

Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report

September 20, 2023

Report Timeframe: September 10 to September 16, 2023

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

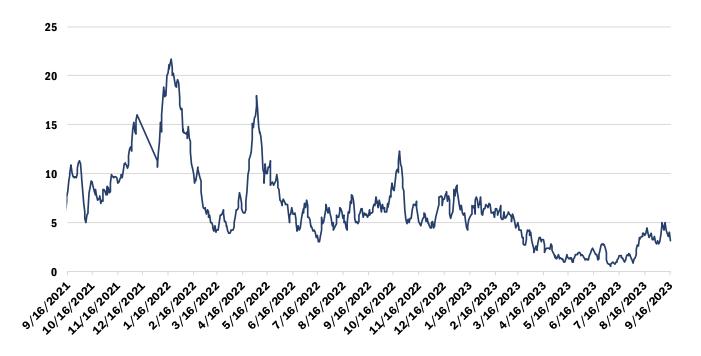
- New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 3.35 per 100K
 - o 22 total new admissions with COVID-19

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



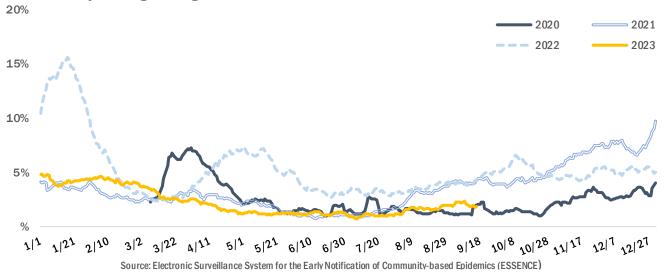
Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services HHS Protect

The seven-day rolling average of hospital patients admitted with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 was between three and five. 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.

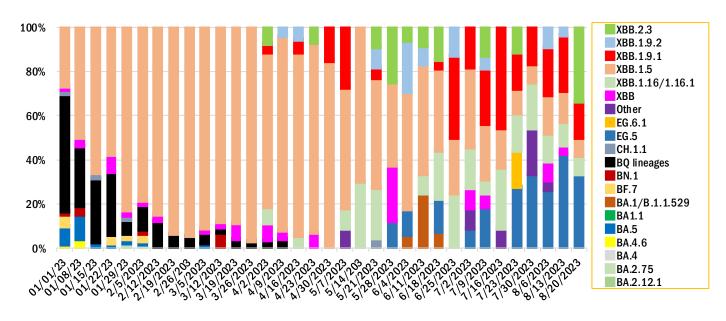
Syndromic Surveillance

The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) reflects all 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 2%, but lower than the same time in 2021 and 2022.

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



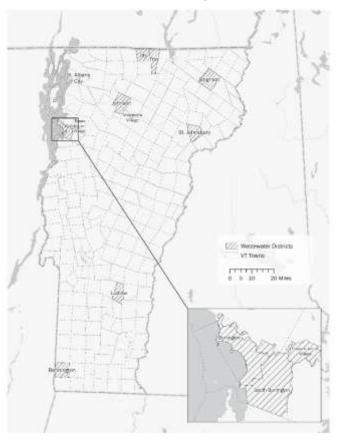
Proportion of sequenced variants



(Sources: LabCorp, Quest, Helix, 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). Montpelier has recently been added as a new site.

Starting on 8/17/23, wastewater monitoring results are described by how their COVID-19 measurements have been trending. Trend categories are: Sustained Decrease, Decrease, Plateau, Increase, and Sustained Increase.

NWSS Site	Current Trend
Bennington	Plateau
Brighton	*
Burlington (Main plant)	Plateau
Burlington (North plant)	Plateau
Essex Junction	Plateau
Montpelier	Plateau
Ludlow	Sustained Decrease
South Burlington	Plateau
St. Albans City	Sustained Decrease
St. Johnsbury	Plateau
Troy / Jay WWTP	Sustained Increase
Winooski	Plateau

^{*}Data will be reported when available.

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 September 12 to September 18

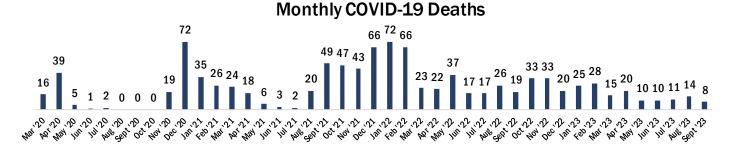
For purposes of this report, an outbreak is defined as three or more epidemiologically linked cases of COVID-19, where at least one such case has been laboratory or otherwise clinically confirmed as COVID-19.

Facility type	New Outbreaks Reported 9/12 - 9/18				
Long-term Care (LTC)	2				
Non-LTC Healthcare	2				
Correctional Facility	-				
School/childcare	4				
Other	-				

County	New Outbreaks Reported 9/12- 9/18				
Addison	-				
Bennington	-				
Caledonia	-				
Chittenden	4				
Essex	-				
Franklin	-				
Grand Isle	-				
Lamoille	1				
Orange	-				
Orleans	2				
Rutland	1				
Washington	-				
Windham	-				
Windsor	-				

Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths as of September 16, 2023

	Age group									
Total	Under 10	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	
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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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