



COVID-19: Childcare and Out of School Time Spring and Summer 2021

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Please refer to vermont.gov for complete guidance and additional details. Education and health care retain specialized guidance.

Note: All dates are subject to change.

At this time, Education, Health Care, Sports/Organized Sports and Youth Summer Camps will retain individualized guidance and not move to universal guidance.

STEP 1

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):
Vulnerable population substantially complete;
35–45% of all Vermonters; 45–55% of
Vermonters 16+

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

4/9 Group A Sectors:
Move to required [universal guidance](#)

CROSS STATE TRAVEL

4/9 No quarantine is required for unvaccinated visitors with a negative test within 3 days prior to arrival. Unvaccinated Vermonters must be tested within 3 days upon return to the state.

MASKS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Required when in the presence of those outside your household.

STEP 2

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):
50–60% of all Vermonters; 60–70% of
Vermonters 16+

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

5/1 Group B Sectors:
Move to required [universal guidance](#)

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

5/1 Indoor: 1 unvaccinated person per 100 sq ft up to 150, plus any number of vaccinated people

Outdoor: 300, plus any number of vaccinated people

MASKS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Required when in the presence of those outside your household.

STEP 3

VACCINATION PROGRESS (FIRST DOSE):
60–70% of all Vermonters; 70–85% of
Vermonters 16+

CROSS STATE TRAVEL

REVISED: Effective 5/14

6/1 No quarantine or testing requirements

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

REVISED: Effective 5/14

6/1 Indoor: 1 unvaccinated person per 50 sq ft up to 300, plus any number of vaccinated people

Outdoor: 900, plus any number of vaccinated people

MASKS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

REVISED Not required if vaccinated. Required if unvaccinated.

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Business Operations

Universal guidance
encouraged for
all sectors

Gatherings and Events

No capacity
restrictions

Masks and Physical Distancing

Encouraged



COVID-19 Health Guidance for Child Care and Out-of-School-Time Care

Revised Sections, Effective May 1st, 2021

- Health Screenings
- Return to Work/Care Post-Vaccine
- Drop off/Pick Up
- Transportation
- Hand Hygiene
- Cleaning
- Volunteers/Visitors
- Masks (next slide)
- Physical Distancing and Pods (slide)



Masks

Masks- follow Vermont Forward

- Required in Step 1, 2:
- *Where are we today?*
- Encouraged after Step 3

Distancing

Physical distancing guidance should follow the [Vermont Forward](#) plan.

While physical distancing is still in effect, programs should follow the following guidance:

- **Staff and adult visitors or volunteers:**
6 feet of distance from other adults and children
- **Children and youth:**
3 feet of distance from other children, as much as possible

Best practice guidance:

- Be outside as much as possible.
- Plan activities that do not require close physical contact between multiple children.
- When eating, work to maintain as much distance as possible.
- Space out children when waiting in line.
- Avoid opportunities where staff or children are likely to congregate.
- Ensure distance between children when participating in singing and music that involves woodwind or brass instruments.
- Rearrange furniture to avoid clustering in common areas.

Travel

As part of Vermont's phased reopening plan, there is new travel guidance.

Except for [international travel](#), travel no longer requires testing or quarantine.

CDC recommends delaying travel until you are fully vaccinated, because travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19.

- Please note specific guidance for [international travel](#)



Vaccination by County

The percent of the county population that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

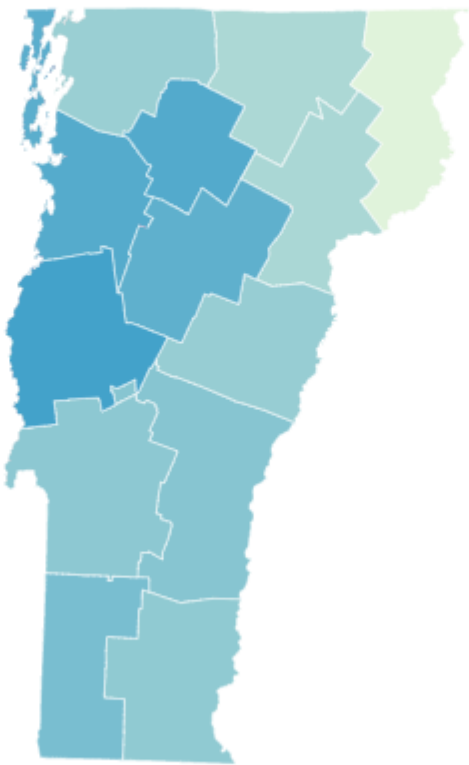
Show Rates By:

Overall

Race/Ethnicity

Ethnicity

County	Overall progress
Addison	81.0%
Bennington	71.6%
Caledonia	63.2%
Chittenden	78.0%
Essex	53.7%
Franklin	65.9%
Grand Isle	76.8%
Lamoille	78.2%
Orange	66.4%
Orleans	62.8%
Rutland	68.2%
Washington	76.2%
Windham	67.6%
Windsor	69.2%
Vermont	72.2%



53.7% 81.0%

Summary

By Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity

Doses Received



785.4K

Doses Administered



664.4K

Overall Progress (age 16+)

People who have received at least one dose of the vaccine

71.8%

Completed

People who have completed vaccination

54.5%

Total People Started



96.9K

Total People Completed



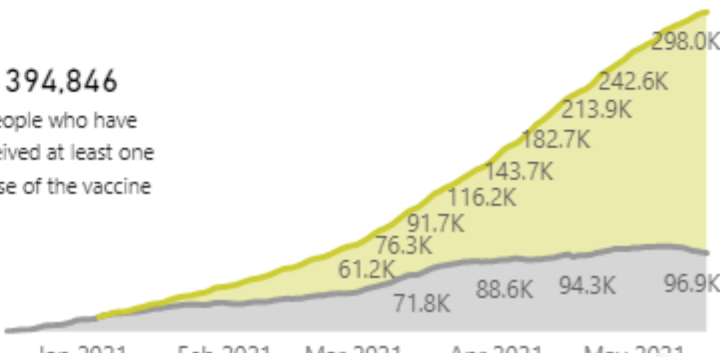
298.0K

Total People Vaccinated

Started Completed

394,846

People who have received at least one dose of the vaccine



VT is leading the Nation

Our vaccination rates have accelerated the VT Forward steps

Vaccinations

- COVID-19 vaccines are **safe and effective**.
- Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines under the most intense safety monitoring in U.S. history.

COVID-19 vaccines are very effective at preventing serious disease, including hospitalization and death. But no vaccine is 100% effective. That means some people who are vaccinated may become infected with COVID-19. This is called a “vaccine breakthrough.” This happens with any vaccine including measles, mumps, flu and others.

Less than 1 % of cases in VT since January 2021, have been among vaccinated Vermonters.



Your questions/concerns

Question: Can preschoolers/students be fully immunized before the 2021-22 school year?

What is the progress on Vaccine trials for the youngest?

Trials are ongoing for ages 6 months and up and we may have a vaccine in early fall 2021 for maybe ages 2 and up

Middle-school, high-school, and college students who get both doses of the vaccine now authorized for age 12 and up (Pfizer) can be fully immunized by the 2021-22 [school](#) year.

Other Q & As from the AAP on children getting the COVID-19 vaccine?

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/tips-tools/ask-the-pediatrician/Pages/when-can-children-get-the-COVID-19-vaccine.aspx>

Talk with local pediatricians about the COVID-19 vaccine and your kids!

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/your-community/families-children>

Your questions/concerns

Comment/Question: It is frustrating that there is often inconsistencies with the information provided by the Department of Health (depending on who you speak with - after hours calls and parent phone calls through contact tracing seem to be the most inconsistent). How can we get consistent (& accurate information)? Is there something that we can do on our end to facilitate this process? Thank you.

Answer: We continue to work on ensuring clarity and consistency.

Your questions/concerns

Question: What is the transmissibility of new variants in young children?

Answer : VT variants are more transmissible in all people, including children, but not resulting in more significant disease.

[COVID-19 in Communities | Vermont Department of Health \(healthvermont.gov\)](#)
variant reporting by county

Your questions/concerns

Question: What will guidance look like for childcare providers that aren't vaccinated?

Your questions/concerns

Question: When do you anticipate masks to not be required for vaccinated teachers and parents?

Your questions/concerns

Question: What is the plan should be for programs that house Act 166 programming onsite as the regulations through Act 166 are different then the Vermont Forward Plan? We are planning on keeping masks on until we are out for summer and then once the school year ends moving into the Vermont Forward Plan guidelines.

Your questions/concerns

Question: If we plan to have children and families continue to wear masks until the Vermont Forward Plan stops the mask mandate for all, would we need to get approval to do that?