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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



LP.8.1, LF.7 and XFG are the most common circulating variants. Limited specimen quantities may impact proportion accuracy particularly starting 4/27. 3/2/25 data are delayed. 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.

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Virus Concentrations and Trends – Wastewater Monitoring

Concentrations are low/very low at all sites: South Burlington, Burlington, Essex Junction, Montpelier, St. Albans, Ludlow, and Middlebury. 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.

SARS-CoV-2, Vermont



South Burnington, VT (South Burnington-Airport Parkway WWTP)
Essex Junction, VT (City of Essex Junction Wastewater Treatment Facility)

Data for Burlington's Main plant is available through **Burlington's Wastewater Monitoring Report**.

COVID-19 Outbreaks Reported

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 7/8- 7/14
Long-term Care (LTC)	1
Non-LTC Healthcare	1
Correctional Facility	-
School/childcare	-
Other	-

County	New Outbreaks Reported 7/8-7/14
Addison	-
Bennington	-
Caledonia	-
Chittenden	2
Essex	-
Franklin	-
Grand Isle	-
Lamoille	-
Orange	-
Orleans	-
Rutland	-
Washington	-
Windham	-
Windsor	-

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