

Report Timeframe: September 8 to September 14, 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.3 is the dominant circulating variant. Some limited specimen quantities may impact proportion accuracy. Source: Vermont Department of Health Whole Genome Sequencing program.

Virus Concentrations and Trends – Wastewater Monitoring

Concentrations are elevated at all sites including Montpelier, Essex Junction and South Burlington (see chart below), Ludlow (data not shown), and Burlington Main (see link below). 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

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 **Burlington's Wastewater** Monitoring Report.

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 Date to Date

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 9/10 - 9/16				
Long-term Care (LTC)	4				
Non-LTC Healthcare	-				
Correctional Facility	-				
School/childcare	8				
Other	-				

County	New Outbreaks Reported 9/10 - 9/16				
Addison	-				
Bennington	1				
Caledonia	-				
Chittenden	4				
Essex	-				
Franklin	2				
Grand Isle	-				
Lamoille	-				
Orange	-				
Orleans	-				
Rutland	2				
Washington	-				
Windham	2				
Windsor	1				

Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths as of September 7, 2024*

*Note (9/18/2024): Due to a technical issue, updated death information is not available this week.

	Age group									
Total	Under 10	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	
1190	2	0	2	11	20	76	117	269	693	





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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