



COVID-19 Daily Update **May 17, 2021**

New or updated information is in red and bold

This update is available online at healthvermont.gov/covid19
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Vermont Honors its Emergency Medical Service Responders

Throughout Vermont, more than 100,000 requests for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) response are answered on an annual basis. Add to that the unprecedented challenges required of the state’s individual emergency responders and 168 licensed ambulance and first responder services during the pandemic, and you come up with 2,800 of our fellow Vermonters who deserve every moment of the EMS Week recognition that started on Sunday.

Governor Phil Scott officially kicked off this year’s celebration with a [proclamation](#) declaring May 16 - 22, 2021 as EMS Week.

Governor Scott asks all Vermonters to show their appreciation for their work and sacrifice of our emergency responders by getting their COVID-19 vaccination. More than 30 EMS-lead vaccination clinics are being scheduled statewide this weekend, May 21-23.

Clinics will offer Johnson & Johnson vaccine, for anyone 18 and older. You can walk in without an appointment. The schedule is available at healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine.

You can also register for a vaccine and find the latest walk-in, mobile and pop-up clinics near you.

[Read the press release.](#)

Vermont now has new guidance for mask-wearing, travel and gathering

As of May 14, based on updated CDC guidance and Vermont’s progress in vaccination, Vermont has new guidance around mask-wearing, cross-state travel and gathering sizes.

MASKS

People who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask or maintain a 6-foot distance from others. There are some exceptions, including in schools, on public transportation, and in healthcare settings, long term care facilities and correctional facilities. Fully vaccinated means 14 days have passed since your final shot.

Anyone who is not vaccinated, or is partially vaccinated, including children must follow [the current mask requirements](#).

TRAVEL

Travel to and from Vermont no longer requires testing or quarantine. (Rules for visitors from other countries are different. Learn more about [international travel](#).)

GATHERING

For indoor gatherings, there can be one unvaccinated person per 50 square feet up to 300 unvaccinated people (whichever is less), plus any number of fully vaccinated people.

For outdoor gatherings, there can be 900 unvaccinated people, plus any number of fully vaccinated people.

- To view the full Vermont Forward Plan, visit vermont.gov/vermont-forward.
- To view the updated executive order, [click here](#).
- For vaccination information, visit healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine

[Read the May 14 press release](#).

Walk-in vaccine opportunities now available

Looking to walk in to a vaccine clinic without an appointment? You can! Check out the latest opportunities on our website: healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine and follow our [social media feeds @healthvermont](#) to stay up to date.

Remember that a clinic's vaccine supply for walk-ins is limited, so the best way to guarantee your vaccination is to make an appointment through our [website](#).

COVID-19 testing is important and available right near you

COVID-19 is a highly transmissible virus. Getting tested is not just the only way to know if you have the virus, it's also how we protect our loved ones and our communities.

And if you have any [symptom](#), no matter how mild, such as a headache, cough, fatigue or a runny nose, talk to your health care provider to get referred for testing. It's also important to avoid going to work, school or other places until you receive a negative result.

Even if you don't have symptoms, you can still have COVID-19 and not feel sick. If you don't have symptoms and want to get tested, there are [many test sites](#) now available around the state. It's free and easy!

COVID-19 Activity in Vermont

As of 12 p.m. on May 17, 2021

Data is updated daily.

Description	Number
New cases	29 (23,912 total)
Currently hospitalized	11
Hospitalized in ICU	1
Hospitalized under investigation	0
Percent Positive (7-day average)	1.1%
People tested	388,848
Total tests	1,664,599
Total people recovered	22,142
Deaths	252

Find more data on COVID-19 Activity at: healthvermont.gov/currentactivity.

COVID-19 Vaccine Data

As of 12 p.m. on May 15, 2021

Data is updated Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Description	Number
Total people who have received least one dose of vaccine	388,314 (70.9% of 16+ population)
Total people who have completed vaccination	288,666 (52.8% of 16+ population)

Find more vaccine data on the COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard: healthvermont.gov/covid19-vaccine-data.

Additional Resources About Vaccination and More

- Find answers to your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine from the CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html.
- Get Vermont-specific information in our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Sign up for [the COVID-19 Weekly Email Update](#).
- Find information sheets, posters and toolkits, as well as translated materials on our [Resources web page](#).

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