



Expanding Flu Vaccination Access: Coordinating Efforts across Vermont

**Flu Webinar 1
Vermont Immunization Program**

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

The webinar will review the following:

- Immunization Program goals for this flu season
- Vermont flu vaccination rates for 2019-2020
- Program efforts to increase access and support practices
- Flu vaccine supply and distribution plans
- Guidance on how to adhere to Program/CDC requirements at off-site clinics
- Updated guidance on Immunization Registry guidance
- The process for billing when vaccinating persons not affiliated with a practice

Today's speakers:

Vermont Department of Health

- Christine Finley, Immunization Program Manager
- Karen Halverson, Immunization Vaccine Manager
- Ines Burazerovic, VFC Coordinator
- Bridget Ahrens, Immunization Registry Manager

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Immunization Program goals for the 2020-21 flu season

- Ensure flu vaccine is consistently available to all practices
- Implement a more efficient system to order flu vaccine
- Eliminate age restrictions on use of state-supplied flu vaccine
- Program support for vaccine management at off-site clinics
- Make supplemental funding available for flu outreach
- Address Registry issues when administering flu vaccine
- Expand public communication re: flu vaccine

CDC influenza recommendations for 2020-21

Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2020–21 Influenza Season

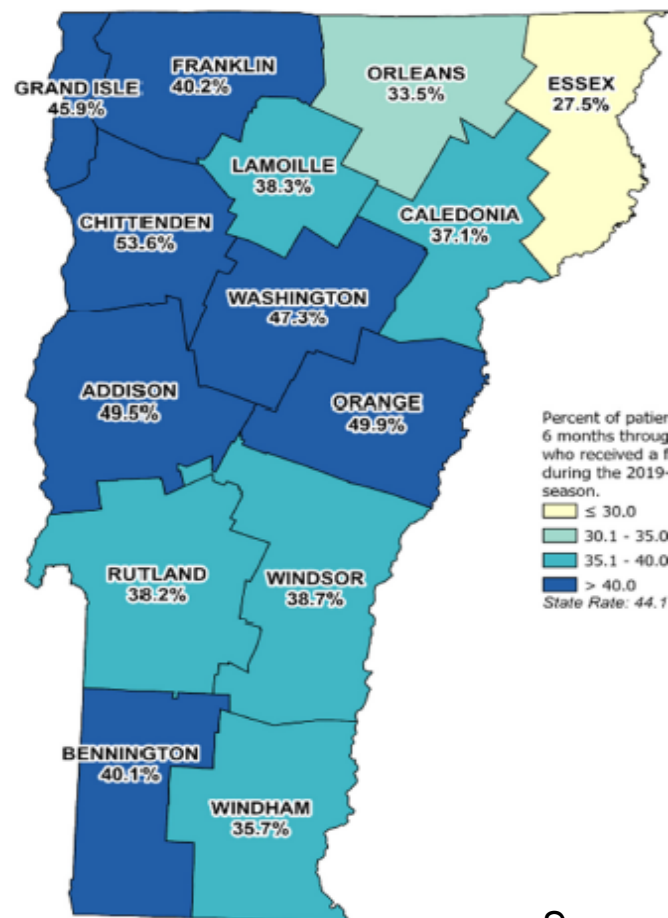
Recommendations and Reports / August 21, 2020 / 69(8);1–24

- Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥ 6 months who do not have contraindications.
- Emphasis should be placed on vaccination of high-risk groups and their contacts/caregivers.

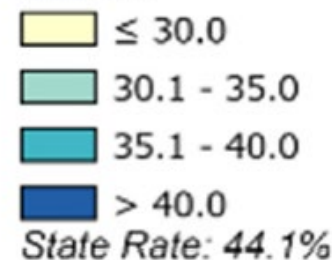
CDC recommendations for 2020-21, continued

- Vaccine should be administered by the end of October, but vaccination should continue to be offered if influenza viruses are circulating locally
- Vaccination too early in the season (July/Aug.) may lead to suboptimal immunity later in the season, particularly among older adults.

Vermont 2019-20 flu vaccination rates by county 6 months – 17 years; Immunization Registry

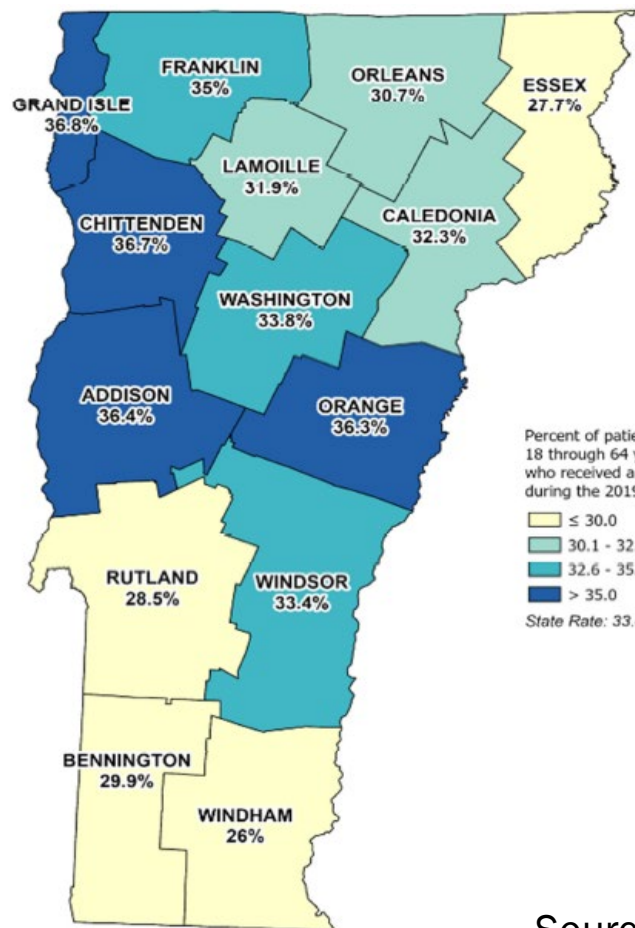


Percent of patients aged 6 months through 17 years who received a flu vaccination during the 2019-2020 flu season.



Source: [Influenza Vaccine Coverage 2019-2020 Flu Season](#)

Vermont 2019-20 flu vaccination rates by county 18-64 years; Immunization Registry

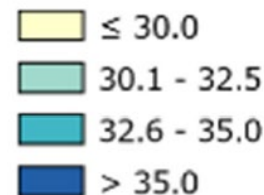


Percent of patients aged
18 through 64 years
who received a flu vaccination
during the 2019-2020 flu season.



State Rate: 33.6%

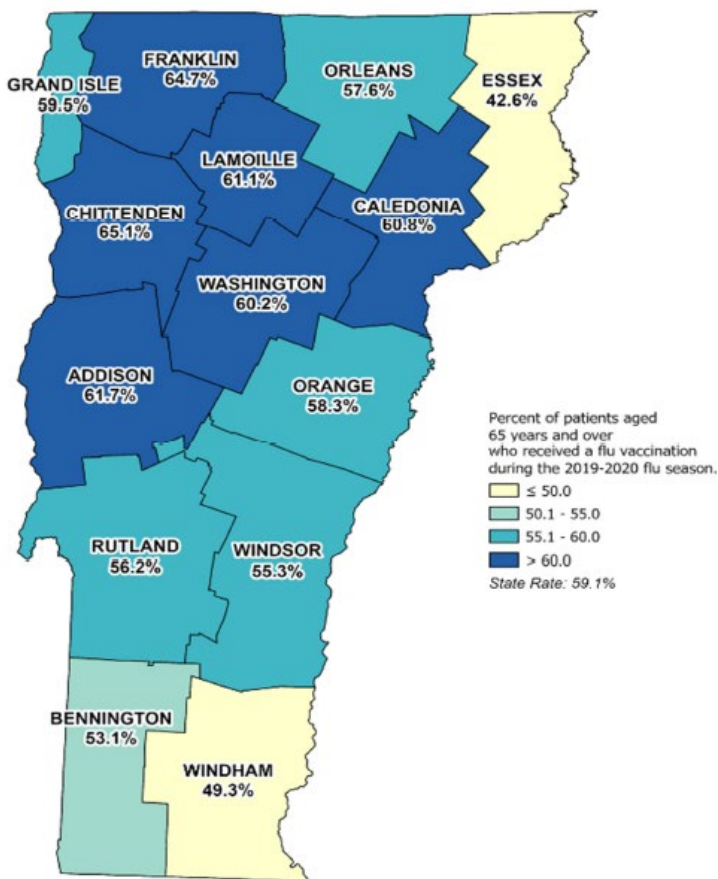
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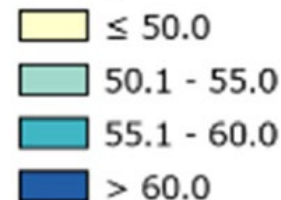
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Source: [Influenza Vaccine Coverage 2019-2020 Flu Season](#)

Vermont 2019-20 flu vaccination rates by county 65 years and older; Immunization Registry



Percent of patients aged 65 years and over who received a flu vaccination during the 2019-2020 flu season.



State Rate: 59.1%

Source: [Influenza Vaccine Coverage 2019-2020 Flu Season](#)

Health care practices can increase flu vaccination rates in your community by...

- Ensure you're enrolled in the Vermont Vaccine Program.
- Work with community health teams, schools and others to identify populations/areas where flu vaccine access is limited.
- Consider vaccinating new populations (i.e., parents at pediatric practices, students, MAT sites, senior residences).
- Seek supplemental funding through the AAP grants.

Flu Grants with Vermont AAP

- Enroll in the VCVP/VAVP.
- Expand services to increase coverage. Consider:
 - Longer hours
 - Designated flu-only hours
 - Off-site clinics
 - Additional staffing
- Retrospectively receive \$1,000 per clinic held, up to \$5,000.
- Enter all vaccines administered into the Vermont Immunization Registry.

Apply for a flu clinic grant at www.aapvt.org.



Welcome to the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter

The American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter (AAPVT) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the physical, mental, and social health and well-being of the state's infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. AAPVT works to achieve these goals by using the collective voice of Vermont's pediatricians to improve the lives of Vermont's youth through public education, research, child advocacy and policy development.

It's time to complete the Flu Clinic Grant Application!

The form is available in the following ways:

1. [Hard Copy](#)
2. [Online Google Form](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter
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School nurses can support school-located flu vaccination clinics in many ways:

- Promote flu vaccination to parents, students and staff.
- Outreach to local health providers to partner with.
- Collaborate with the community groups.
- Collect consent forms.
- Serve as the liaison between those offering clinics and school administration.

School nurses do have limitations in support of clinics.

Limitations:

- School nurses are not able to enroll in the VVP. They can't receive or store vaccine.
- School nurses can't administer vaccine unless they are working under a medical order for the health care provider offering the clinic.

Supply and Distribution

State-supplied flu vaccine ordering process

- Orders are placed by the Program on behalf of practices the first week of September, three weeks later, and possibly in early October.
 - Quantity is determined based on historic distribution and administration data
 - Vaccine uptake is expected to increase, practices may order the quantity they need
 - Delivery date is determined by McKesson, CDC's vaccine distributor
- New this year, when practices begin placing their own order, a full reconciliation (inventory) of all vaccines will not be required, just flu.

Supply and Distribution (continued)

- CDC has allocated 10 different influenza products to Vermont this year.
- Over 85 percent of the products are single dose, prefilled syringes or vials, licensed for age 6 months and older.
 - For the NDC, CPT, and CVX codes for all influenza products supplied by the State see the [Vaccine Availability July 2020](#) document
- Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) FluMist-Quad may be ordered in October when practices place their own orders in VIMS.
 - Supply is limited and accounts for only 5% of the State's total supply.
 - Available for patients age 2 – 49 years.

Off-Site and SLVC Eligibility and Addendum

- Definition of an off-site or community clinic – if vaccine is being stored in a cooler, taken outside of the practice and then administered, it is an off-site clinic
- Eligible Practices
- VCVP/VAVP enrolled practice need to complete and submit an [addendum](#)

› Program Overview

› Enrollment

› Off-Site and School Located Vaccine Clinics (SLVC) Forms

TITLE	
› 2020/2021 VERMONT VACCINE PROGRAM (VVP) OFF-SITE AND SCHOOL LOCATED CLINIC ADDENDUM PROVIDER AGREEMENT	
› HOURLY TEMPERATURE LOG	
› GUIDANCE FOR OFF-SITE INFLUENZA AND COVID19 VACCINE CLINICS 2020-21	
› VACCINE MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST FOR OFF- SITE CLINICS	

How to pack a vaccine for an off-site clinic?

- Cooler– portable refrigerator or hard-sided, Styrofoam cooler
- Conditioned frozen water bottles if using hard-sided or Styrofoam cooler
- Insulating material such as Bubble wrap and cardboard
- Temperature Monitoring device (data logger) – provided by the Immunization Program
- [Hourly temperature](#) log to document temperatures once every hour until the vaccine is back inside the refrigerator

Off-Site Hourly Vaccine Temperature Log



Clinic Date:	Practice Name:	Practice PIN:
	Clinic Coordinator:	Clinic Location:

Check below which vaccine is being administered at this off site located vaccine clinic:

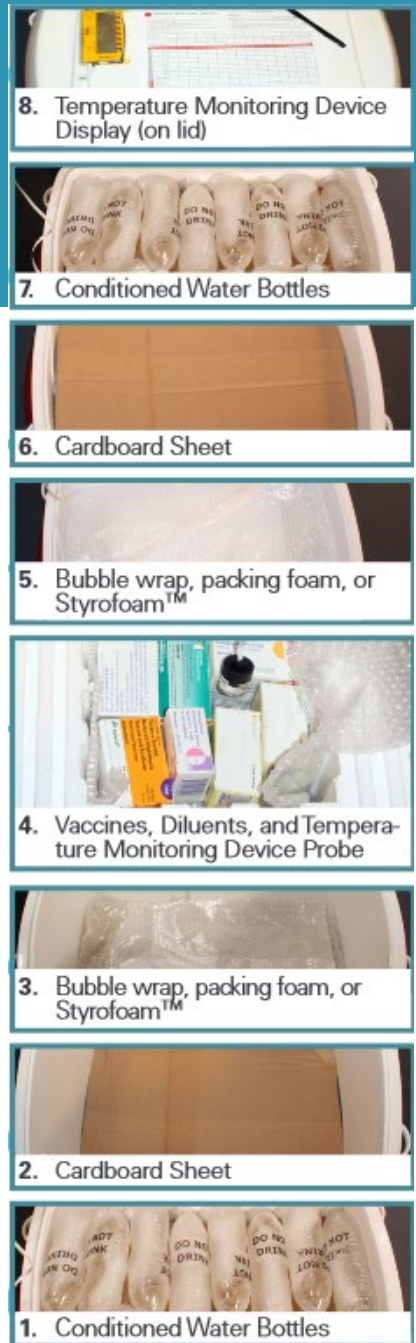
- ☐ Influenza
☐ Covid19

Refrigerated vaccine must be maintained between 2°C - 8°C at all times.

Before	During	After
*Package vaccine properly using conditioned frozen water bottles *Use data logger to monitor temperatures *Record the time vaccine was placed inside the hard-sided cooler *FROZEN vaccine can't be transported	*Document temperatures once every hour in the spaces below *If temperature goes out of range, suspend the clinic and immediately contact the IZ program *Clinic cannot last longer than 8 hours	*After the clinic review temperature logs to verify vaccine cold chain has been maintained *Return the vaccine to refrigerator *Record time vaccine returned to refrigerator

Record below:

Before & After	TIME	Circle one	TEMPERATURE	INITIALS	ALARM DISPLAYED
Time vaccine was placed inside the cooler:		AM / PM	°C		Y / N
		AM / PM	°C		Y / N
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		AM / PM	°C		Y / N
Time vaccine was returned and placed in the refrigerator:		AM / PM	°C		Y / N
		AM / PM	°C		Y / N
		AM / PM	°C		Y / N
		AM / PM	°C		Y / N



Vaccine Management and Temperature Excursion

- Vaccine Management Checklist helps with planning for an off-site clinic
- Contact the Immunization Program if the vaccine experiences and out of range temperature at 1-802-863-7638
- Submit the data logger information and hourly temperature log **only** if the vaccine has been exposed to an out of range temperature



Vaccine Management Checklist for Off-Site Clinics – July 2020

The following self-checklist has been developed for providers/organizations enrolled in the Vermont Vaccine Program (VVP) that are planning to conduct off-site vaccination clinics. Use of this guidance supports best practices for vaccine transport, storage, preparation, administration, and documentation.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review the checklist when you begin planning an off-site vaccination clinic.
2. A staff member who will be present at the clinic(s) should be designated as the clinic coordinator. This person will be responsible for completing the checklist.
3. If **"No"** is checked in a box below, **contact the Vermont Immunization Program**. Vaccine may not be administered off-site until the off-site clinic enrollment form is completed and submitted.
4. Only refrigerated vaccines are eligible for off-site clinic administration.
5. There is no need to submit this self-checklist to the VVP.

Yes	No	BEFORE THE CLINIC
		Reach out to community collaboratives and/or school officials/administrators to obtain support for a vaccination clinic. Encourage coordination of services in the community or catchment area. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- If working with a partner, reach out to secure participation and discuss various roles (e.g. registration and consent, administering vaccine, interacting with patients, etc.)
		Contact the Local Health Office for assistance in coordinating clinics with other partners.
		Complete and submit the off-site clinic enrollment form to the Immunization Program. Include proposed clinic dates and an estimate of vaccine needed, if available.
		Consult the Immunization Program to order the appropriate quantity of vaccine. Order two weeks in advance of an off-site clinic to assure delivery to the practice at least 5 days before the clinic.

Immunization Registry Changes Coming Mid-September

All vaccines
administered must be
reported to the Registry.

Flu and COVID-19 only

No associated
practice in IMR



Flu or COVID
dose at clinic



Stays unassociated in IMR

Associated to another
practice in IMR



Flu or COVID
dose at clinic



Stays “their” patient in IMR

Associated to **your**
practice in IMR



Flu or COVID
dose at clinic



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Billing for Vaccine Administered to People Who Are Not Affiliated with Your Practice

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Billing for Vaccine Administered to People Who Are Not Affiliated with Your Practice

- Parents are required to complete a form with name, DOB, insurance information, and agree to pay charges if their insurance does not cover the vaccination
- Parents are added to the EHR as patients
- The visit is charted and billed the same as pediatric patients

Resources:

- [Vermont Department of Health Immunization & Health Care Professionals Web Page](#)
 - [Off-Site and School Located Vaccine Clinics](#)
 - [Vaccine Storage and Handling](#)
 - [Preventing The Flu](#)
- [CDC – Guidance for Planning Vaccination Clinics Held at Satellite, Temporary, or Off-Site Locations](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)

Questions?

Thanks for attending! Please stay in touch.

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