

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
June 8, 2021
VIA Zoom
6:00 PM

6:00 PM – Public Comment

6:05 PM – Approval of Lister Grand List Extension

6:10 PM – Covid Up Date – Jeff Campbell

6:25 PM – Mask Mandate Discussion

6:35 PM – Project Recap

6:45 PM – Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2021

6:46 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

6:47 PM – Other Business

46,743.14 \$24,027.71
Covered Bridge Bid

****Agenda Subject to Change****

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Minutes of June 8, 2021

Warren Selectboard

6:00 PM

VIA Zoom

Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Luke Youmell, Vice Chair, Bob Ackland, Camilla Behn & Devin Klein Corrigan.

Others Present: Hadley Laskowski, Alex Dickinson, MRVT, Amy Kretz, Jeff Campbell.

6:00 PM – Public Comment – None.

6:05 PM – Lister Extension for Grand List – Mr. Cunningham commented that this is something that the Lister's do each year preparing the Grand Tax List prior lodging it with State. They are making final corrections to the Grand List.

Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Lister Extension, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0

6:06 PM – Covid Update – Jeff Campbell – See attached report.

6:07 PM – Mask Mandate Discussion – The Governors Executive Order States: "Businesses and non-profit and government entities shall continue to implement measures notifying unvaccinated customers or clients of the requirement to wear masks of facial coverings in public indoor spaces. This notice may include, but shall not be limited to, posting signage stating that masks or cloth facial coverings are required and denial of entry or service to customers or clients who decline to wear masks or facial coverings.

"The legislative body of each municipality may enact more strict local requirements regarding mask use than those set forth herein. Businesses may also enact more strict requirements regarding mask use than those set forth herein." (A complete Executive Order is attached).

The Governor has stated that if Vermont has reached the 80% vaccination rate by June 15, 2021, he will drop all restrictions and as stated July 4th all restrictions will be dropped.

Mr. Cunningham asked the board if the board is ready to drop the Town Mandate Mask Facial Ordinance? Mr. Campbell commented that businesses should have a choice and many have already been changing their policies with the guidance. The only reason he can see not dropping the Mask Mandate would be the Library and Town Offices. The library has children coming in under 12 that are not vaccinated. The board does have authority over the Town Buildings on requiring the public to wear a facial covering and can restrict services to clients who do not comply with it in the Town Buildings. The Town Hall rentals could have a statement on the rental agreement that they must follow the CDC Universal Guidelines entering at their own risk.

The Warren Selectboard enacted the following: The Warren Selectboard is rescinding its mask mandate effective June 9, 2021 and will follow current Universal Guidance as laid out by the State of Vermont.

The Town Hall, which includes the library, and the Municipal Building will continue to require masks by all. Please see amendment 16 to Executive Order 01-20, which states:

The legislative body of each municipality may enact more strict local requirements regarding mask use than those set forth herein. Businesses may also enact more strict requirements regarding mask use than those set forth herein.

Also, in following with current Universal Guidance, individual businesses can enact their own mask mandates.

Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the amendment change to the Town of Warren Mask/Facial Covering Ordinance as drafted, second by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

6:45 PM – Project Recap -Ms. Klein Corrigan had requested a project recap to bring her up to speed on town projects. Mr. Cunningham explained how the projects start with the budget process and how they come about for scheduling the following year. Below is a list of them:

1. The Covered Bridge Rehabilitation Project
2. German Flats Drainage Project
3. Town Hall Lighting Project
4. School/Town Share Generator Project
5. East Warren Cemetery Culvert Installation
6. Sewer Upgrade
7. Paving/Crack Sealing
8. Town Garage
9. Land Use Development Regulations Re-write

Ms. Klein Corrigan commented that she has been reading the job descriptions for the Town highway and it is unclear on whether they are finalized. Ms. Youmell commented that the job descriptions do stand as they are written and commented that he had sent an email over to the board on highway projects. Mr. Ackland explained the history of the development of road plan over the years and how that plan is put together. It was group effort of the DPW (Barry Simpson), Road Foreman, Town Administrator and one board member. The plan is put together by the committee and then then is presented to the Board. Ms. Klein Corrigan also inquired who is the liaison between the highway and Selectboard. Mr. Cunningham commented that Mr. Ackland and Mr. Youmell have been sharing the role. Ms. Klein Corrigan commented that it is written differently in the job description as the foreman is the one who is suppose to be reporting to the whole board informing all board members of what is happening with the roads, equipment, paving etc. Mr. Youmell commented that he and Mr. Ackland have been a sounding board for the highway to communicate to get answers to daily questions. Mr. Behn commented that the board needs to substitute less hand holding by the board and to encourage the foreman to take the leadership role and not rely on the two board members for decisions. Mr. Ackland agreed with Ms. Behn that the Road Foreman needed to be pushed into this leadership role and make the hard decisions. Ms. Klein Corrigan appreciated the email from Mr. Youmell regarding what the highway was doing to keep informed on the projects of the town.

Mr. Cunningham commented that the PC has been working hard on the Land Use Development Regulations as it is a complete overhaul rewrite. He has been hearing and seeing a lot of feedback coming in regarding the changes.

Ms. Klein Corrigan commented that DRB received copies to review for comments as they have to implement them in their decisions. Mr. Cunningham commented there have been comments regarding they seem to pit landowner against landowner, districts and zones have changed.

Ms. Behn commented that the PC meetings have been more of informational meetings about the process and why things changed so they don't get into depth of answering questions. The public hearings as required by State Statutes have not started for the public to comment on specific things in the regulations. Ms. Behn commented that the PC may have not really been clear on what these meetings were intended for. The general feeling is that people would like to have in person hearings.

Which brings up the subject of the Selectboard starting in person meetings again. The board talked over that they could be ready for in person meetings at the next meeting in June 22, 2021. Ms. Klein Corrigan asked if we would have zoom capabilities for the public that still had reservations about going out. Mr. Youmell commented he is working on setting something up to have these capabilities. One suggestion was have a laptop available for Zoom. Ms. Laskowski (VR) commented that Moretown had tried that but people couldn't hear what was being said and don't put it in the corner of room. The board decided that they would start their in-person meetings on June 22, 2021 starting at 6:00 PM.

Other Business:

Warren Covered Bridge Bid – Ms. Jones presented the bid and funding information from Dubois & King regarding the Warren Covered Bridge Rehabilitation Project. The bid was twice the amount of the engineers estimate and with Covid materials have increased substantially. Dubois & King will analyze the bid amounts and see where and why the cost was so high. The board felt it was in the best interest of the Town to rebid the project in late winter early spring for more competitive bids.

Motion by Ms. Klein Corrigan to reject the one bid from Alpine Construction, LLC, second by Ms. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Town Garage Site – Ms. Klein asked for a little background on the Town of Warren's Planning at looking at sites for moving the Town Garage. Mr. Ackland commented that the Planning Commission had researched a few sites and it all came back to the re-building on the originally site. Mr. Ackland commented that the Bobbin Mill site presented some challenges and the Town owned Gravel Pit Site has some legal implications tied to it and this Selectboard is not willing to go in that direction against another selectboards decision. Mr. Cunningham commented that this has been one project that has been kicked down the road since he started.

Old Road Side Mower – Mr. Youmell brought up for the Road Foreman that the Town has and old road side mower that doesn't run and has received an offer of \$2,500. Ms. Klein Corrigan suggested calling Bolduc's and seeing how much the Town would get for salvage. If Bolduc's price is lower, then accept the offer of \$2,500.

Mac Truck – Highway – Mr. Youmell brought up that Mr. Bombard wants to replace Chris's truck and move Chris's present Salvage truck as the spare and trading the Mac. He is going to limp the Mac through another winter but wanted to start to get bid prices on new trucks now to start the process of purchasing a new truck for next year.

7:54 PM - Approval of Minutes for May 25, 2021 – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of May 25, 2021, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:55 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants- Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrants as presented for \$46,743.14, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:57PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrants as presented for \$24,027.71, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:00 PM – Motion by adjourn by Mr. Youmell, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard

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Andrew Cunningham, Chair

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Camilla Behn

Devin Klein Corrigan

COVID-19 Report for June 8, 2021

Total Cases: 24,371

Cases statewide in the last 14 days: 76 which averages out to 38 a week

Total Probable Cases Overall: 726

Currently Hospitalized: 4 with 2 in the ICU

Recent Cases in Washington County in the last 14 days: 4

Total Cases in Washington County since the beginning: 1,898

Breakthrough Cases: 239, 1% of cases since 1/2021 have been among Fully-vaccinated Vermonters

Deaths: 256 with 0 in the last 14 days

Total People Tested: 400,109

Total Tests: 1,705,027

Tested in the last 14 days: 17,786

Total Completely Vaccinated: 407,000 up nearly 33,200 in 2 weeks

Total Vaccinated: 450,027

Overall Progress w/ at least One Dose: 71.8%, age 12+ is 81.3%

Washington County Progress w/ at least One Dose: 82.2% up nearly 1.5% from 2 weeks ago

Vaccine Doses Received: 910,100 up 8,900 from 2 weeks ago

Regional Numbers

- NY has 2,112,000 cases an increase of 6,000 cases
- MA has 709,000 cases an increase of 1,000 cases
- NH has 99,300 cases an increase of 400 cases
- Maine has 68,800 cases an increase of 500 cases

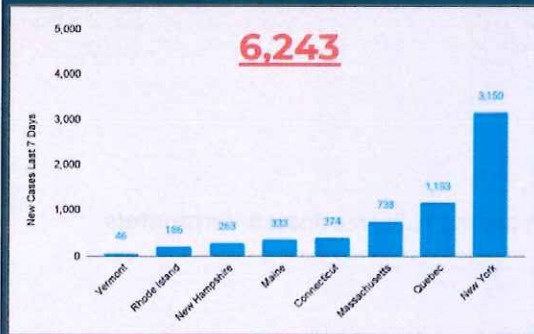
Regional Vaccination Numbers as of 6.21.21 18+ Population

- NY
 - Fully Vaccinated: 9,773,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 63.2%
- MA
 - Fully Vaccinated: 4,118,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 60%
- NH
 - Fully Vaccinated: 743,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 54.8%
- ME
 - Fully Vaccinated: 768,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 59.9%

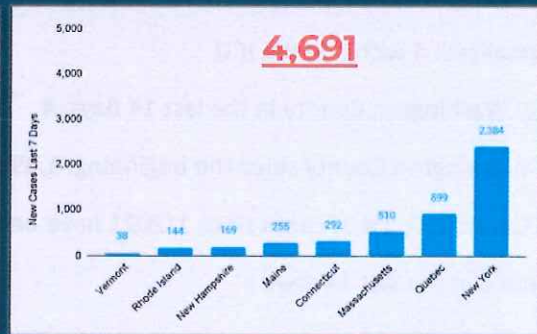
Regional Cases

24.9% Decrease in New Cases

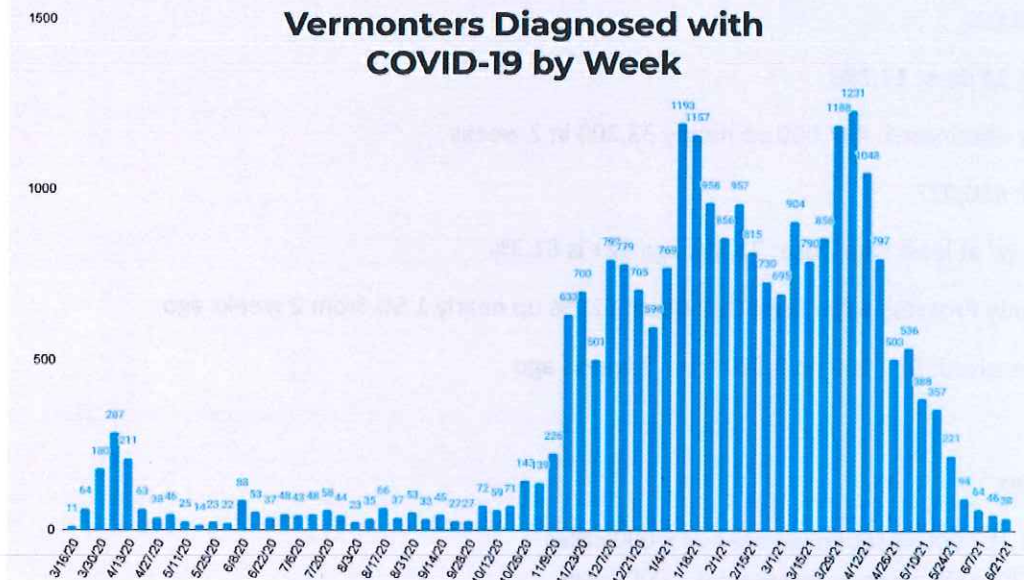
New Cases June 8th to June 14th



New Cases June 15th to June 21st

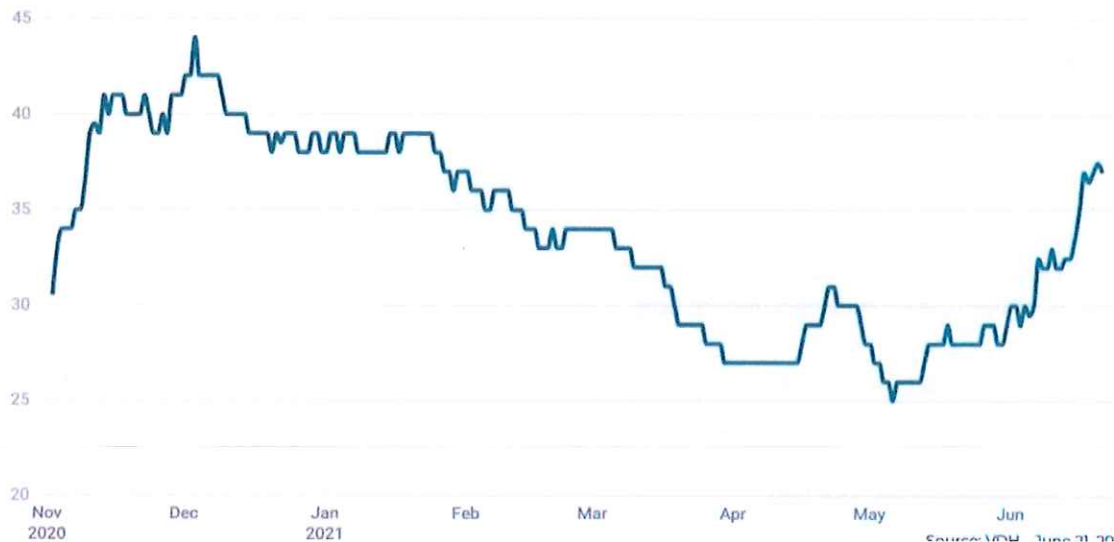


Vermonters Diagnosed with COVID-19 by Week



Age of Infected Vermonters

Median age of COVID positive individuals in VT over the last 14 days.

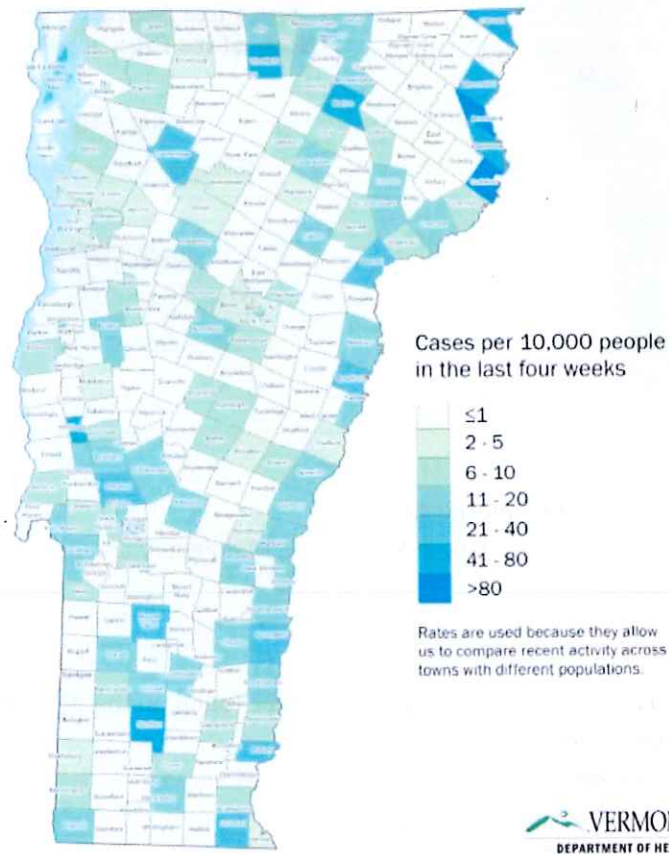


Source: VDH June 21, 2021

Cases

- Current cases counts in the area as of 6/16/21 (2 week totals)
 - Warren 34, an increase of 0
 - Waitsfield 66, an increase of 0
 - Moretown 38, an increase of 0
 - Fayston less than 5,
 - Waterbury 184, an increase of

Rate of Vermonters with COVID-19 by Town in the Last Four Weeks
Data from 05/20/2021 to 06/16/2021



Town Counts from 03/05/2020 to 06/16/2021

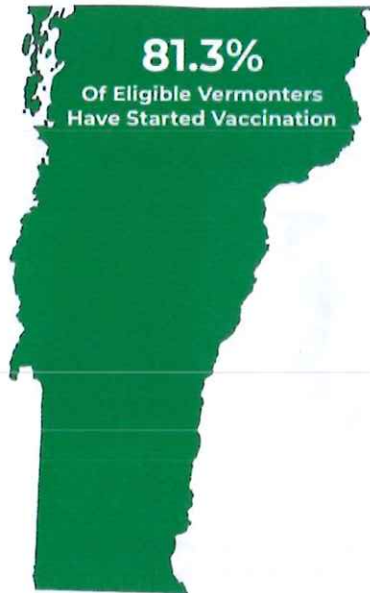
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To protect the identity of individuals, names with fewer than 5 cases are not included in this table.

Update on outbreaks and clusters as of June 16, 2021

- 6 Active outbreaks, 6 Primary and 0 Secondary, 501 outbreaks have been resolved.

Governors, CDC and SEOC Updates



Congratulations, Vermont!

**The First State to Vaccinate
80% of its Eligible Population**

+5,156
Since Last Week

447,728
Vermonters with
at Least 1 Dose

Testing

- Testing continues to happen throughout the state.
- Testing continues to be offered almost daily in Waterbury, Middlebury and Berlin. Locations can be found at the [VT Dept of Health Testing](#) site.

Vaccination Planning

- Walk-in Clinics continue to be available daily, locations can be found on the [VT Dept of Health](#) site.
- 6/23 EMS Clinic State House Lawn 10-1 J & J
- 6/24 Waterbury Farmers Market 4-7 J & J
- 6/26 EMS Clinic Waitsfield United Church 9-12 J & J
- 6/26 Waitsfield Farmers Market 9-1 J & J
- 7/4 Warren Municipal Complex 9-3 J & J
- More than 171,300,000 have received 1 doses so far nationwide, 140,000,000 have received 2 doses
- 53.4% have one dose Nationwide and 45.2% are fully vaccinated
- Nearly 379,000,000 doses have been distributed nationwide
- Over 2.6 Billion doses have been administered worldwide
- Over 485,000,000 have been fully vaccinated worldwide

Vermont CDC Vaccine Scorecard

Metric	Figure	State Ranking
Doses Administered per 100K	131,785	1
% At Least 1 Dose (Eligible)	81.3%	1
% Fully Vaccinated (Eligible Population)	71.3%	1
% At Least 1 Dose (Full Population)	71.8%	1
% Fully Vaccinated (Full Population)	62.9%	1
Doses Administered 65+ per 100K	197,652	1

150,000

Vermont is 1st in the Country on
Vaccines Administered Per 100K

100,000

50,000

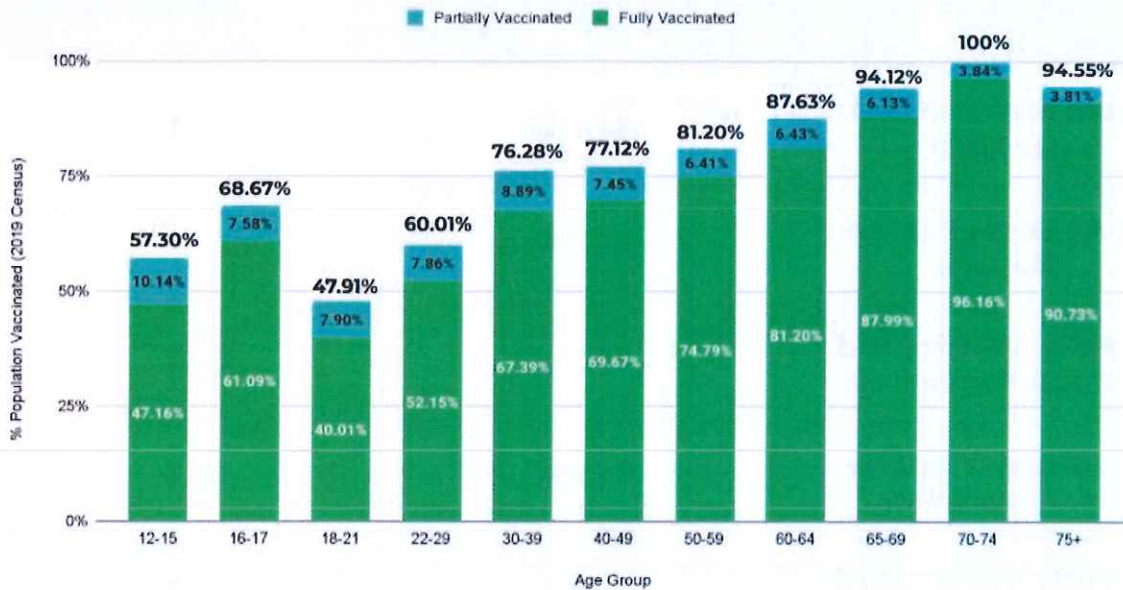
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Virginia
Oregon
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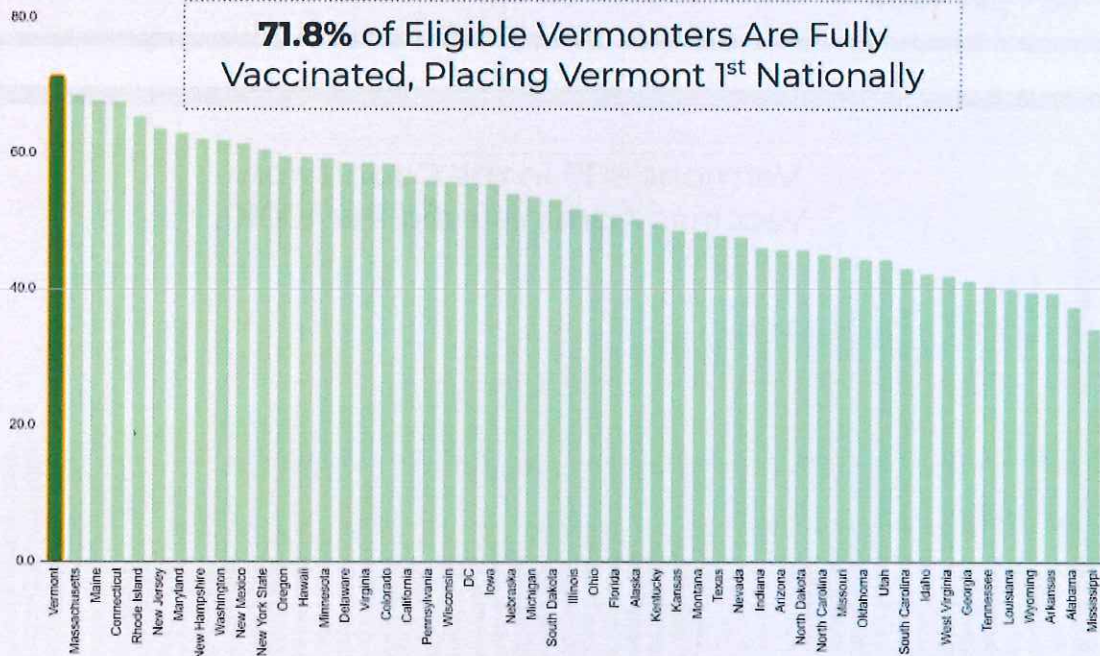
Source: CDC—June 21, 2021 (with DFR reconciliation)

Vermont Vaccination Progress

By Age Band



71.8% of Eligible Vermonters Are Fully Vaccinated, Placing Vermont 1st Nationally



Source: CDC—June 21, 2021 (with DFR reconciliation)

Vermont Vaccination Data

Blue headers indicate CDC data
Gray headers indicate Vermont data

Vaccination by County Age 12+

The percent of the county population age 12+ that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

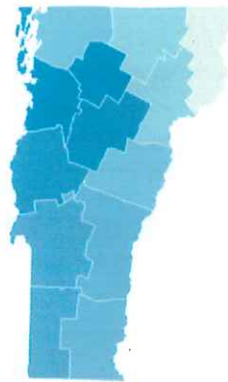
Show Rates By:

Overall

Race/Ethnicity

Ethnicity

County	Overall progress
Addison	80.3%
Bennington	76.6%
Caledonia	68.6%
Chittenden	83.5%
Essex	57.4%
Franklin	71.5%
Grand Isle	82.7%
Lamoille	83.8%
Orange	71.6%
Orleans	68.0%
Rutland	76.5%
Washington	82.2%
Windham	73.8%
Windsor	74.0%



57.4% 83.8%

Vermont Forward

Looking for info on the Vermont Forward plan?
Visit <https://www.vermont.gov/vermont-forward>

Vaccine Distribution

Doses Received

910.1K

Doses Administered

821.0K

Total People Vaccinated

Total People Started

43.0K

Total People Completed

407.0K

Started Completed

450,027

People who have received at least one dose of the vaccine



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Vermont Vaccination Data

Select County

All

Summary

By Age, Sex, Race, Ethnicity

By Age - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population of each age group that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Age	%*
12 - 15	57.3%
16 - 17	68.7%
18 - 29	55.2%
30 - 39	76.3%
40 - 49	77.1%
50 - 59	81.2%
60 - 64	87.6%
65 - 69	94.1%
70 - 74	99.9%
75+	94.5%
VT Age 12+	77.5%

Statewide numbers and percentages are capped at 100%. County numbers and percentages are capped at 95%. Values above 95% are suppressed to protect personal health information. See notes below for more information.

By Race - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population age 12+ of each race that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Race	%*
Asian	70.1%
Black or African American	62.9%
Native American, Indigenous, or First Nation	28.1%
Pacific Islander	17.1%
Two or more races	59.4%
White	74.9%
VT Age 12+	74.2%

Race information is missing for 4% of people vaccinated.

By Race/Ethnicity and Age - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population age 12+ of each race/ethnicity that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Race*	12-30	31-64	65+	Age 12+
BIPOC	58.1%	73.3%	84.5%	67.7%
Non-Hispanic White	52.3%	72.8%	91.3%	71.8%
Vermont	52.9%	72.9%	91.1%	71.5%

Race/ethnicity information is missing for 8% of people vaccinated.

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

By Ethnicity - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population age 12+ of each ethnicity that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Ethnicity	%*
Hispanic	85.0%
Not Hispanic	71.6%
VT Age 12+	71.8%

Ethnicity information is missing for 7% of people vaccinated.

By Sex - Statewide

The percent of the statewide population age 12+ of each sex that has received at least one dose of the vaccine

Sex	%*
Female	79.9%
Male	74.9%
VT Age 12+	77.4%

Sex information is missing for 0% of people vaccinated.

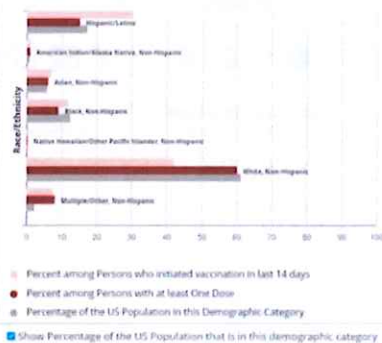
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Nationwide Numbers

Race/Ethnicity of People with at least One Dose Administered:

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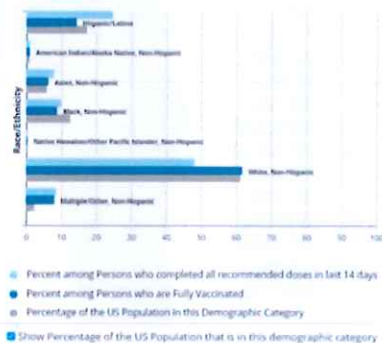
Data from 177,342,954 people with at least one dose administered. Race/Ethnicity was available for 101,492,175 (57.2%) people with at least one dose administered.



Race/Ethnicity of People Fully Vaccinated:

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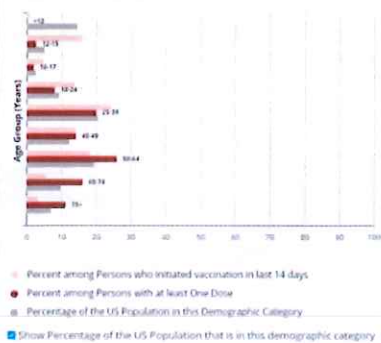
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Age Groups of People with at least One Dose Administered:

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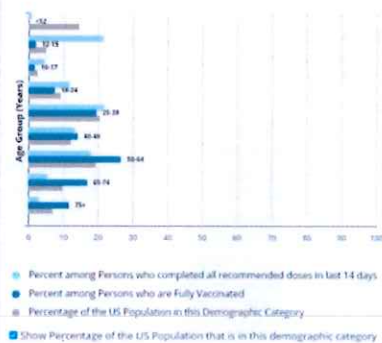
Data from 177,342,954 people with at least one dose administered. Age was available for 163,608,393 (92%) people with at least one dose administered.



Age Groups of People Fully Vaccinated:

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Data from 150,046,006 people fully vaccinated. Age was available for 138,511,613 (92%) people fully vaccinated.



Sex of People with at least One Dose Administered:

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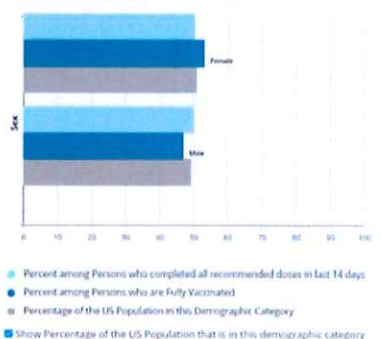
Data from 177,342,954 people with at least one dose administered. Sex was available for 161,880,626 (91.3%) people with at least one dose administered.



Sex of People Fully Vaccinated:

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Data from 150,046,006 people fully vaccinated. Sex was available for 137,262,553 (91.5%) people fully vaccinated.



STATE OF VERMONT

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ADDENDUM 16 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01-20

[Extension of State of Emergency Declared March 13, 2020; and
Use of Facial Coverings]

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 01-20, Declaration of State of Emergency (“Executive Order”), as amended and restated June 15, 2020 (“Amended and Restated Executive Order”), declaring a state of emergency for the State of Vermont in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, all states in the region, including Vermont, have experienced community transmission of COVID-19 which led to hundreds of thousands of cases and thousands of deaths within a five hour drive of Vermont’s borders; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health (VDH), has initiated sustained efforts to protect property and public health, and to ensure public safety in this health emergency including issuing the Executive Order, as amended and restated, and Directives issued pursuant to the Executive Order to limit in-person contact, such as limiting the size of gatherings, closure of schools and the institution of remote learning through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, directing the postponement of non-essential medical and surgical procedures, suspending the operation of close contact businesses, requiring telecommuting and work from home, requiring Vermonters to stay home and stay safe with exceptions for essential purposes and suspending the operation of businesses which were not deemed critical to public health and safety and national and economic security; and

WHEREAS, beginning in April 2020, the Governor undertook a cautious, measured and data-based approach to restarting Vermont’s economy to minimize the risk to the public by limiting the spread of infection in our communities to protect the most vulnerable, while reopening business, non-profit, government and recreation sectors in a safe and effective way; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Governor’s cautious, measured and data-based approach to restarting Vermont’s economy in a safe and effective way, on April 20, 2020, the Governor issued Addendum 10 to the Executive Order that established health and safety requirements to be followed by all employers and employees, including mandatory facial coverings for employees when in the presence of others, and strongly encouraged all Vermonters to wear facial coverings when in the presence of others; and

WHEREAS, modeling studies done for the State clearly show that, but for the mitigation measures taken by the Governor, the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations and COVID-19 related deaths in the State would have had a much more devastating effect on Vermonters and threatened to overwhelm the capacity of the Vermont health care system; and

by a facial covering, anyone with difficulty breathing or as further set forth in guidance issued by VDH. A person who declines to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical or developmental issue, or difficulty breathing, shall not be required to produce documentation, or other evidence, verifying the condition.

Businesses and non-profit and government entities shall continue to implement measures notifying unvaccinated customers or clients of the requirement to wear masks or facial coverings in public indoor spaces. This notice may include, but shall not be limited to, posting signage stating that masks or cloth facial coverings are required and denial of entry or service to customers or clients who decline to wear masks or facial coverings.

For the sake of clarity, the requirements for masks or facial coverings or permitted alternatives in specific circumstances shall continue to apply as set forth in the following guidance:

- Vermont Forward, permitting limited alternatives to face masks in limited workplace settings, as well as some flexibility on use of masks or facial coverings in other circumstances, such as when eating in a restaurant;
- A Strong and Healthy Year: Safety and Health Guidance for Vermont Schools, Spring 2021 issued by the Secretary of the Agency of Education (AoE);
- Health Guidance for Childcare and School Age Camps/Care issued by the VDH, AoE and the Department for Children and Families;
- Guidance to Healthcare Providers issued by the VDH; and
- Other as set by a designated Secretary or Commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.

The legislative body of each municipality may enact more strict local requirements regarding mask use than those set forth herein. Businesses may also enact more strict requirements regarding mask use than those set forth herein.

To support further relaxation of restrictions, and a return to normal operations and full mobility, municipalities and business should encourage all residents, employees and customers to be vaccinated at the earliest opportunity.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

1. Effective May 15, 2021, the Executive Order, as Amended and Restated June 5, 2020, and all amendments, Addenda and Directives issued thereunder, shall continue in full force and effect until midnight on June 15, 2021, at which time the Governor, in consultation with VDH and DPS shall assess the emergency and determine whether to amend or extend the State of Emergency.
2. Mask Use. Section 7(f) of the Amended and Restated Executive Order regarding Mask Use is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(f) Masks or Cloth Facial Coverings.

- i. Fully Vaccinated People. Effective immediately, fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a face covering over nose and mouth or physically distancing, except where required by federal, State or local laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

For the purposes of this section, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

- ii. Unvaccinated People. Unvaccinated people are not required to wear face coverings over nose and mouth when they are in outdoor public spaces, provided sustained or prolonged close contact with other unvaccinated people from outside their household can be avoided.

For the purposes of section, people of all ages, including children, are considered unvaccinated when they have not completed a vaccination series.

For clarity, “sustained or prolonged contact” is defined as more than several minutes. “Close contact” is defined as being less than six feet from an individual from outside your household. For example, masking would not be required when passing someone on the sidewalk or at an outdoor market. Put another way, when you are outdoors, masks are only required when you are in a crowd or with multiple other households where you cannot avoid close contact.

The Commissioner of VDH, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby delegated the authority to implement and update guidance required for unvaccinated people regarding the use of masks or cloth facial coverings indoors or outdoors in public.

Nothing in this Order or any other State health and safety guidance shall require the use of a mask or cloth facial covering by any person when someone is engaged in strenuous exercise or activity, for anyone under the age of 2, any child or adult with a medical or developmental issue or challenge that is complicated or irritated

WHEREAS, the mitigation measures taken in 2020 and 2021, including significant testing and contact tracing capacity, mask-wearing and other health and safety protocols, substantial federal financial aid, food distribution and emergency housing, prepared Vermonters, healthcare institutions and schools for the spike in COVID-19 cases in late fall and early winter to such an extent Vermont was able to avoid a substantial roll-back of Vermont's ongoing restart efforts; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the initiation of Vermont's nation-leading vaccination program and continued adherence by Vermonters to the State's safety measures and substantial uptake of vaccine, Vermont is now seeing significant decreases in its rate of hospitalizations and deaths; and

WHEREAS, this trend has allowed the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), in consultation with VDH, with the approval of the Governor, to release the Vermont Forward Roadmap to Reopening: Phased Reopening Plan ("Vermont Forward"), to relieve restrictions on the operations of businesses and non-profit and government entities as certain vaccination goals are met; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recently issued new guidance, based on the science and data, that COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing COVID-19 infections and, in the very rare instances where a fully vaccinated person contracts the virus, that fully vaccinated person has a far less severe, often asymptomatic, case and there is low risk of transmitting COVID-19 to unvaccinated people; and

WHEREAS, in light of this updated CDC guidance the Governor, in consultation with VDH and the Department of Public Safety, has determined that the data and conditions in Vermont support removing facial covering requirements for fully vaccinated people in most situations; and

WHEREAS, numerous tools needed to address response efforts remain in place by virtue of the State of Emergency declaration, including protections for residents of long term and other medical care facilities, licensing and regulatory flexibility needed to facilitate the medical response, health and safety requirements, expanded housing and meal delivery systems, moratoria on evictions and water and sewer service disconnection, expanded eligibility for unemployment insurance, tools needed by certain businesses to maintain a minimum level of economic sustainability, and federal emergency funding; and


WHEREAS, the Governor has determined, in consultation with the Commissioner of VDH and the Department of Public Safety, based on the best science and data available, to extend the State of Emergency for the State of Vermont, effective Saturday May 15, 2021 through Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Vermont by the Constitution of the State of Vermont, the emergency powers set forth in 20 V.S.A. §§ 8, 9 and 11 and other laws, hereby declare, effective Saturday May 15, 2021, the State of Emergency for the State of Vermont shall be extended through midnight on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

This Addendum 16 to the Amended and Restated Executive Order shall take effect upon signing. Effective May 15, 2021, the Amended and Restated Executive Order shall continue in full force and effect until midnight on June 15, 2021, at which time the Governor, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety shall assess the emergency and determine whether to amend or extend the Amended and Restated Executive Order, including the Addenda and Directives thereto.



By the Governor:


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

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Dated: May 14, 2021

