

**TO:** Vermont Health Care Providers, Hospitals, Ambulatory Care Centers, and EMS Providers  
**FROM:** Patsy Kelso, PhD, State Epidemiologist for Infectious Disease

**Preparing for Novel Coronavirus – Update for Vermont Health Care Providers**

The Health Department will be hosting a novel coronavirus (now called COVID-19) informational webinar at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21 for health care providers and facilities. During this 45-minute webinar, you'll hear the latest information on epidemiology, infection control and prevention recommendations, specimen collection and testing guidance, and clinical management for patients. Health care providers in primary, urgent, and acute care settings are encouraged to participate. Slides will be made available on our [2019 novel coronavirus web page](#) after the webinar.

**Vermont Department of Health Presenters:**

- **Patsy Kelso**, PhD, State Epidemiologist
- **Julia Brennan**, APN, MPH, Epidemiologist

**Agenda:**

- International and U.S. novel coronavirus activity
- Vermont response, including risk assessment and monitoring
- Recommendations for healthcare settings
  - Identify, Isolate, Inform
  - Infection control
  - Testing
- Clinical management and treatment
- Q & A

**Call-in Information:**

When: Friday, February 21, 2020, 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

Topic: Preparing for Novel Coronavirus in Vermont

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