

July 3, 2024

### Report Timeframe: June 23 to June 29, 2024

Current Vermont Department of Health recommendations on preventing COVID-19.

## **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**



**KP.2, KP.3, and LB.1 are the dominant circulating variants.** Most specimen quantities are limited to less than ten per week starting the week of 4/7 which may impact proportion accuracy. (Sources: LabCorp, Quest, Helix, Health Department Whole Genome Sequencing program.)

## Variant Proportions - Wastewater Monitoring

KP.3 is the dominant circulating variants in wastewater.



# **Virus Concentrations and Trends – Wastewater Monitoring**

Concentrations have increased at Burlington and Bennington (data not shown), and at Essex Junction (see chart below).

Montpelier, South Burlington and Essex Junction wastewater districts participate in <u>WastewaterSCAN</u>. 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 Burlington's North and Main plants are available through <u>Burlington's Wastewater</u> <u>Monitoring Report</u>.

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#### **Identified Cases**



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 June 25 to July 2**

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 6/25 - 7/2
Long-term Care (LTC)	1
Non-LTC Healthcare	-
Correctional Facility	-
School/childcare	-
Other	-

County	New Outbreaks Reported 6/25 - 7/2
Addison	-
Bennington	-
Caledonia	-
Chittenden	-
Essex	-
Franklin	-
Grand Isle	-
Lamoille	-
Orange	-
Orleans	-
Rutland	-
Washington	-
Windham	1
Windsor	-

## Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths as of June 29, 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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