

Daily Update on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) February 3, 2021

New or updated information is in red and bold

This update is available online at healthvermont.gov/covid19

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Please visit the Vermont Department of Health's COVID-19 web and data pages healthvermont.gov/covid19

Vaccination Update

More than 55,800 people have now been vaccinated in Vermont, including 21,100 who have received both doses, according to the COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard.

The Health Department is reminding people that you must have an appointment to be vaccinated. Clinics are NOT open to walk-ins, and people should not show up at clinics looking for "extra doses." Vaccine to be used is carefully managed, so please do not call the Health Department and ask to be put on a list to be told of extras – there is no such list.

If you are age 75 and or older and still need to schedule an appointment to be vaccinated, please visit healthvermont.gov/My/accine.

New on healthvermont.gov

Since the beginning of the pandemic, 29% of Vermont's long-term care facilities (LTCF) have had at least one case of COVID-19. Outbreaks have been experienced by 17% of our long-term care facilities. These outbreaks are defined as a situation where two or more residents or staff members with COVID-19 have known connections to each other in the facility setting.

See our new report <u>COVID-19 in long-term care facilities</u> to learn more, including how the Health Department works with these facilities to prepare for and prevent COVID-19. This report will be updated every Tuesday <u>on our website</u>.

Protect Yourself and Others By Getting Tested

If you want to get tested for COVID-19 and have no symptoms, you can visit a location near you. There are now more than 15 regular locations throughout the state, and more of them are now open daily. Many sites now allow you to take a sample yourself, using a short swab in your nose. It's quick, easy and free.

Register for a test by visiting healthvermont.gov/covid19testing. (You will need to create an account to register.)

If you have <u>symptoms</u> of COVID-19, please contact your health care provider so they can refer you for testing. If you don't have a provider, you can call 2-1-1.

Case Information

Current COVID-19 Activity in Vermont As of 12 p.m. on February 3, 2021

Description	Number
New cases*	129
	(12,329 total)
Currently hospitalized	52
Hospitalized in ICU	8
Hospitalized under investigation	2
Percent Positive (7-day average)	1.9%
People tested	306,853
Total tests	894,557
Total people recovered	8,759
Deaths+	179
Travelers monitored	168
Contacts monitored	235
People completed monitoring	12,774

^{*} Includes testing conducted at the Health Department Laboratory, commercial labs and other public health labs.

Hospitalization data is provided by the Vermont Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition and is based on hospitals updating this information.

Find more data at: healthvermont.gov/currentactivity.

⁺ Death occurring in persons known to have COVID-19. Death certificate may be pending.

Additional Resources About Vaccination and More

Find answers to your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine from the CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html.

Get Vermont-specific information in our <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>.

COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard: <u>healthvermont.gov/covid19-vaccine-data</u>.

Sign up for the COVID-19 Weekly Email Update.

Find information sheets, posters and toolkits on our <u>Resources web page</u>, in addition to translated materials.

Take Care of Your Emotional and Mental Health

If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs emotional support, help is available 24/7:

- Call your <u>local mental health crisis line.</u>
- Text VT to 741741 to talk with someone at the Crisis Text Line.
- Call the <u>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</u> at 1-800-273-8255.

You can also get more information and resources:

- Visit our <u>Coping With Stress</u> web page.
- Get connected to Alcohol and Drug Support Services at <u>VT Helplink</u>.
- Get self-help tips and connect to mental health services at COVID Support VT.

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Information for the public can be found at https://healthvermont.gov/covid19.