

Report Timeframe: February 2 to February 8, 2025

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



XEC is the most common circulating variant. Some limited specimen quantities may impact proportion accuracy, specifically the weeks of 11/10--23/2024. For more timely data, see the <u>National SARS-CoV-2 Genomic 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 elevated but are decreasing in Montpelier, Concentrations are more moderately increased in Burlington, South Burlington, Middlebury, St. Albans, and Essex Junction, and low in Ludlow. 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.



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

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.

SARS-CoV-2, Vermont

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 2/4-2/10
Long-term Care (LTC)	1
Non-LTC Healthcare	-
Correctional Facility	-
School/childcare	-
Other	-

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

Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths as of February 8, 2025



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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