

1 Hour Session and Learning Collaborative

COVID-19 Update & Impact on those with Respiratory Conditions

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Norman Ward, MD; Mark Levine, MD

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Purpose Statement/Goal of this activity: Provide up to date information on the COVID-19 pandemic; including impacts specifically to those with respiratory illness, and data on variations of demographic and social determinates of health.

Learning objectives (do not use “understand”):

1. Learn about the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Vermont
2. Discuss data available on how different populations have been impacted by the pandemic with special focus on those with preexisting respiratory conditions such as Asthma and COPD.

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Welcome

Norman Ward, MD
Chief Medical Officer

Agenda

	Presenter	Time
Noon- 12:05pm	Norman Ward, MD Chief Medical Officer, OneCare Vermont Introduction & Session Logistics	15 Minutes
12:15pm- 12:45pm	Dr. Mark Levine Commissioner of Health Vermont Department of Health	30 Minutes
12:45pm- 1:00pm	Q&A	15 Minutes

Presenter Bio(s)

Dr. Mark Levine was appointed commissioner of health by Governor Phil Scott and began service on March 6, 2017. Prior to his appointment he was a Professor of Medicine at the University of Vermont, and most recently the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official at the College of Medicine and the UVM Medical Center. He also served as the Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Levine obtained his B.A. in Biology from the University of Connecticut and received his M.D. degree from the University of Rochester. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency and a Chief Resident year at the University of Vermont and a fellowship in general internal medicine at the University of North Carolina, which emphasized clinical epidemiology, research training, teaching, and administration of educational programs.

Dr. Levine has gained a reputation as an outstanding teacher and educational program innovator, receiving teaching awards from the medical school and the Department of Medicine. He maintains his faculty appointment and continues to actively teach. He has successfully directed large NIH and HRSA educational grants addressing the generalist physician and nutrition-preventive medicine competencies he cares deeply about from a population health perspective.

Dr. Levine actively practiced general internal medicine with special interests in solving complex diagnostic dilemmas, health promotion/ disease prevention, screening and clinical nutrition. This provided him with personal perspective on the challenges our healthcare system holds for physicians as well as patients. Further insights have come through leadership and advocacy roles he has assumed locally and nationally with the American College of Physicians (the largest physician specialty organization in the US), where he is on the Board of Regents and was formerly Governor of the Vermont Chapter, and the Vermont Medical Society, where he has been Vice-President and President-Elect. He has also been a longstanding member of the Vermont Department of Health Primary Care-Public Health Integration Workgroup. At the nexus of Dr. Levine's clinical, education, public health and advocacy efforts is his heightened interest in improving health at the population level through health policy directed at fostering a culture of health.

As Health Commissioner, Dr. Levine takes great pride in leading the Department of Health's efforts to fulfill its mission – *To protect and promote the best health for all Vermonters*, and is honored to represent its vision of *Healthy Vermonters living in healthy communities*.



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COVID-19 Update & Impact on those with Respiratory Conditions

Mark A. Levine, MD
Commissioner

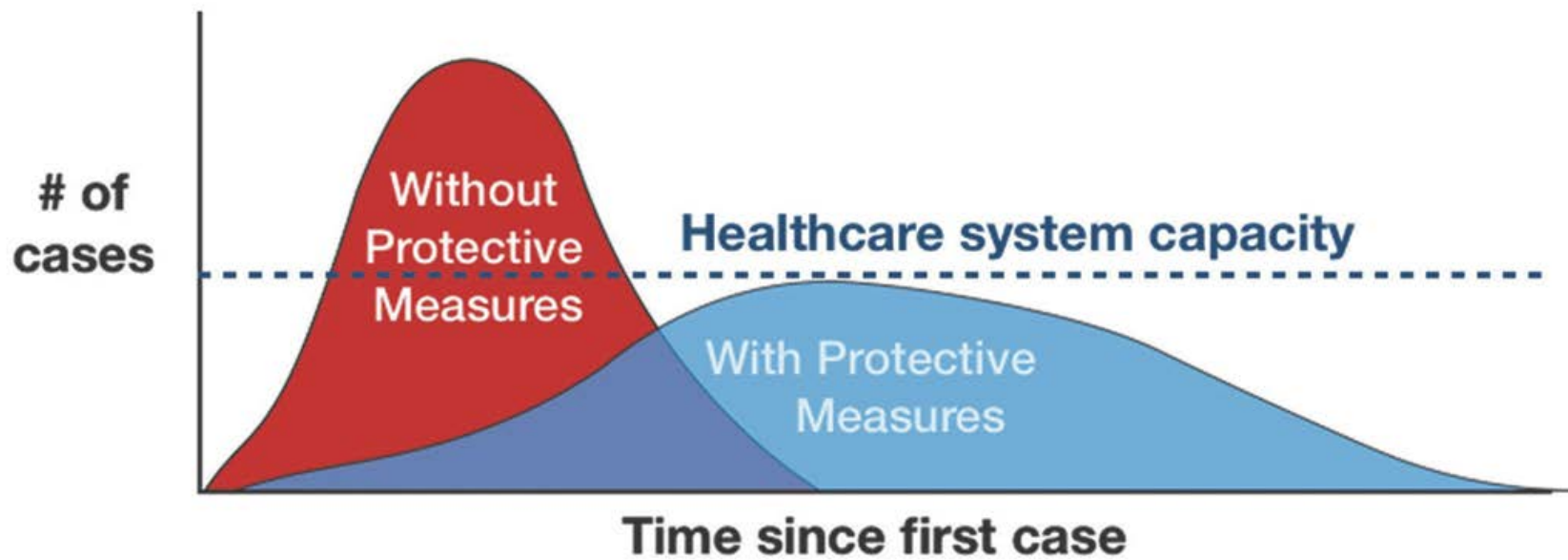
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History and Initial Problems

- A slow and inept national response.
- A novel virus
- The role of travel
- Inability to pursue containment
 - Inadequate testing
 - Inadequate PPE

Fundamental Components of Vermont's Early Response

- Early activation of HOC/SEOC
- Sense of urgency from the outset
- Early recognition of community spread
- Utilization of pandemic flu 2017 playbook
- Knowledge that containment would not work
- Analysis of the epi curve and exponential growth
- Phased progressive introduction of community mitigation strategies
- A Governor who prioritizes health and safety, believes in science and data



Adapted from CDC / The Economist

Milestones - People

- 3/7 First case
- 3/11 Second case
- 3/19 First death
- 3/21 First outbreak (nursing home)
- 4/3 Peak of cases

Milestones - Mitigation

3/13 State of Emergency and restrictive visitation policies

3/15 Reduced mass gatherings

3/17 Restaurant and bar closures

3/18 School closure

3/21 – 23 Other closures, close contact professions, further decrease mass gatherings

3/24 Stay Home Stay Safe

What Explains Vermont's Low Incidence Rate, Low Deaths and % Positivity Rates

- Vermonters cooperation, compliance, prioritization of health
- Protecting the most vulnerable
- Not reopening until sufficient level of virus suppression
- Phased and gradual reopening
- Trusted messengers, being a trusted resource
- Understanding “contact science”

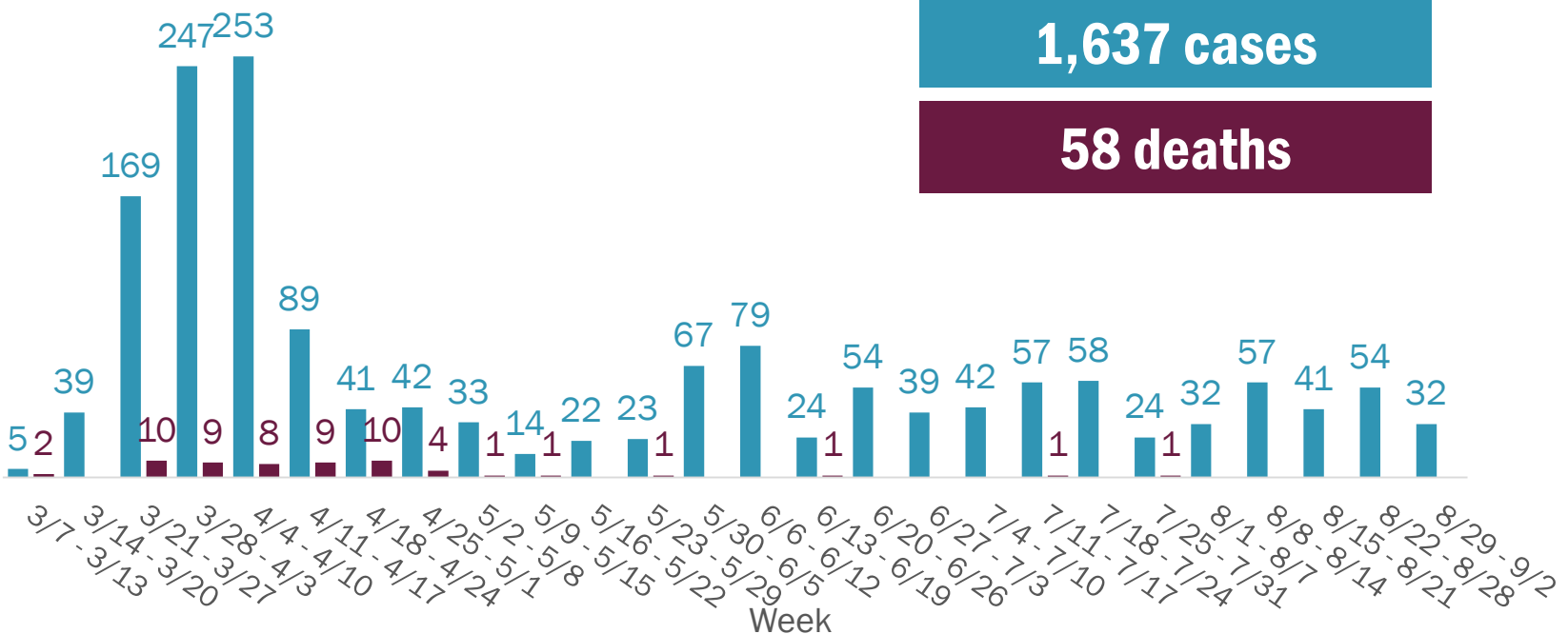
Lessons Learned

- Importance of asymptomatic spread
- Validation of “simplified guidance”
- Containment works!
 - But requires testing and contact tracing capacity
 - Strategic targeting
 - Importance of stockpiles
- How to protect the most vulnerable
- Health equity
- Reopening and risk can be balanced

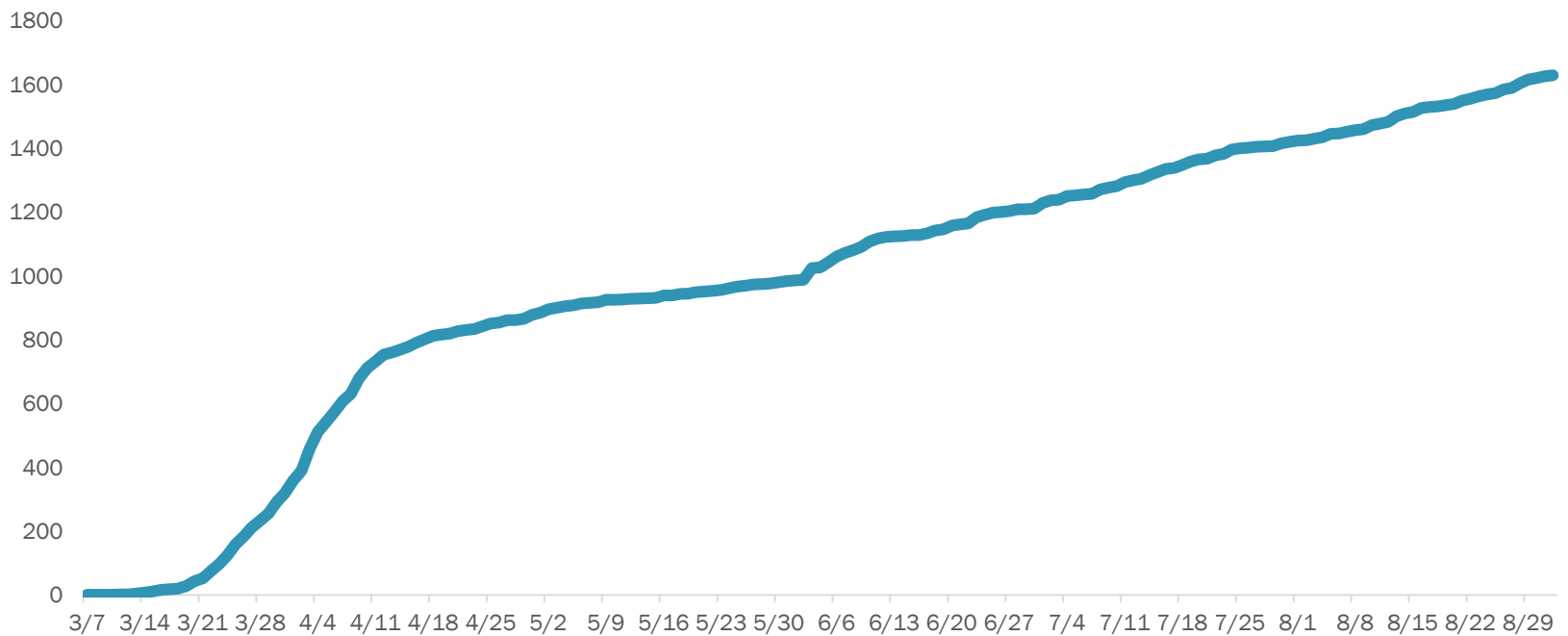
Lessons Learned continued

- Public health and economic health can coexist
- Everything is potentially “controversial”
 - Examples: deaths, pandemic, role of kids, flu vaccine
- Rurality is not totally protective

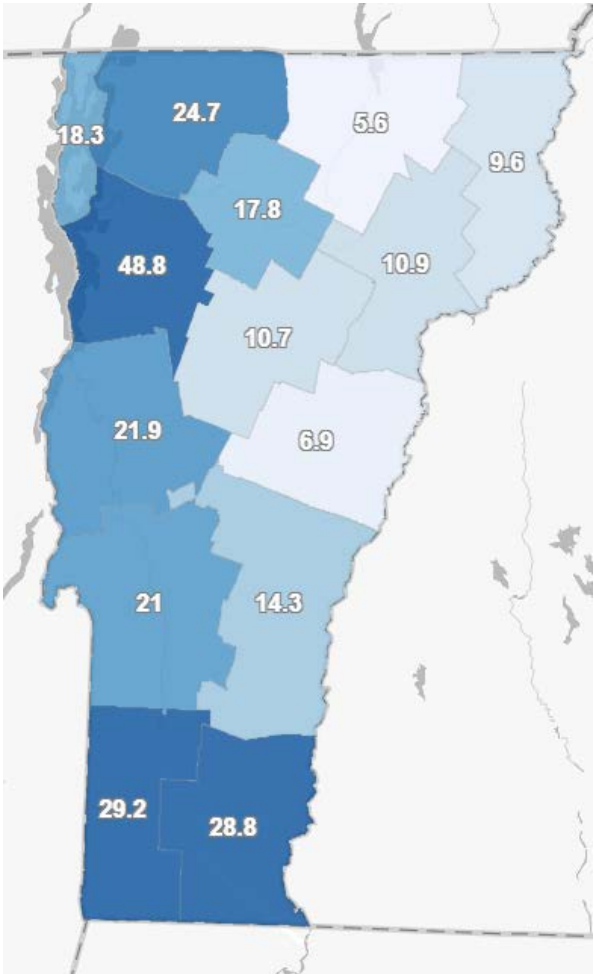
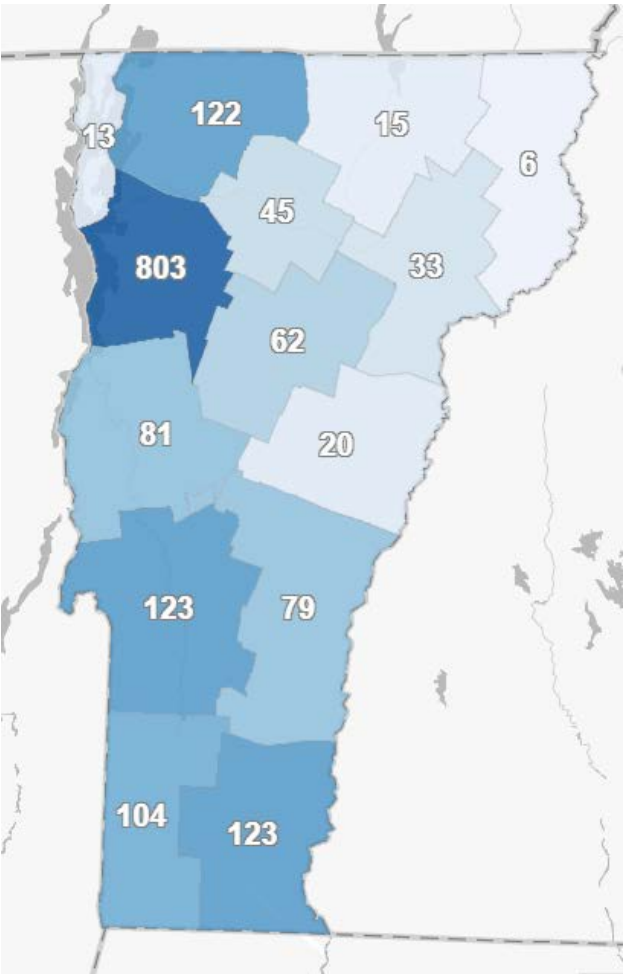
Number of COVID-19 cases and deaths by week

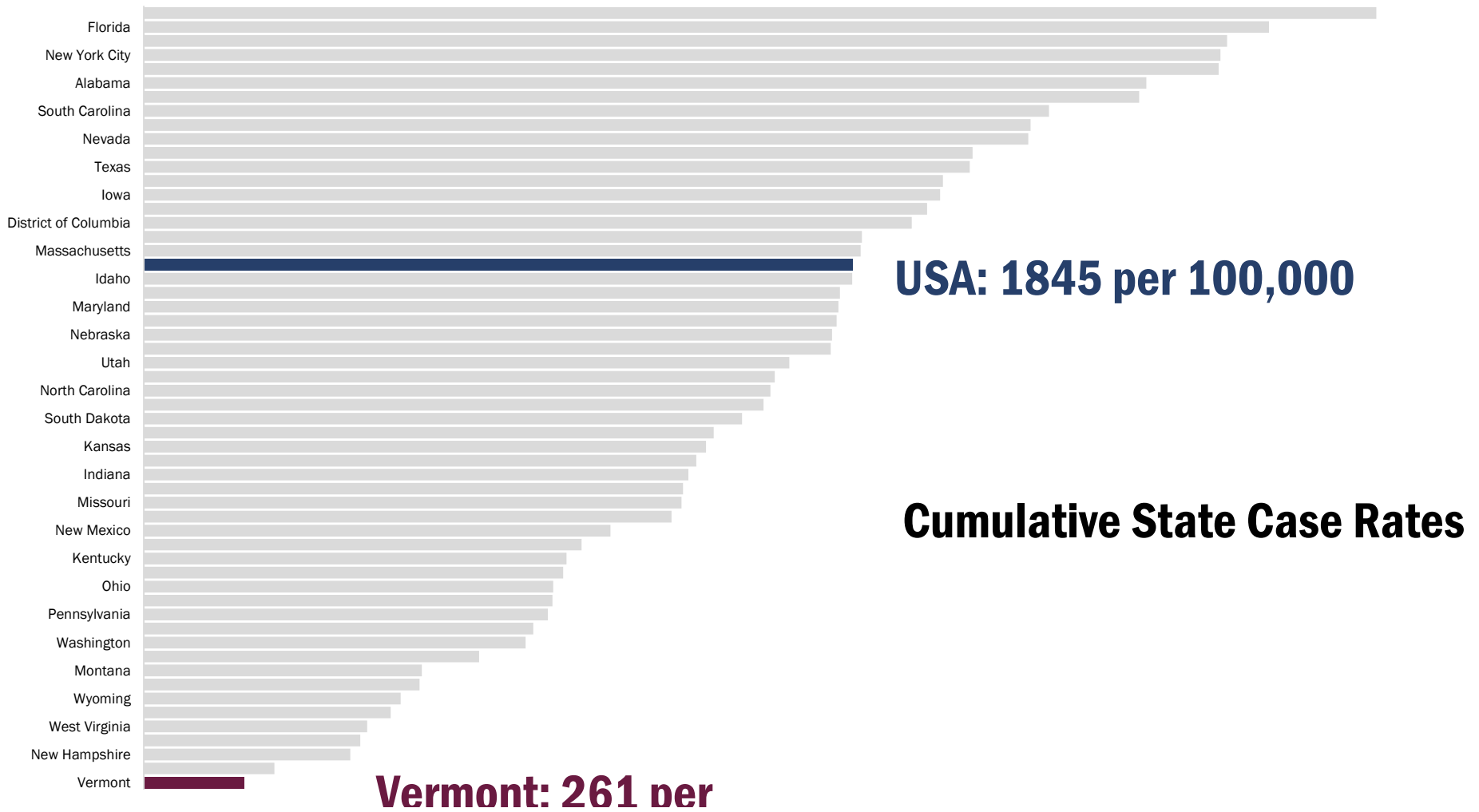


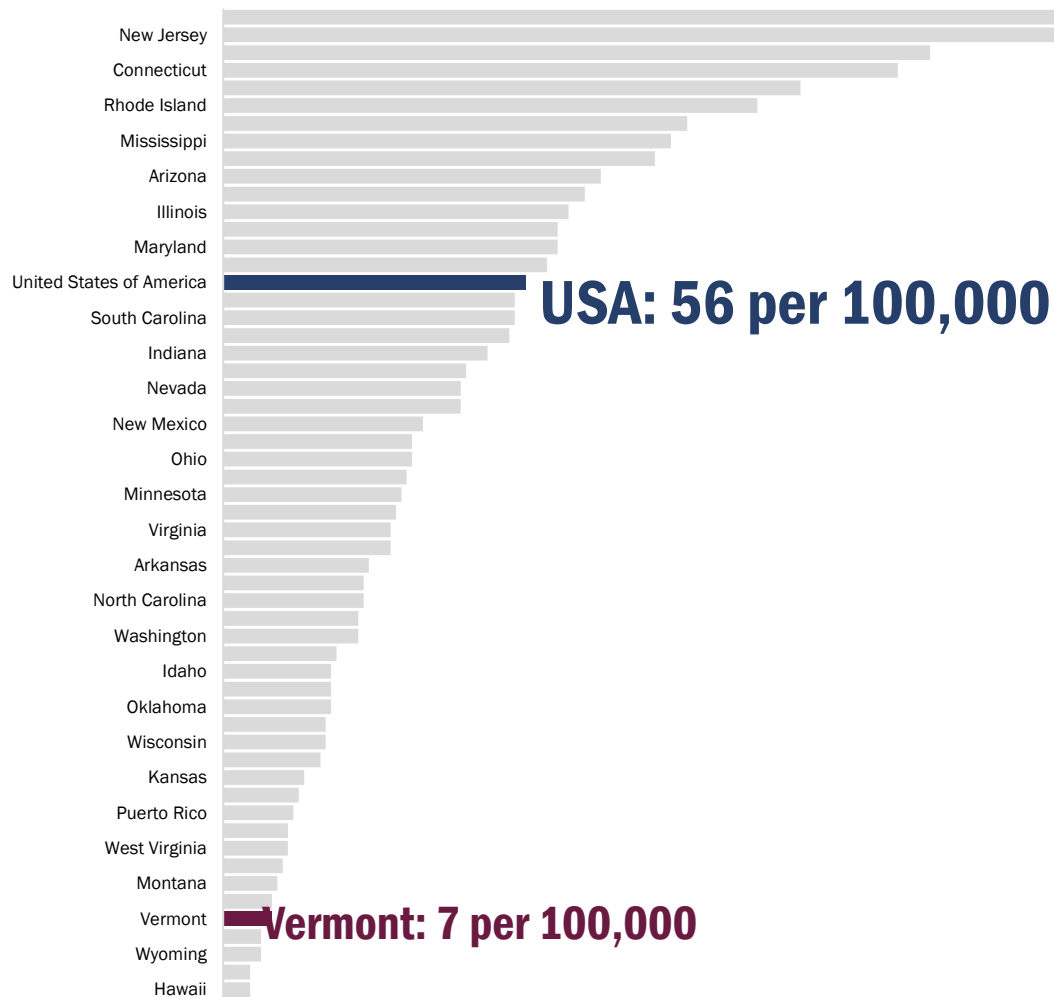
Cumulative case count over time



**Cumulative counts
and incidence rate by
county**

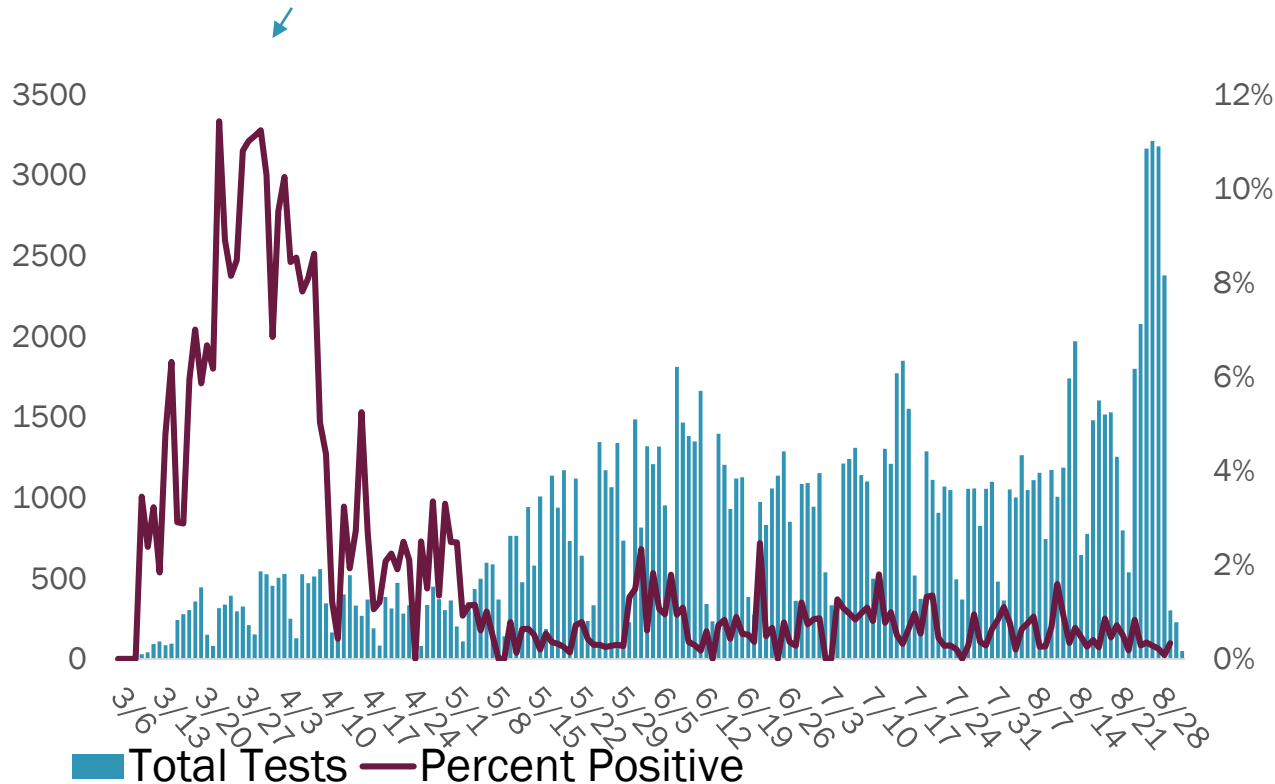






Cumulative State Death Rates

Percent of positive COVID-19 tests may indicate how prevalent the disease is in the population.

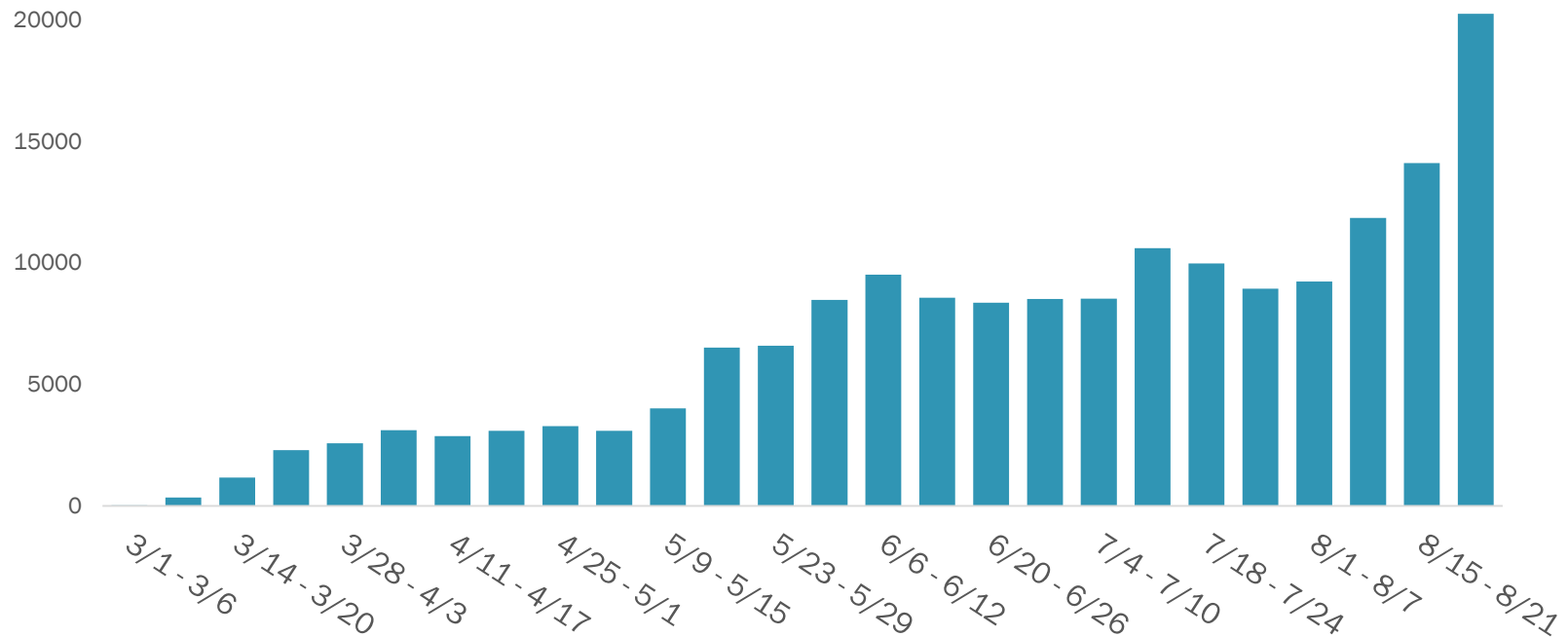


Average percent positive = 2%

Min percent positive = 0%

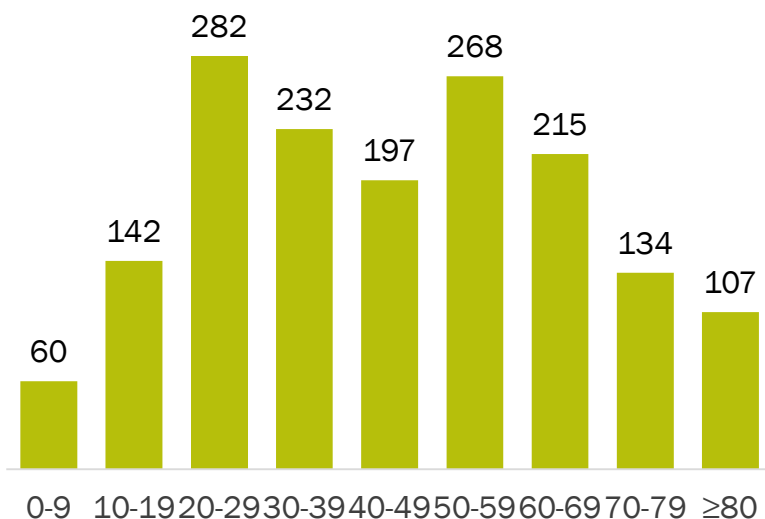
Max percent positive = 11%

**The number of tests performed has increased overtime.
There have been over 190,000 PCR tests reported to the
Health Department.**

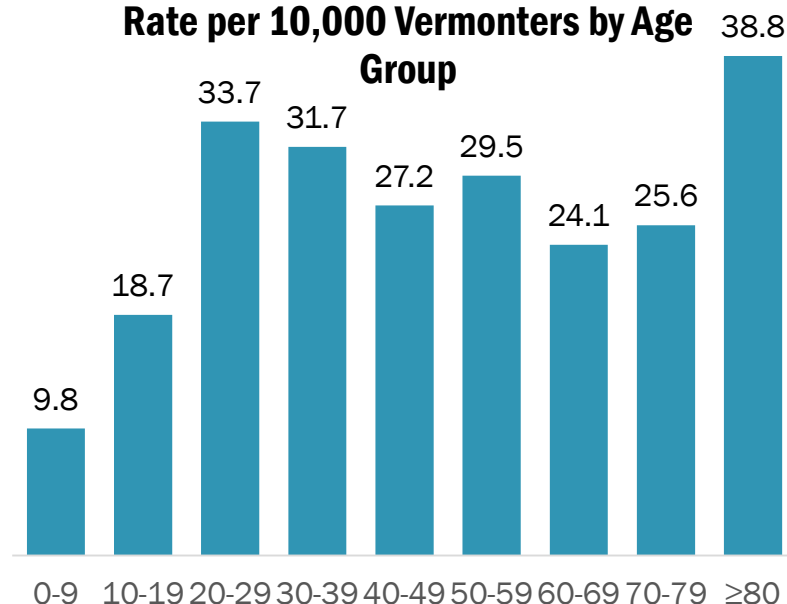


Rates of COVID-19 are disproportionately high among Vermonters 80 years and older

Distribution of Vermont COVID-19 Cases by Age Group

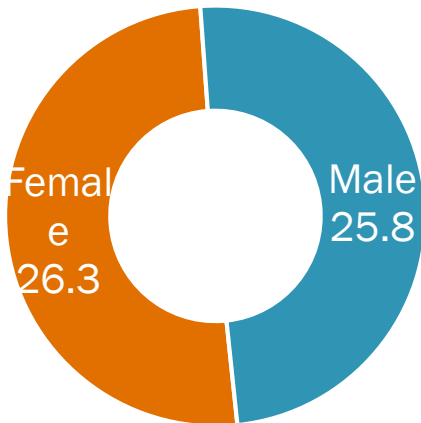


Rate per 10,000 Vermonters by Age Group

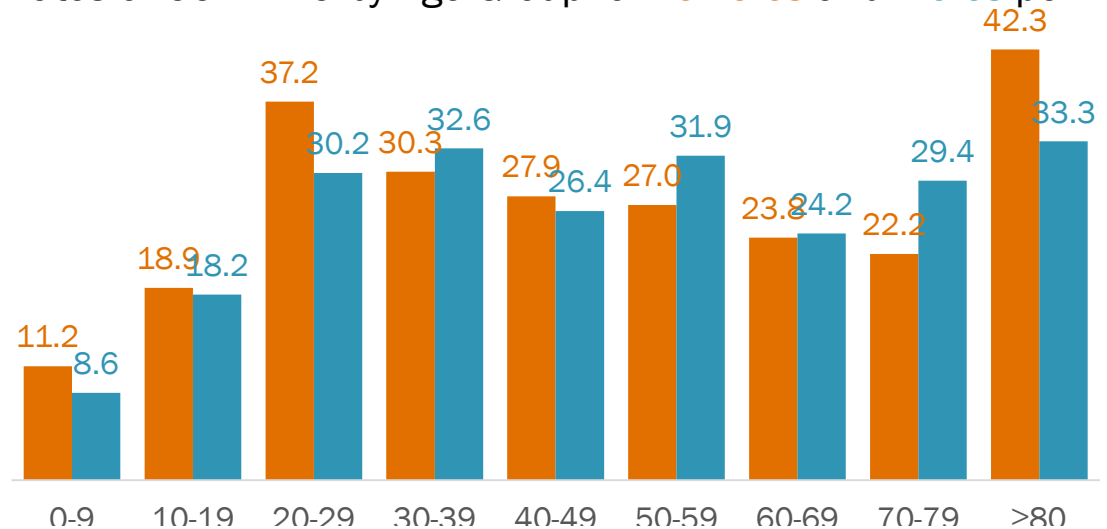


Females and males have similar rates of COVID-19.

Rate per 10,000 Vermonters by Sex



There are differences in age and sex of Vermonters with COVID-19.
Rates of COVID-19 by Age Group for Females and Males per



73% of cases experienced symptoms. Pediatric cases are more likely to be asymptomatic.

13 days

Average illness duration

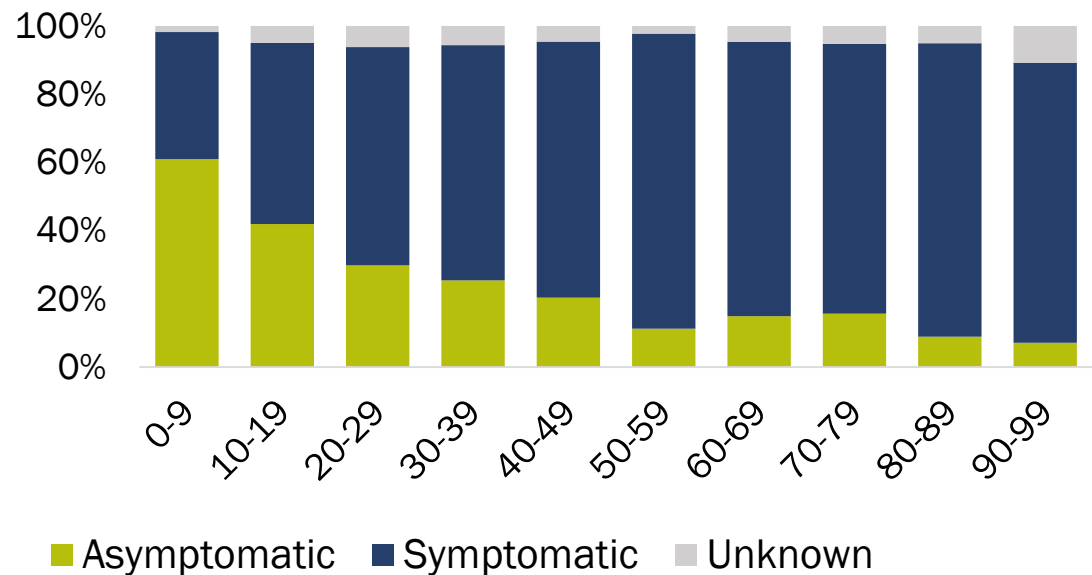
73%

Cases with symptoms

Sign or Symptom	Percent of Symptomatic Cases
Cough	67%
Fatigue	65%
Headache	53%
Muscle Pain	50%
Fever	46%

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Percent of COVID-19 Cases with Symptoms, No Symptoms, or Unknown Symptom Status by 10-year Age Categories



Most cases were not hospitalized. 141 cases have been hospitalized; 35% were in the ICU.

Distribution of Hospitalization Status Among COVID-19 Cases



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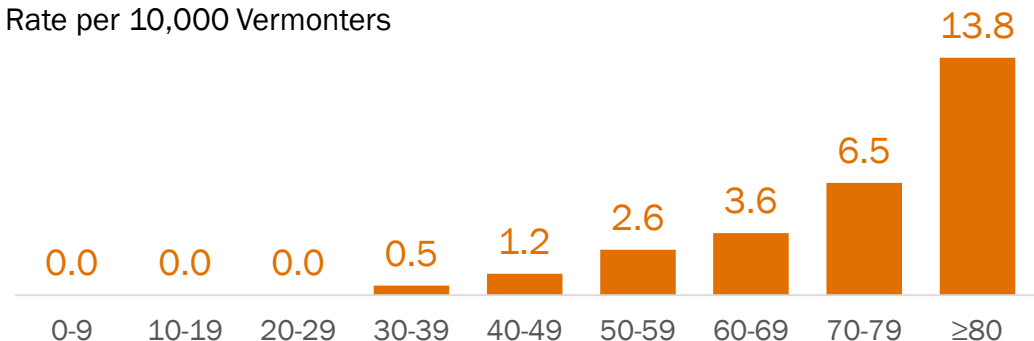
15%
Of those hospitalized
were on a ventilator

35%
Of those hospitalized
were in the ICU

9 days
Average hospital stay
(range: 0-43 days)

Vermonters 80 years and older are more likely to be hospitalized for COVID-19.

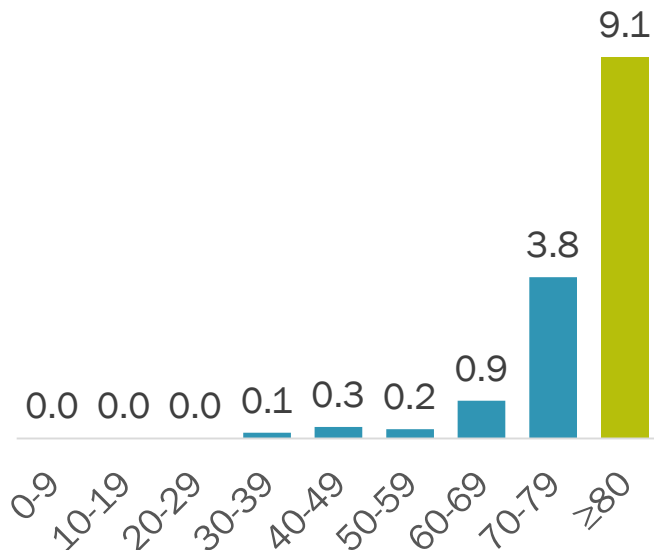
Rate per 10,000 Vermonters



There have been 58 COVID related deaths reported among Vermonters

Vermonters 80 years and older have higher rates of COVID-19 death than other age groups.

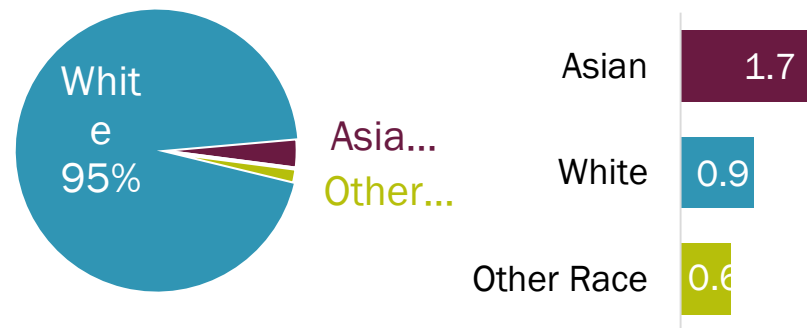
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White Vermonters represent a majority of COVID-19 deaths.

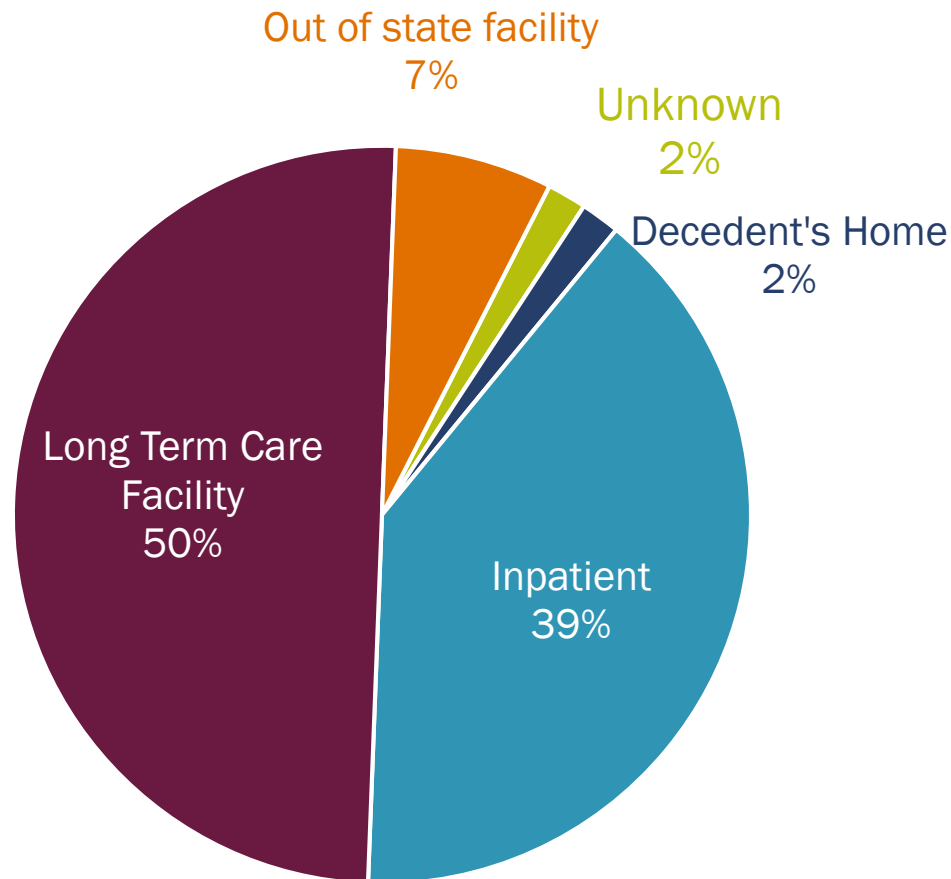
Death rates by race are similar.

Rate per 10,000 Vermonters



Note: No deaths have identified as Hispanic or Latino.

Most COVID-19 deaths occurred in an inpatient hospital setting or a long-term care facility



Approximately 55% of people* with COVID-19 have a pre-existing condition or health risk factor,

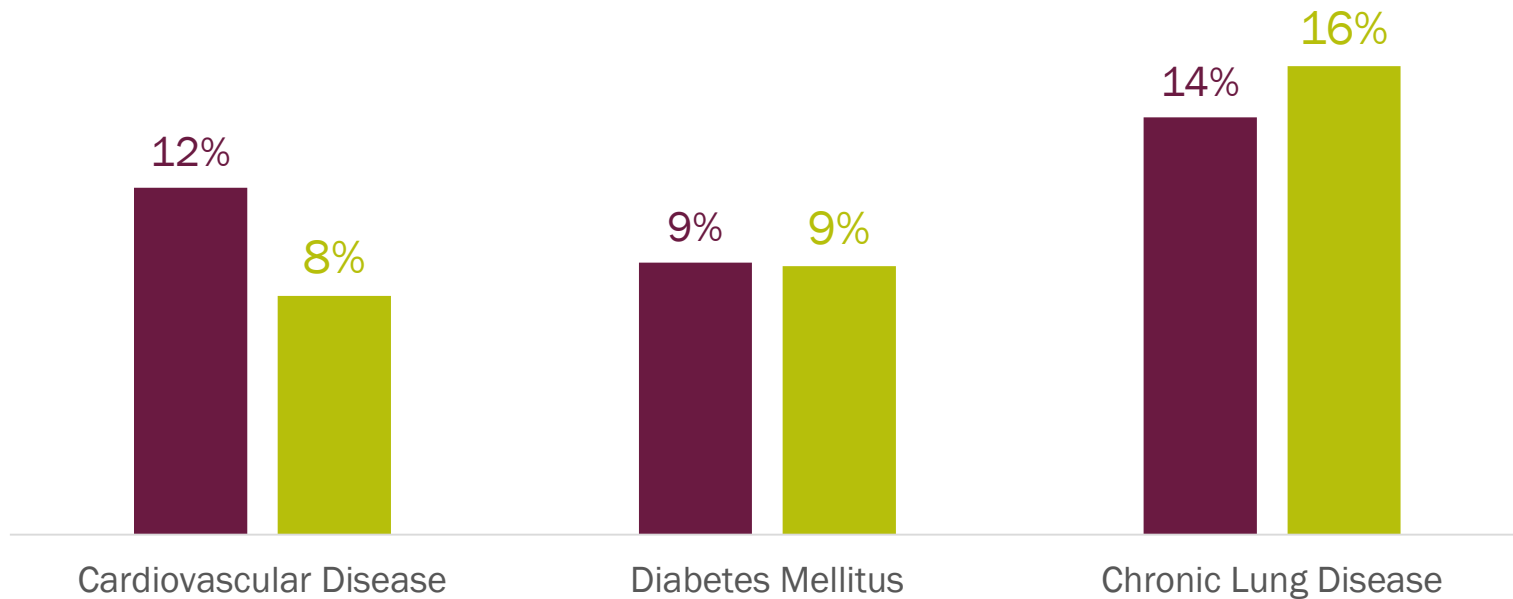
*of the 1,273 people that the Health Department has pre-existing condition data for.

Condition/Risk Factor	Count	Percentage
Heart Disease	148	12%
Chronic Lung Disease (includes asthma and COPD)	178	14%
Chronic Liver Disease	11	1%
Chronic Kidney Disease	34	3%
Current/Former Smoker	271	21%
Diabetes	116	9%
Immunocompromised Condition	52	4%
Neurologic Condition/Intellectual Disability	36	3%
Other Chronic Condition**	324	26%
Pregnant	12	1%

45% of people with a pre-existing condition have two or more conditions.

**Not mutually exclusive, includes things like arthritis, thyroid conditions, multiple free text entries.

Prevalence of select conditions in COVID-19 patients and Vermont adults.

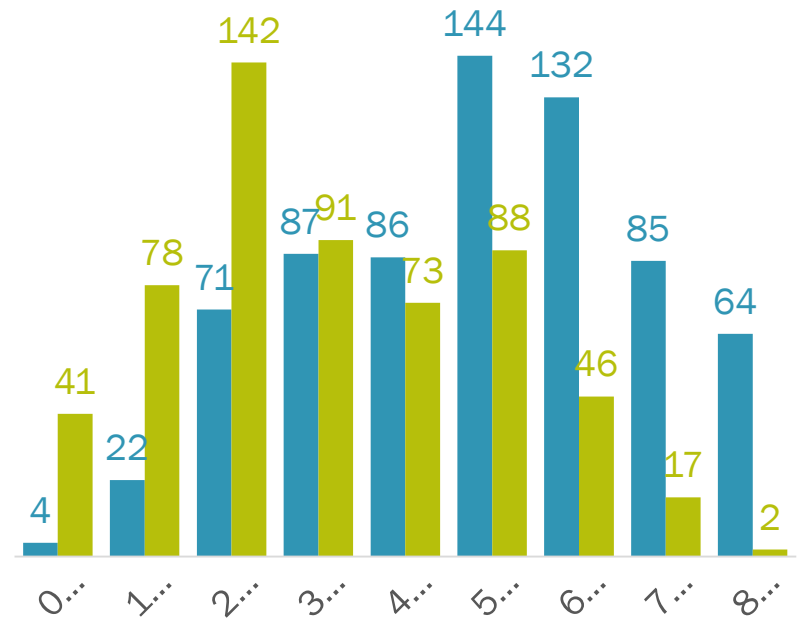


Data Source: Cardiovascular disease and diabetes, BRFSS 2018 annual report.
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A higher percentage of COVID-19 patients **with** pre-existing conditions have been hospitalized than those **without** pre-existing conditions.



COVID-19 patients **with** pre-existing conditions tend to be older than those **without** pre-existing conditions.



26 outbreaks have been identified and investigated

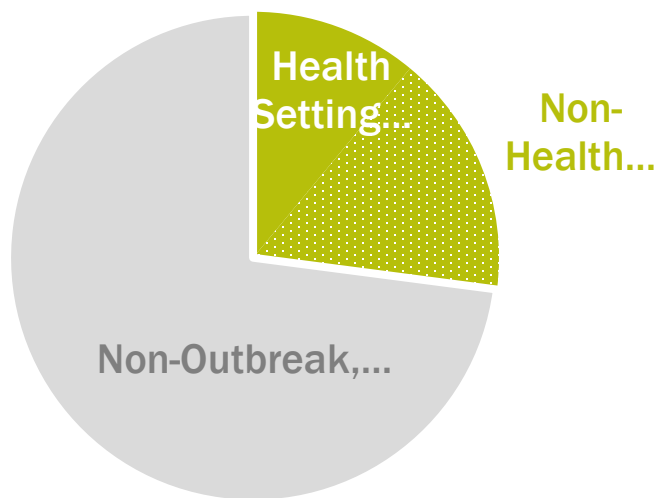


27% of COVID-19 cases are associated with an outbreak

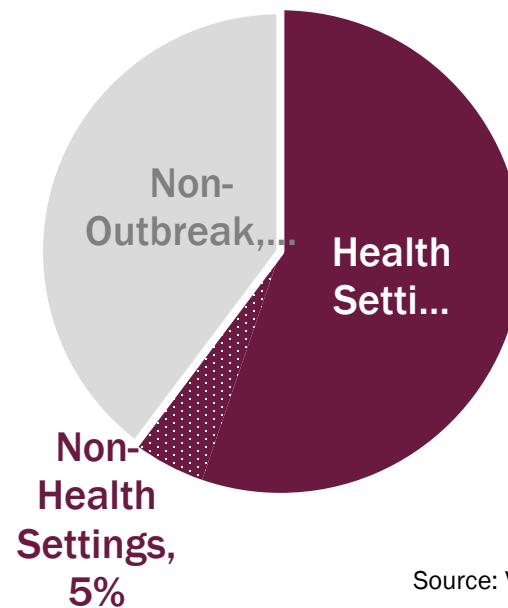
Number of Outbreaks by Setting Type



While only 27% of all COVID-19 **cases are associated with outbreaks, more than half of COVID-19-related **deaths** occur in outbreak settings.**



Values in these charts are rounded to the nearest whole number and therefore may not always add to 100% due to

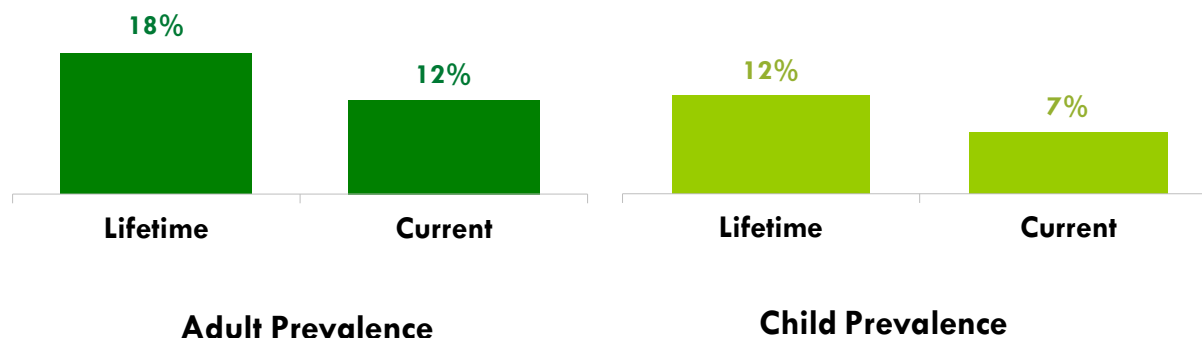


Source: Vermont Department of

How have people with reversible (asthma) or irreversible chronic (COPD) respiratory disease been impacted by COVID19?

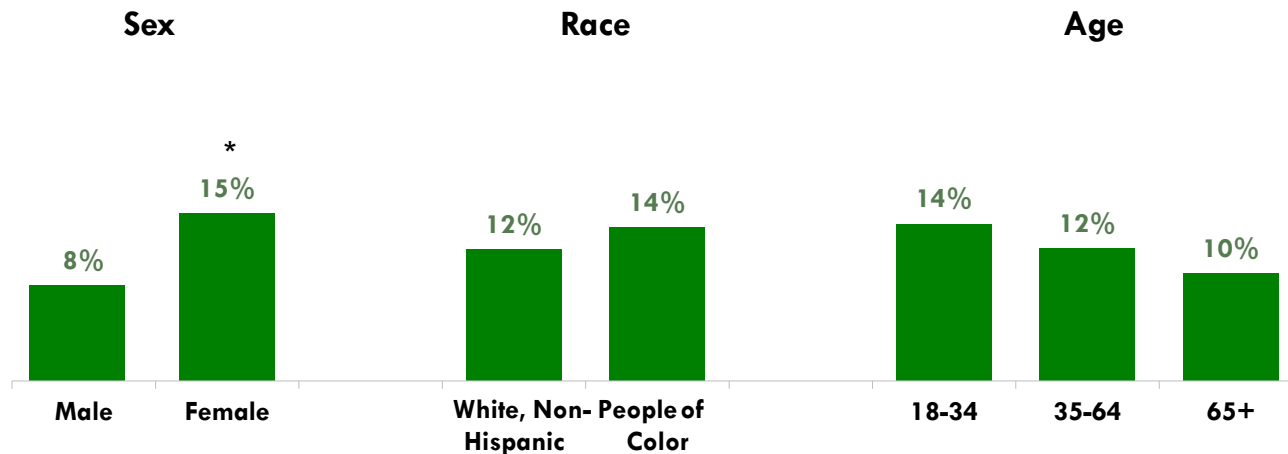
Asthma Prevalence In Vermont

- VT's asthma rate among adults is 5th highest in the nation.
- In 2018, 12% of adult Vermonters reported having current asthma. This equates to approximately 59,000 adult Vermonters with current asthma. Eighteen percent of adult Vermonters reported being diagnosed with asthma at some point in their lifetime.
- One in 14 children in Vermont (7%) had current asthma in 2017, which equates to approximately 8,200 children.



Asthma Prevalence Higher among Adult Women

Vermont women had a significantly higher prevalence of current asthma compared to men. Asthma prevalence did not differ significantly across racial groups or age groups.

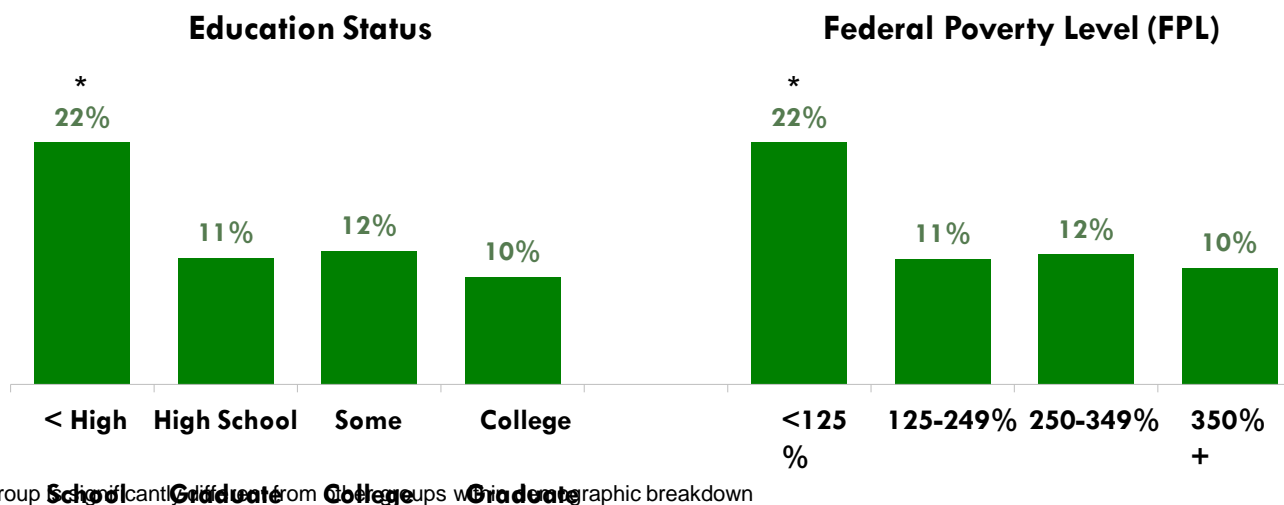


* Group is significantly different from other groups within demographic breakdown

Vermont Department of Health - Source: 2017 VT BRFSS

Adult Asthma Prevalence by Education and Income

Adults that did not graduate from high school and those with a household income closer to the federal poverty level (FPL < 125%) had significantly higher rates of current asthma which were approximately twice that of Vermonters with higher levels of education or household income.



Vermont Department of Health - Source: 2017 VT BRFSS

Vermonters with lung disease (asthma or COPD) experience

- **poorer health and more health-related activity limitations**
- **more chronic disease (arthritis, cancer, cardiovascular disease, depression, diabetes or obesity)**

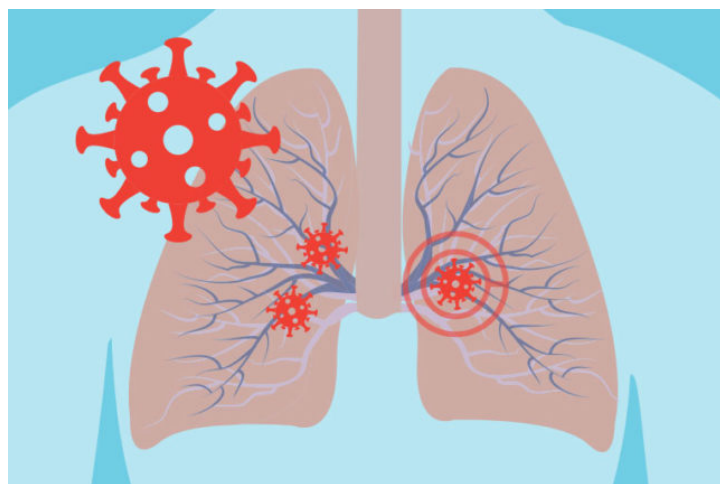
than Vermonters without lung disease.

Chronic lower respiratory diseases (including COPD and asthma) have been the third leading cause of death among Vermont residents since 2005.

VT's mortality rate due to an underlying cause of asthma has been twice the U. S. rate (2.2 vs.1.1 per 100,000 deaths, VT Vital Records 2016).

COVID-19 Can Have Long-term Health Impacts

Pneumonia associated with COVID-19 can cause damage to the air sacs (alveoli) in the lungs. Resulting scar tissue can lead to breathing problems.



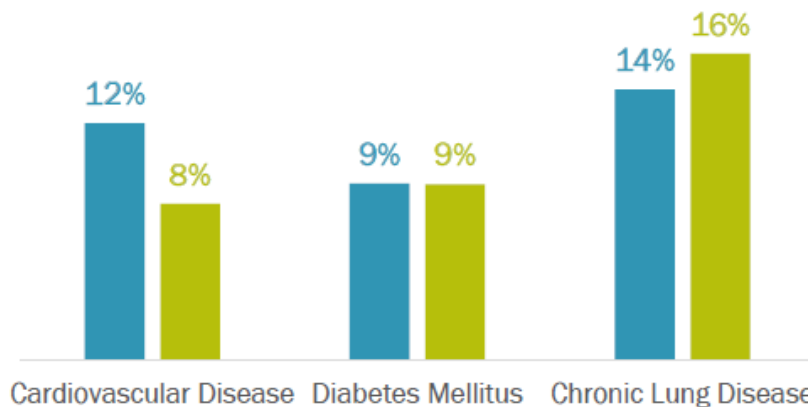
<https://health.clevelandclinic.org/heres-the-damage-coronavirus-covid-19-can-do-to-your-lungs/>

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<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-long-term-effects/art-20490351>

Prevalence of Lung Disease is Similar, Risk of Serious Illness Can Be Greater

Prevalence of select conditions in **COVID-19** patients
and Vermont **adults**.



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**Underlying medical conditions
that put individuals at increased risk
for severe illness from COVID-19**

**Strongest Evidence of Impact from COVID-19:
COPD Mixed Evidence of Impact: Asthma**

CDC Extra Precautions Evidence Table,
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/evidence-table.html> 45

COVID Increases Health Risks

- **Moderate to Severe Asthma:** might be at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 (CDC).
- **COPD:** are at increased risk of serious illness
- Can affect the nose, throat, lungs (respiratory tract) and cause an asthma or COPD exacerbation.
- Can lead to pneumonia and acute respiratory disease.
- More serious outcomes, including increased risk of hospitalization.

COVID-19 and Asthma

- Asthma doesn't increase risk of infection (AAAAI); higher risk of hospitalization among subpopulations with asthma
- Northwestern Medicine [study](#) of 1,500 COVID-19 patients/10 hospitals
 - didn't find higher rate of hospitalization among those with asthma compared to those without asthma
 - Non-Hispanic African Americans and Hispanics were significant % of the asthma cohort - and had higher likelihood of hospitalization
- Harvard [study](#) assessed asthma phenotypes. Adults with asthma had higher risk of severe COVID-19 driven by increased risk among those with nonallergic asthma (J Allerg Clin Immunol)
- ACE2 expression lower in allergic asthma, could protect from viral infection; ACE2 serves as receptor for SARS COV-2
- Important for patients to stay on controller medication to maintain asthma management, even if steroid-based

COVID-19 and COPD

- COPD is a high-risk disease for readmission to hospital. Important for patients to stay at home, strict physical distancing, follow treatment plan
- Provider visit waived for initial and 12-month visit for at-home oxygen
- CARES Act requires insurers to cover 90- day O₂ supply
- ACCP, ALA, ATS and COPD Foundation released [guidelines](#) for mask wearing and messaging providers can use with patients
- Lung Helpline offers science-based information for patients and providers, 1-800-LUNGUSA

Concerns for those with Respiratory Disease

- Increased risks due to exposures to new cleaning products & protocols
- Mandated face masks can pose challenges for those with breathing problems
- Changes in accessing health care, pulmonary lung function testing and medicines
- Changes in location and types of environmental exposures: assessment may be needed among home, work, school triggers
- Concerns about school reopening
 - ❖ Kids are potential vectors for at-risk teachers and parents with asthma or COPD
- Additional stresses for patients related to their medical condition(s) and feelings of isolation from staying at home

Benefits: Reduced Viral Infections, Improved Air Quality

- Reduced exposure to viruses and bacterial infections
 - Significant reductions seen in flu rates in southern hemisphere
- New opportunities and emphasis on outdoor activities for physical fitness and quality of life
- Improved air quality due to reduced foot (dust) and vehicle traffic (diesel particulates)
- Reduced exposure to environmental triggers in workplace, commerce and other community (e.g. schools, places of worship, etc.)

Guidance: Maintain Asthma and COPD Management

- Establish protocols to maintain regular monitoring of patients' asthma and COPD control, including telemedicine
- Ensure patients have a steady supply of medications and can access them safely via mail order, pharmacy delivery
- Discuss changes in trigger exposures and how to address
 - Use cleaning products that are fragrance-free, non-toxic, and certified by a third-party, Green Seal or EPA's Safer Choice
- Refer patients to chronic disease self-management programs, and/or intensive self-management programs
 - Refer to <https://myhealthylv.org/>
 - Introduce (remote) home visiting interventions for uncontrolled or severe persistent asthma for clinical education, trigger identification and elimination
- Address COVID-19 related stress, a potential new trigger

Best Practices that Support Patient Care

- Screen and provide cessation counseling for smoking and vaping, refer to 802Quits
- Determine patient exposure to SHS smoke by asking if someone has vaped or smoked in the house in the past week
- Ensure patients have annual Asthma or COPD Action Plan, should include new COVID-19 challenges
- Ensure patients know how to use their devices (inhalers, spacers and nebulizers) properly
- Help patients know common triggers
 - Carpeting and pets in bedroom, wood stoves, tobacco smoke, unvented gas stoves; provide guidance to reduce exposures
- Confirm asthma or COPD control by using an evidence-based assessment tool (ACT, TRACK, Spirometry)

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Additional Considerations and Supports

- Reinforce good hygiene – especially handwashing
- Reinforce physical distancing
- Address mask wearing challenges for those with asthma and COPD – how to balance mandate with breathing difficulties
- Support overall good nutrition, sleep hygiene and physical activity
- Promote vaccines for flu and pneumococcal

*Health equity exists when all people have a fair and just opportunity to be healthy, **especially those** who have experienced socioeconomic disadvantage, historical injustice, and other **avoidable systemic inequalities** that are often associated with social categories of race, gender, ethnicity, social position, sexual orientation and disability.*

Social Determinants of Health

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. The social, economic, and physical environment that affect a wide range of health, functioning, quality of life, risks and outcomes.

They include factors like socioeconomic status, education, neighborhood and physical environment, employment, and social support networks, as well as access to health care.

The World Health Organization recognizes 10 factors that affect health and life expectancy: social gradient, stress, early life experiences, social exclusion, work, unemployment, social support, addiction, food, and transportation



Figure 1

Social Determinants of Health

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Physical Environment	Education	Food	Community and Social Context	Health Care System
Employment	Housing	Literacy	Hunger	Social integration	Health coverage
Income	Transportation	Language	Access to healthy options	Support systems	Provider availability
Expenses	Safety	Early childhood education		Community engagement	Provider linguistic and cultural competency
Debt	Parks	Vocational training		Discrimination	Quality of care
Medical bills	Playgrounds	Higher education		Stress	
Support	Walkability				
	Zip code / geography				

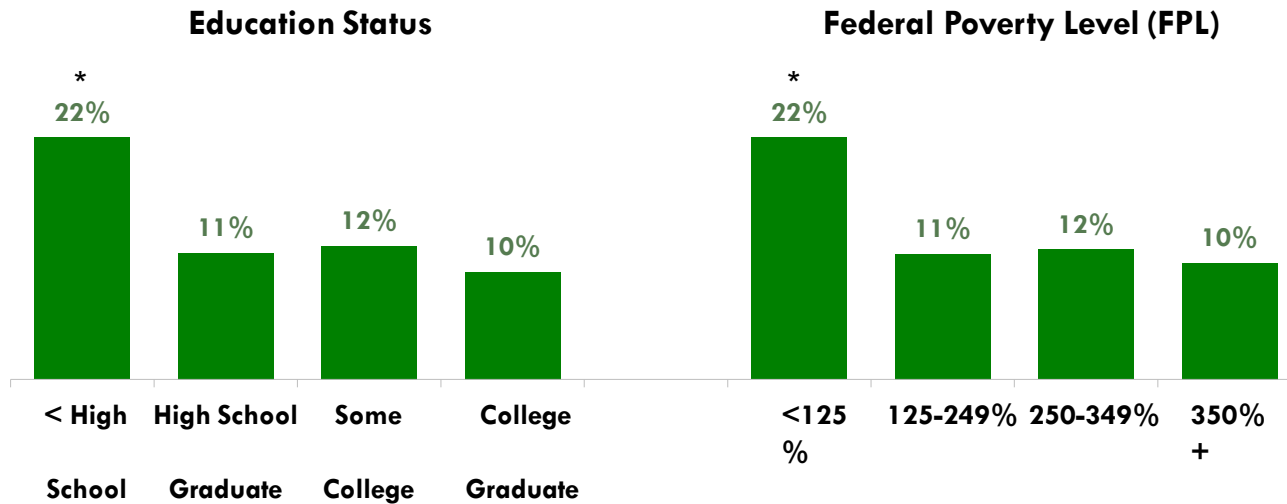
Health Outcomes

Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations

Example of SDOH in Action:

Adult Asthma Prevalence by Education and Income

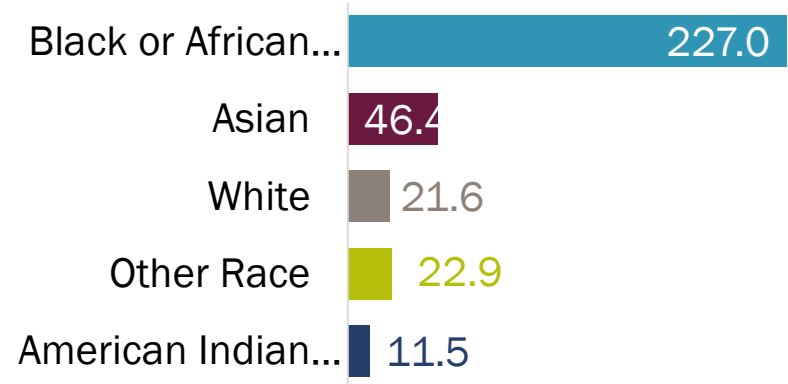
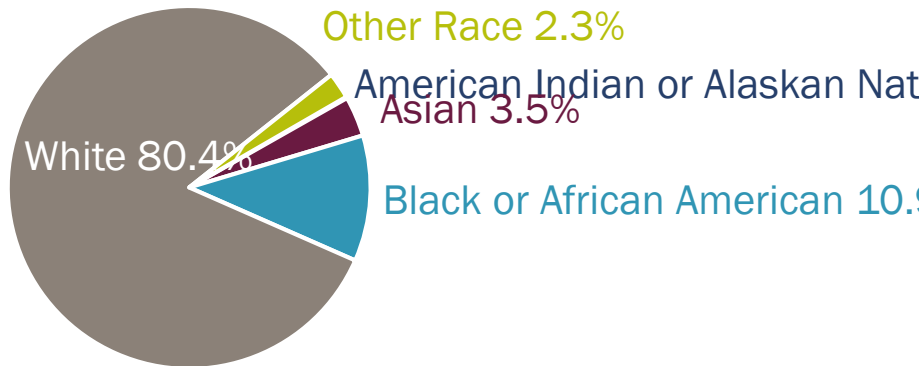
Adults that did not graduate from high school and those with a household income closer to the federal poverty level (FPL < 125%) had significantly higher rates of current asthma which were approximately twice that of Vermonters with higher levels of education or household income.



There are racial disparities among COVID cases.

White Vermonters represent the majority of COVID-19 cases. African American Vermonters have the highest rate.

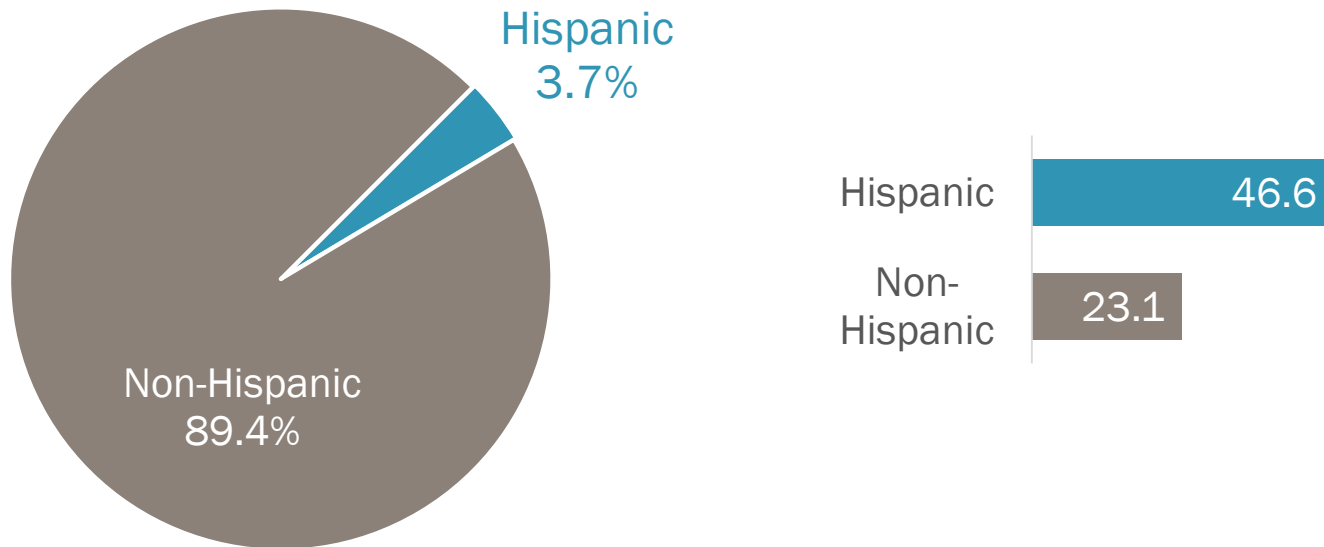
Rate per 10,000 Vermonters



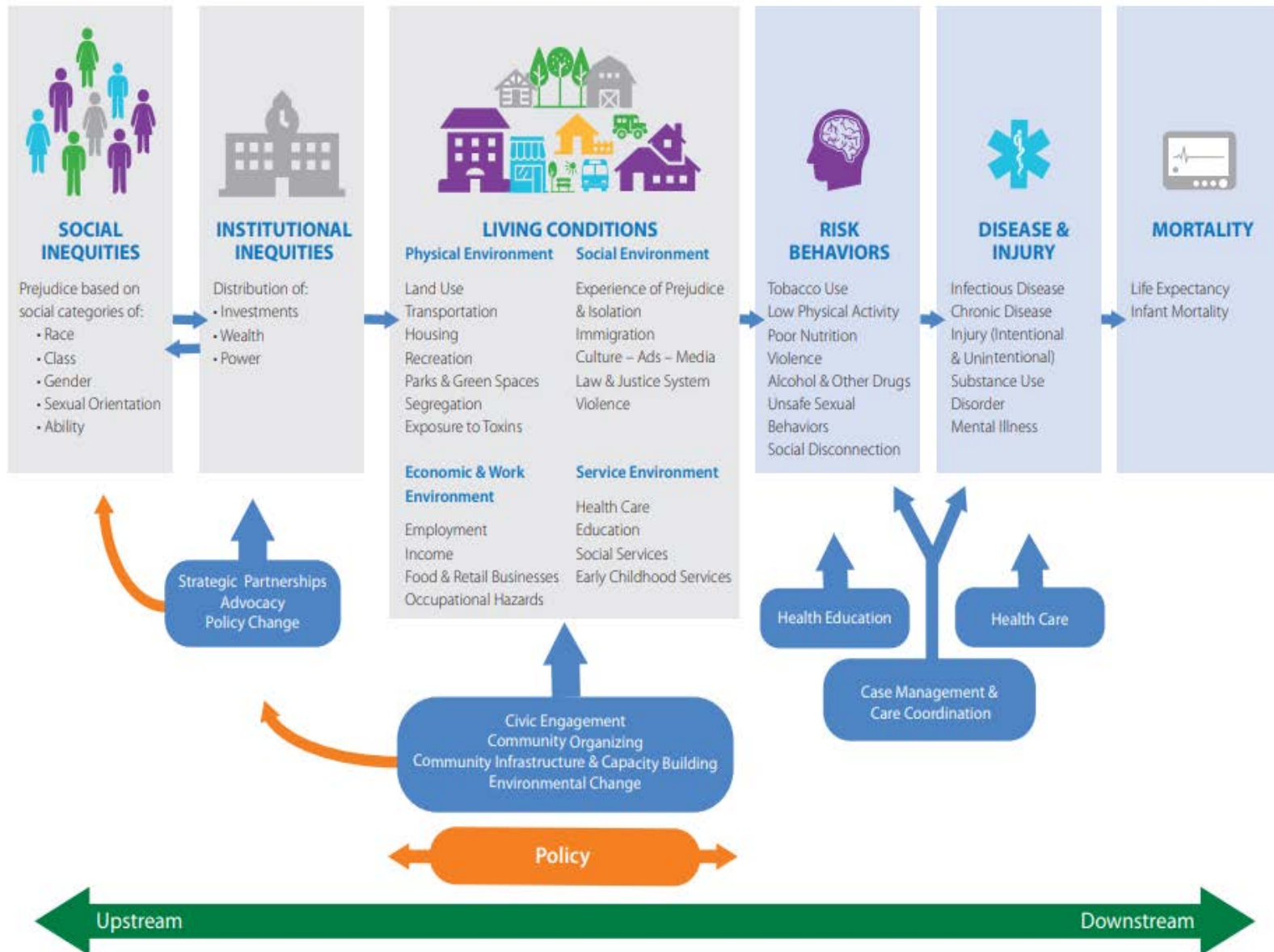
There are ethnic disparities among COVID cases.

Non-Hispanic Vermonters represent the majority of COVID-19 cases. **Hispanic** Vermonters have the higher rate.

Rate per 10,000 Vermonters



A Public Health Framework for Reducing Health Inequities



Health inequities exist across all aspects of public health.

Some conditions have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as respiratory conditions like asthma and COPD.

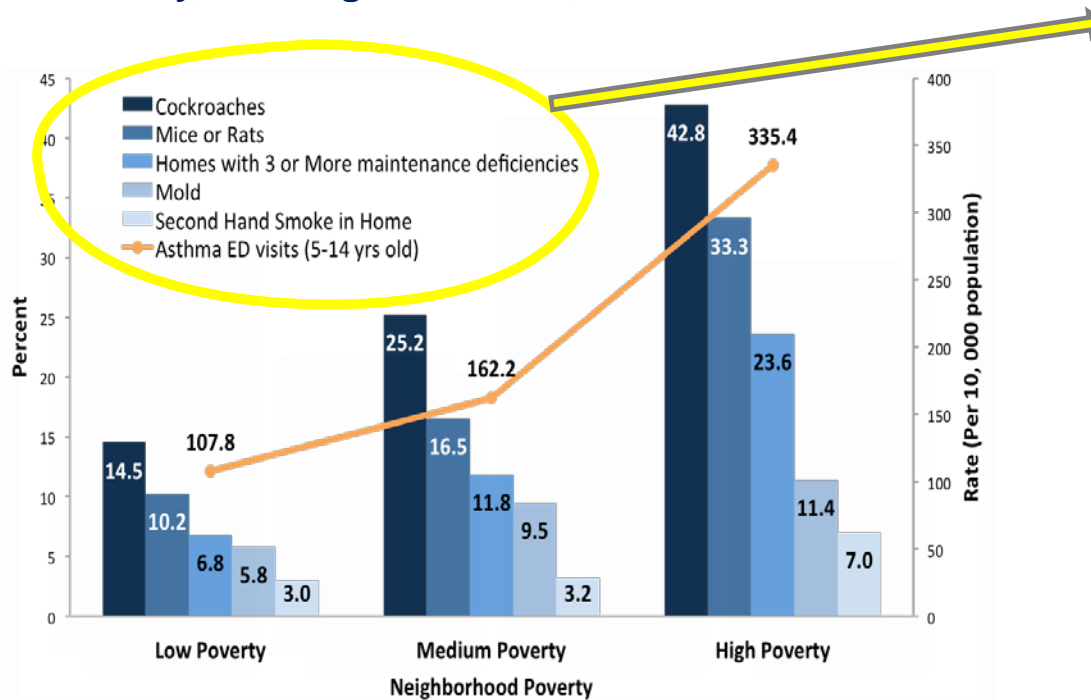
Reframe from focusing on populations with health conditions to **systemic conditions** causing the conditions.

A health equity lens would ask questions like:

- Why are different populations being impacted more than others?
- What are the systemic, root causes contributing to these inequities?
- Where is the power imbalance to maintain these inequities?
- What is public health's role in addressing these root causes beyond addressing the health condition?

Applying an Equity Lens: Example

Poverty, Housing Conditions, & Asthma ED Visits



Vermont Department of Health

Applying an Equity Lens:

What are maintenance requirements for rented properties in your jurisdiction?

How do these requirements (or lack of) maintain harmful living conditions that exacerbate asthma/respiratory conditions?

What are statewide resources for mold treatment and removal?

How accessible are resources? What resources are available for rented vs. owned properties?

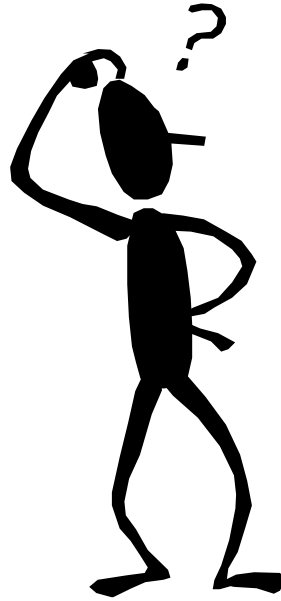
Health Equity and Community Engagement Team

As part of the Department of Health's COVID-19 response, a **Health Equity and Community Engagement (HECE) Team** was created to engage partners across the state and enhance the Health Operations Center's (HOC) educational, prevention, and outbreak response strategies.

- The team focuses on applying a health equity lens to the following areas:
 - Priority populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19
 - Partnerships with organizations serving BIPOC communities
 - Internal and external communication
 - Data collection
 - Culturally appropriate COVID-19 plans
 - Workforce Development
 - Providing support for Coronavirus Relief Fund distribution

Coronavirus Relief Funds (Act 136)

- Funding for continuum of services for priority populations to assist them in meeting essential needs for food, shelter, health care, and emotional support.
 - Populations include any that face adverse health outcomes based on factors such as:
 - Race or Ethnicity
 - Immigrant status
 - SOGIE (sexual orientation, gender identity and expression)
 - Disability
 - Age
 - Geographic location
- Organizations may:
 - Provide education and resources regarding prevention of COVID-19 in languages and formats appropriate to the population
 - Assist with access to COVID-19 testing and treatment
 - Identify and address difficulties in safely meeting essential needs, including food, shelter, health care, and emotional support, during the public health emergency.



If time permits
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