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**Health Department Releases Healthy Vermonters 2020 Midterm Report**

BURLINGTON – On his final day as Vermont’s health commissioner, Harry Chen, MD announced the release of the Health Department’s *Healthy Vermonters 2020* midterm report card.

“Healthy Vermonters 2020 set priority population health targets to guide and inform our efforts for the decade,” said Dr. Chen. “This report card is a snapshot at the midway point in time to help us answer two questions: *How are we doing?* and *How healthy are we?*”

“Monitoring health data is an essential function of public health,” Dr. Chen said. “The report summarizes where we’ve made significant progress, what challenges we still face, and where we’ve met our targets. I’m especially encouraged by the progress we’ve made in raising childhood immunization rates.”

The Health Department makes available in-depth and current data in an interactive format, at [www.healthvermont.gov/stats/hv2020](http://www.healthvermont.gov/stats/hv2020) – or choose *How Healthy Are We?* at the top of the [department’s website](http://www.healthvermont.gov).

- The **Performance Scorecards** show how Vermont is doing relative to where we started, and compared to our 2020 targets.
- The **Data Explorer** presents visual displays of 134 population indicators with trend lines and maps, comparing data by county, health district and hospital service area.

**About Healthy Vermonters 2020**

With the publication of *Healthy Vermonters 2020* in December 2012, Vermont began its third decade of engaging policymakers, government, health and human services professionals and the public in setting, measuring and working to achieve public health goals for the decade. More than 100 public health indicators and outcomes were carefully chosen from the many hundreds set out by the national [Healthy People 2020](http://www.healthypeople.gov) initiative to improve the health of the nation. In launching *Healthy Vermonters 2020*, the department added new objectives, and a new focus on determinants of health and equity.

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