

Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report

April 17, 2024

Report Timeframe: April 7 to April 13, 2024

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: 1.24 per 100K
 8 total new admissions with COVID-19.

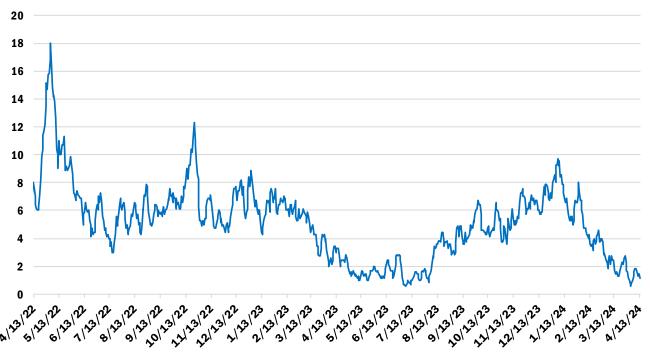
The hospitalizations dataset contains day-level data reported from all Vermont hospitals each Tuesday. Reported numbers are subject to correction.

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



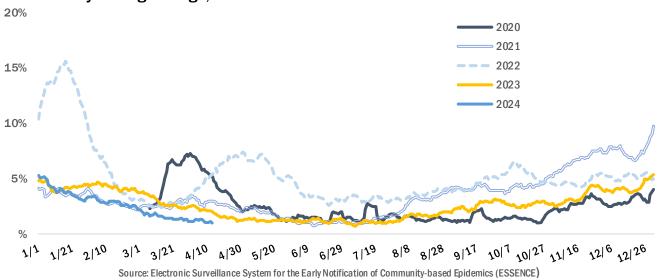
Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services HHS Protect

The seven-day rolling average of hospital patients was between one and two during the most recent week. 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.

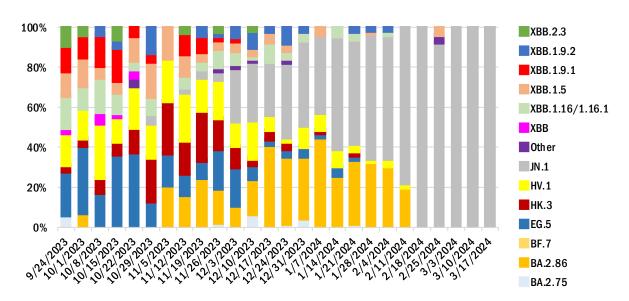
Syndromic Surveillance

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 that included CLI continued to remain at less than 1.5%, lower than on the same dates in prior years.

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



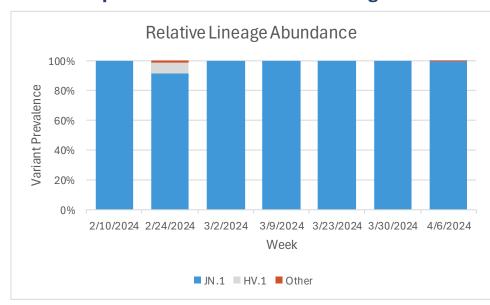
Variant Proportions - Clinical Specimens



JN.1 is the dominant circulating variant. (Sources: LabCorp, Quest, Helix, Health Department Whole Genome Sequencing program).

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

Variant Proportions - Wastewater Monitoring



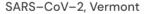
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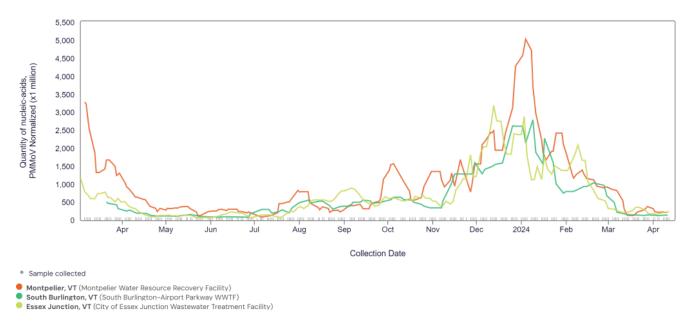
Samples from two wastewater sites,
Brattleboro and Ludlow, are sequenced to estimate the proportion of circulating variants.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Wastewater Surveillance System

Virus Concentrations and Trends - Wastewater Monitoring

Three Vermont wastewater districts participate in <u>WastewaterSCAN</u>. These data are reported in graph form to show levels and trends over time.





Data for sites in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, and Windsor Counties are available on the <u>Biobot Analytics</u> website. Data for Burlington's North and Main plants are available through <u>Burlington's Wastewater Monitoring Report</u>.

Concentration levels are low at most sites. Some week-to-week fluctuation is expected.

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Identified Cases

VermontWeeklyCaseCounts/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 2021 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 April 9 to April 15

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 4/9 - 4/15				
Long-term Care (LTC)	1				
Non-LTC Healthcare	-				
Correctional Facility	-				
School/childcare	-				
Other	-				

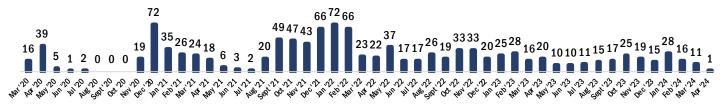
County	New Outbreaks Reported 4/9- 4/15					
Addison	-					
Bennington	-					
Caledonia	-					
Chittenden	-					
Essex	-					
Franklin	-					
Grand Isle	-					
Lamoille	-					
Orange	-					
Orleans	-					
Rutland	-					
Washington	-					
Windham	-					
Windsor	-					

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Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths as of April 13, 2024

	Age group									
Total	Under 10	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	
1145	1	0	2	11	20	75	112	261	663	-

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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