

Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report

August 9, 2023

Report Timeframe: July 30 to August 5, 2023

Statewide hospitalization levels: Low. New COVID-19 admissions are below 10 per 100,000 Vermonters per day.

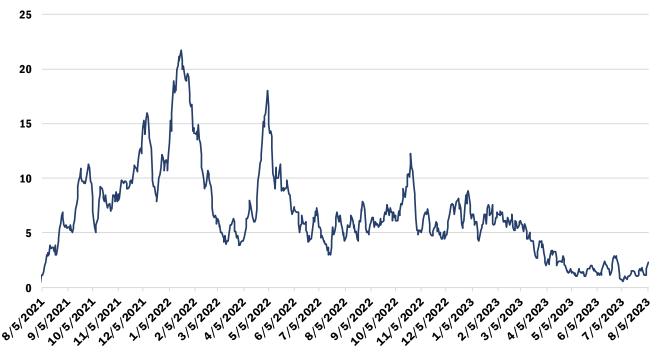
New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 2.56 per 100K
 16 total new admissions with COVID-19 (increase from previous week)

The number of reportable COVID-19 cases is still available in this report, below. Laboratory-confirmed and diagnosed COVID-19 cases and COVID-19 outbreaks must still be reported to the Vermont Department of Health

Vermont Department of Health recommendations: Preventing COVID-19 (healthvermont.gov)

Hospitalizations Over Time

Daily Hospitalizations With COVID-19 Diagnosis Seven-Day Rolling Average



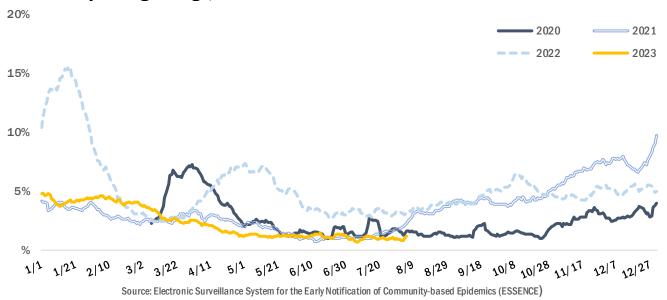
Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services HHS Protect

The seven-day rolling average of hospital patients admitted with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 increased to over two. The number is the daily average of the previous seven days; for example, the value for May 28 is the daily average for the days of May 21 through May 27.

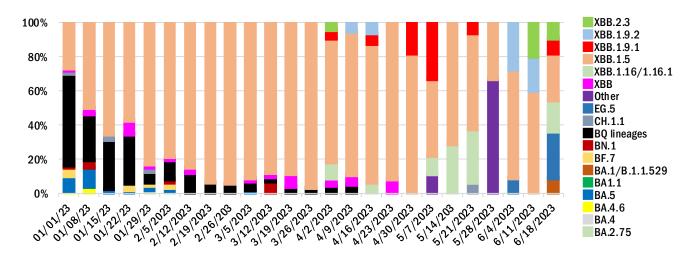
Syndromic Surveillance

The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) reflects all individual visits from participating emergency departments¹, to identify visits for COVID-Like Illness (CLI). During this reporting period the proportion of emergency visits in participating departments that included CLI was around 1%, lower than the same time in 2022.

Percent of Emergency Visits with COVID-Like Illness Seven-Day Rolling Average, over Calendar Year



Proportion of sequenced variants



Only 3 specimens are available for the week of 5/28/23. (Sources: LabCorp; Quest; Health Department Whole Genome Sequencing program)

¹ All Vermont hospitals and two urgent care clinics are included in ESSENCE.

Wastewater Monitoring

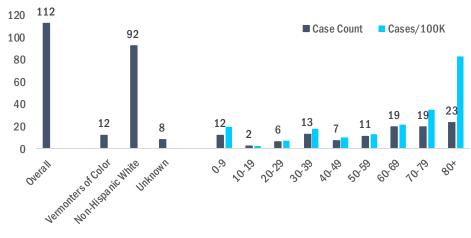


Several Vermont wastewater districts participate with the National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS).

NWSS Site	15-day % change
Bennington	Increase 1000% of more
Brighton	*
Burlington (Main plant)	Decrease 10-99%
Burlington (North plant)	*
Essex Junction	Decrease 10-99%
Ludlow	*
South Burlington	Increase 100-999%
St. Albans City	Increase 10-99%
St. Johnsbury	Decrease 10-99%
Troy / Jay WWTP	Decrease 10-99%
Winooski	Decrease 10-99%

Identified Cases

VermontWeekly Case Counts/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 2019
Vermont population estimates for 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.

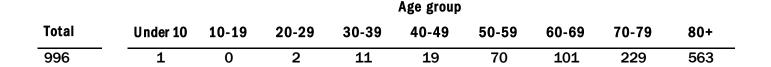
COVID-19 Outbreaks Reported August 1 to August 7

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

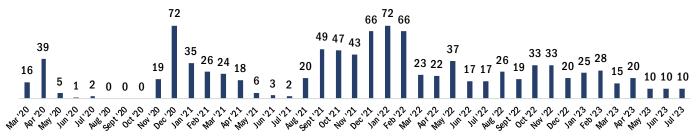
Facility type	New Outbreaks Reported 8/1 - 8/7
Long-term Care (LTC)	3
Non-LTC Healthcare	-
Correctional Facility	-
School/childcare	-
Other	1

County	New Outbreaks Reported 8/1 - 8/7
Addison	-
Bennington	-
Caledonia	-
Chittenden	1
Essex	-
Franklin	-
Grand Isle	-
Lamoille	-
Orange	-
Orleans	1
Rutland	1
Washington	-
Windham	-
Windsor	1

Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths as of August 5, 2023



Monthly COVID-19 Deaths



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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