effectiveness of 2, 3, and 4 COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Doses
 Among Immunocompetent Adults During Periods when SARS-CoV-2
 Omicron BA.1 and BA.2/BA.2.12.1 Sublineages Predominated VISION Network, 10 States, December 2021–June 2022
- U.S. DHHS, Office of Minority Health & CDC: Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE): webinar on *Protecting Our Children and Youth from COVID-19: Information for Parents, Caregivers, and Community.* Friday, July 29, 2022, 1:30-3:00 p.m. (ET).
- Will provide accurate, timely, & trusted information about how to protect all children from COVID-19. Getting vaccinated is a key step in protecting children/youth from getting very sick/dying from COVID-19.
- Vaccine recs; risks/benefits/myths associated with COVID-19 vaccinations for children and youth.

Practice Issues

Pediatric COVID-19 & Monkeypox Vaccine Update













Vermont Department of Health – Immunization Program

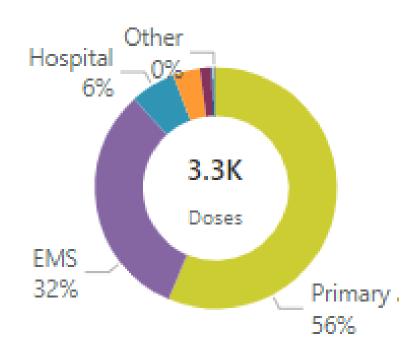
Monica Ogelby, MSN, RN – Immunization Program Manager Merideth Plumpton, RN - Nurse Program Coordinator Meghan Knowles – Provider Communication & Training Coordinator



COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5

AGE 0-4 VACCINATIONS

Pediatric (age 0-4) Vaccinations by Facility Category



As of 7/19/2022

- Primary Care administered 1761
- EMS administered 995
- Hospitals 189
- District Offices administering to WIC have administered 112 doses
- Pharmacies have administered 9 doses

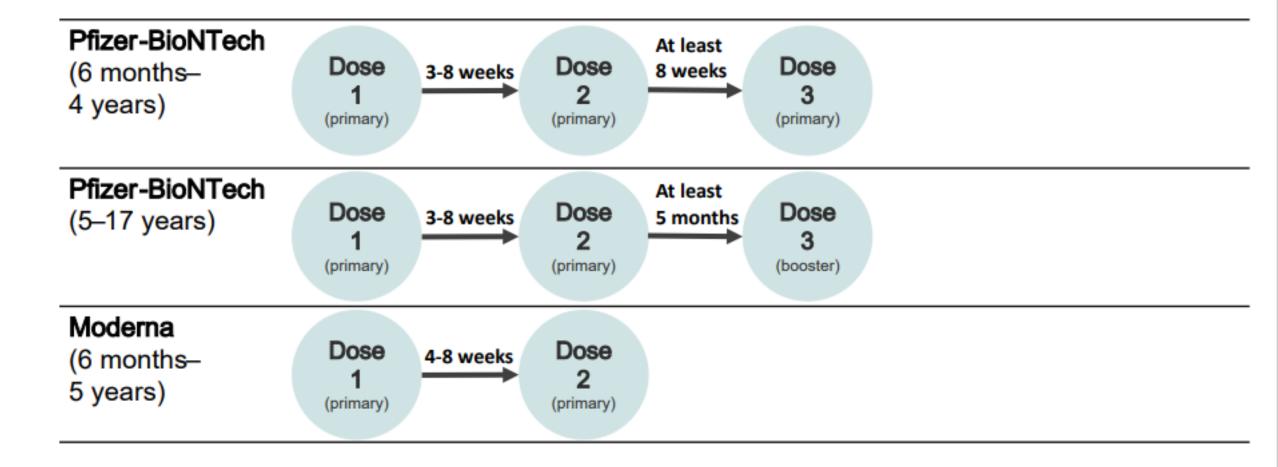
Coverage at PCP offices as of 07/15

72 providers see more than 50 patients 0-4 years - 65% of these offices are carrying baby vaccine

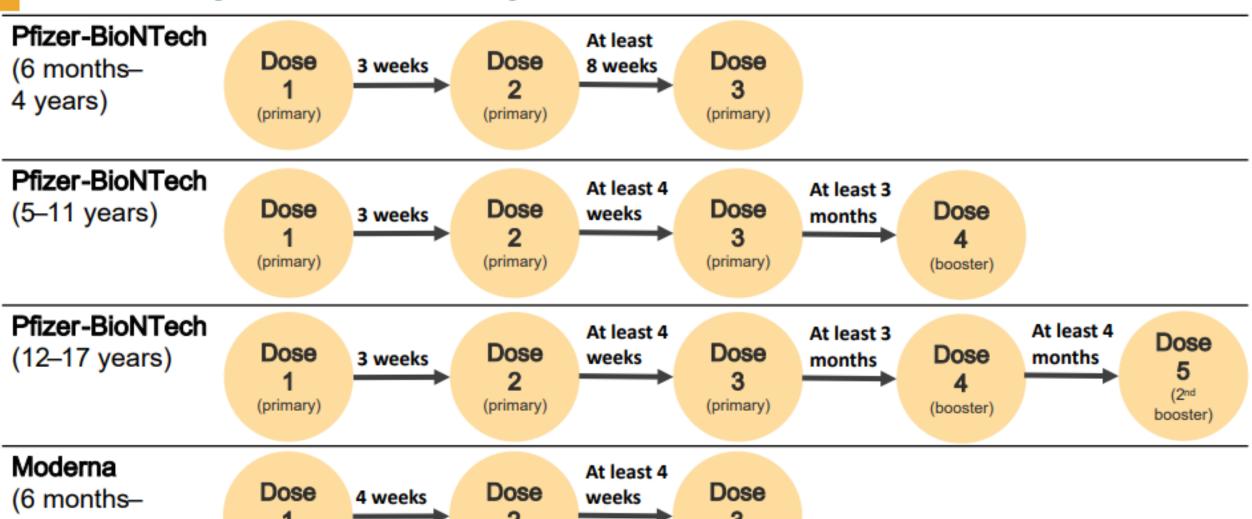
47 providers see more than 100 patients 0-4 years – 85% of these offices are carrying baby vaccine

Many of those not carrying are part of umbrella organizations who serve patients centrally. The Immunization Program will follow up with all offices we anticipated ordering who have not yet.

Pediatric Schedule: People Who Are NOT Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised



Pediatric Schedule: People Who <u>ARE</u> Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised



(primary)

(primary)

5 years)

(primary)

Transitioning from a younger to older age group

People should receive the recommended age-appropriate vaccine dosage based on their age on the day of vaccination. If a person moves from a younger age group to an older age group during the primary series or between the primary series and receipt of the booster dose(s), they should receive the vaccine product and dosage for the older age group for all subsequent doses.

- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine: For Children who Transition from a Younger to Older Age Group (cdc.gov)
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine: For Children who Transition from a Younger to Older Age Group (cdc.gov)

Moderna for 6 through 11 years

- 6 through 11 product is new and available by request only. Please contact us via:
 AHS.VDHImmunizationProgram@vermont.gov
- Only order when you have a patient to administer to
- More information on the use of this new product and ordering will be communicated in the next couple weeks.
- Labeled as adult booster. Order this product with the intention for 6-11 and continue to use the adult formulation for boosters to avoid confusion.



Interchangeability

- In general, the same mRNA vaccine product should be used for all doses in the primary series.
- In exceptional situations in which the mRNA vaccine product administered for a
 previous dose(s) of the primary series cannot be determined or is not available,
 any age-appropriate mRNA COVID-19 vaccine product may be administered at a
 minimum interval of 28 days between doses to complete the mRNA COVID-19
 primary vaccination series.
- Children ages 6 months-4 years who receive different mRNA products for the first 2 doses of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series should follow a 3-dose schedule. A third dose of either mRNA vaccine should be administered at least 8 weeks after the second dose to complete the 3-dose primary series.

hMPXV (human monkeypox virus) Vaccines

Considerations for hMPXV Vaccination | CDC 2022 hMPXV Outbreak Partner Toolkit | VDH hMPXV (human monkeypox virus) website | VDH

Clinicians who suspect hMPXV should call the Infectious Disease Program at (802) 863-7240, Option 2 to speak with an epidemiologist 24/7.

Testing: Clinicians should have a low threshold for testing for hMPXV. Refer to the Health Department hMPXV website for more information.

Vaccine Access

- Vermont has been allocated only 86 doses to date of the JYNNEOS vaccine.
- Current vaccine is reserved for PEP, with a future strategy for PEP++ in development.
- PrEP is available for very limited indications.
- PEP (vaccine) and treatment after an exposure are available on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Health Department and CDC. Call the Infectious Disease Program at (802) 863-7240, Option 2 to speak with an epidemiologist 24/7.

hMPXV (human monkeypox virus) Vaccines

When properly administered before or after a recent exposure, vaccines can be effective tools at protecting people against hMPXV illness. The following vaccination strategies are being used in the United States:

- HMPXV Vaccine Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP): People can be vaccinated following exposure to hMPXV to help prevent illness from hMPXV. CDC recommends that the vaccine be given within 4 days from the date of exposure for the best chance to prevent onset of the disease. If given between 4 and 14 days after the date of exposure, vaccination may reduce the symptoms of disease, but may not prevent the disease.
- Outbreak Response hMPXV Vaccine Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)++: People with certain risk factors are more likely to have been recently exposed to hMPXV. The PEP++ approach aims to reach these people for post-exposure prophylaxis, even if they have not had documented exposure to someone with confirmed hMPXV.
- hMPXV Vaccine Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): This approach refers to administering vaccine to someone at high risk for hMPXV (for example, laboratory workers who handle specimens that might contain hMPXV). At this time, most clinicians in the United States and laboratorians not performing the orthopoxvirus test are not advised to receive hMPXV vaccine PrEP.

https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/considerations-for-monkeypox-vaccination.html

COVID-19 Vaccine Training Resources

- June 18, 2022 Interim Clinical Considerations Update for Pediatric COVID-19
 Vaccine | ACIP Slide Deck
- June 22, 2022 Recommendations for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series in Children 6 Months through 5 Years Old | COCA Webinar

Product Trainings

- <u>Updates | Pfizer Medical Information US</u>
- Updates to Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine | Moderna, Inc. (livestorm.co)
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Office Hours: Pediatric and Adolescent Indications | Moderna, Inc. (livestorm.co)

COVID-19 Vaccine Print Resources

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine At A Glance (cdc.gov)

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine At A Glance (cdc.gov)

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Wallchart 06172022 (fda.gov)

Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Wall Chart 06172022 (fda.gov)

- Summary Document for Interim Clinical Considerations
- Interim COVID-19 Immunization Schedule
- At-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Children who Transition from a Younger to Older Age Group
- Pfizer-BioNTech for Children who Transition from a Younger to Older Age Group

Communication Toolkit – recently updated

- Many Social Media, Newsletter, and Email templates to help communicate your planning around this vaccine.
- Can be tailored to your specific practice planning.
- Toolkit will continue to have new content added to it in the coming weeks.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1 5yAuB2a2PclUbCLxtSTaWmSPPqA88kR?usp=sharing

NEW: Social Media Posts

FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM POSTS		
Channel	Post Text	Image Preview & Download Link
1 – Facebook/ Instagram	In the coming weeks, a COVID-19 vaccine will be approved for kids under 5. Protect your little ones from serious symptoms and illness with a shot made just for them. Find more on [practice URL or HealthVermont.gov/KidsVaccine]. #LittleArms #OurShotVT	Vaccinian warring short In the matter old #LittleArms

Sample Newsletter Posts: Under Five COVID-19 Vaccine

How to use: Customize and add this to your own newsletter, email list, or other communication channels to alert your patients that Vermonters ages 6 months through 4 years will soon be eligible for vaccination.

Post 1

Coming Soon! COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Ages 6 months through 4 years

The COVID-19 vaccines for kids under 5 could be approved as soon as early June. Getting children vaccinated against COVID-19 is the safer way to build protection against serious illness from COVID-19.

Most vaccines for this age group will be given at pediatricians' offices and other health care practices.

There will also be limited availability at pharmacies or pop-up-type clinics. [Include what your practice is doing to prepare for vaccines here]. For more information, [include how practice prefers to be reached] or go to healthvermont.gov/KidsVaccine.

Recent Immunization Program Communications and Trainings

<u>Vermont Vaccine Program Update - May/June</u>

COVID-19 Vaccine for under 5 years Provider Call

- Immunization Program COVID-19 Vaccine Training Slide Deck- June 21, 2022
- Recording (46 minutes)

Upcoming Provider Call in August. Invitation will go to all contacts of the Immunization Program.

Happening now...

Vermont State Parks Prescription Program



Prescription Passes Summer 2022

- Who: Collaboration between VT Governor's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports with VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
- What: free day passes at Vermont State Parks
- How: prescriptions distributed to medical practices; creates opportunity for child/family health professionals to discuss importance/ health benefits of outdoor exercise.
- If interested, please email dbutsch@gmail.com & request desired number of presription pads (50 per pad)

Thank you, Dr. David Butsch!





In case you missed it 5/11/22) Blood Lead Screening Update

Blood lead screening rates have fallen during the COVID-19 pandemic: please help increase screening rates by 10% by December 2022!

- Opportunities: families are attending more well visits
- LeadCare II analyzer testing kits are once again available
- The Public Health Lab will send free kits and you can return to them for free for analysis – results typically within 3 days
- Report regularly to VDH using Globalscape

Please contact us for more information, one-time technical assistance or ongoing practice-specific QI work:

Jill.Davis@med.uvm.edu Matt.saia@uvmhealth.org





VCHIP-VDH COVID-19 Call Schedule

June / July / August 2022:

- □ June: two calls only 6/1 and 6/8
- □ July: one call only **7/20**
- □ August: one call only 8/24
- □ Fall, 2022: we REALLY need your input/feedback!
- Schedule subject to change if circumstances warrant!
- Please continue to send your feedback re: schedule/topics to vchip.champ@med.uvm.edu

2 years strong!





VCHIP-VDH COVID-19 Update Calls – now via **ZOOM**!

Call login information:

- □ Topic: CHAMP VDH COVID-19 Call
- Join Zoom Meeting
 - https://uvmcom.zoom.us/j/94142791300?pwd=K2N4VUYrSHIMQi9XeGVnc3duNTFmZz09
 - NOTE: password (CHAMP) should be imbedded in link (sharing in case needed for any reason. You will not be prompted to enter PW if using link we provided.
- Meeting ID: 941 4279 1300
- Passcode: CHAMP
- One tap mobile
- +16468769923,,94142791300# US (New York)
- □ +13017158592,,94142791300# US (Washington DC)





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: <u>Wednesday, August 24, 2022 12:15 1:00 pm</u>
- Please tune in to VMS COVID-19 call with VDH Commissioner Levine: August 4 –
 12:30-1:00 p.m.
- □ Join VMS *Zoom* Meeting:

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

- Meeting ID: 867 2625 3105 / Password: 540684
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