

## Report Timeframe: December 1 to December 7, 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 and MC.16 are the dominant circulating variants.** Some limited specimen quantities may impact proportion accuracy. For more timely data, see the <u>National SARS-CoV-2 Genomic</u> <u>Surveillance System</u> which includes data from Vermont and other states. Source: Vermont Department of Health Whole Genome Sequencing program.

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

Concentrations remain low at all sites: Burlington, St. Albans, South Burlington, Middlebury, Ludlow, Essex Junction, and Montpelier. Some week-to-week fluctuation is expected.

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.





Data for Burlington's Main plant is 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 12/3 - 12/9				
Long-term Care (LTC)	2				
Non-LTC Healthcare	-				
Correctional Facility	-				
School/childcare	-				
Other	-				

County	New Outbreaks Reported 12/3 - 12/9				
Addison	1				
Bennington	-				
Caledonia	-				
Chittenden	-				
Essex	-				
Franklin	-				
Grand Isle	-				
Lamoille	-				
Orange	-				
Orleans	-				
Rutland	1				
Washington	-				
Windham	-				
Windsor	-				

### Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths as of December 7, 2024

	Age group									
Total	Under 10	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	
1234	2	0	2	11	20	78	125	275	721	





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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