

#### Report Timeframe: May 5 to May 11, 2024

Current Vermont Department of Health recommendations on <u>Preventing COVID-19</u> (healthvermont.gov).

### **Syndromic Surveillance**

The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) reflects all visits from participating emergency departments (ED). The chart below shows a rolling seven-day average of all ED visits in Vermont hospitals that include a COVID-19 diagnosis (emergency and non-emergency, in- and outpatient visits).

#### **Emergency Department Visits with COVID-19 Diagnosis** Seven-Day Rolling Average, Vermont Hospitals



# **Variant Proportions - Clinical Specimens**



JN.1 is the dominant circulating variant. KP.2 was first detected during the week of 3/31/24. (Sources: LabCorp, Quest, Helix, Health Department Whole Genome Sequencing program.)

#### Variant Proportions – Wastewater Monitoring

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circulating variants. Source: Centers for **Disease Control and Prevention National** 

### Virus Concentrations and Trends – Wastewater Monitoring

Concentration levels are slightly elevated at some sites but generally remain low. Some week-toweek fluctuation is expected.

Montpelier, South Burlington and Essex Junction wastewater districts participate in WastewaterSCAN. The graph below shows COVID-19 levels and trends over time in these districts.



SARS-CoV-2, Vermont

Sample collected

Montpelier, VT (Montpelier Water Resource Recovery Facility)

South Burlington, VT (South Burlington-Airport Parkway WWTF)

Essex Junction, VT (City of Essex Junction Wastewater Treatment Facility)

Data for sites in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, and Windsor Counties are available on the Biobot Analytics website. Data for Burlington's North and Main plants are available through Burlington's Wastewater Monitoring Report.

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### **Identified Cases**

#### VermontWeeklyCaseCounts/Rates



Note: Case counts and rates are calculated by *confirmed* and *probable* cases reported to the Health Department.

To calculate rates, counts are divided by 2021 Vermont population estimates for the respective category and expressed per 100,000 in each category.

Due to a high number of cases missing race/ethnicity data, rates are not provided for race/ethnicity categories.

## **COVID-19 Outbreaks Reported May 7 to May 13**

For purposes of this report, an outbreak is defined as three or more epidemiologically linked cases of COVID-19, where at least one case has been laboratory or clinically confirmed as COVID-19.

Facility type	New Outbreaks Reported 5/7 - 5/13
Long-term Care (LTC)	-
Non-LTC Healthcare	-
Correctional Facility	-
School/childcare	-
Other	-

County	New Outbreaks Reported 5/7 - 5/13
Addison	-
Bennington	-
Caledonia	-
Chittenden	-
Essex	-
Franklin	-
Grand Isle	-
Lamoille	-
Orange	-
Orleans	-
Rutland	-
Washington	-
Windham	-
Windsor	-

### Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths as of May 11, 2024



Note: Deaths are from registered death certificates and represent preliminary data. A change in death count may represent new deaths, corrections, or other updates.

Data Source: Vermont Department of Health Vital Statistics System.

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