



COVID-19 Daily Update May 21, 2021

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Gov. Scott sets new vaccination benchmark to lift all restrictions

Governor Phil Scott announced on Friday that all the state’s pandemic restrictions can be lifted ahead of the Vermont Forward target date of July 4th — if the state vaccination rate reaches 80% of eligible Vermonters (age 12 and older).

Currently, [nearly 75% of eligible Vermonters have received at least one dose](#) — more than 400,000 Vermonters.

“So, here’s my challenge to Vermonters,” said Gov. Scott. “If we hit 80%, I’ll lift any remaining restrictions and mandates — that day.”

To reach this threshold, we’ll need to vaccinate 27,954 more Vermonters, he said.

“If you’re on the fence, or haven’t gotten around to making your appointment yet, now is the time. Because we have a chance to get back to normal faster, and it’s never been easier to get vaccinated,” Gov. Scott said.

Even if you’ve already been vaccinated, you can still help, by offering someone a ride, finding them a vaccination site, or sharing why you got vaccinated, he said.

“Employers, you can help by offering an incentive, or at least a few hours off to employees so they can get their vaccines, or by asking us to bring the vaccine to your worksite,” Gov. Scott said.

“Let’s keep our momentum going. Let’s finish strong. Let’s continue to show the nation, and the world, what this brave little state is capable of.”

[Read the press release.](#)

Say thanks and get vaccinated at an EMS walk-in clinic this weekend

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) stations across Vermont are opening their doors this weekend to host walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

From today through Sunday (May 21 – 23), the nearly 30 EMS sites will offer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for people ages 18 and older. No appointment needed.

And as a springtime bonus, people who get their shot will also get a coupon for a free creemee, thanks to Vermont Dairy Farmers and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets!

To find an EMS Week vaccination site near you, in addition to many other vaccine opportunities, visit healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine. Thank you for protecting yourself, your loved ones and your community by getting vaccinated.

Learn more about getting a [Creemee for a Shot!](#)

New on healthvermont.gov

One in 8 COVID-19 cases in Vermont are Black, Indigenous or people of color (BIPOC). Rates of COVID-19 are nearly 2 times higher for BIPOC compared with white non-Hispanic residents. Learn more about cases among BIPOC Vermonters in the latest [Weekly Data Summary spotlight](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Data

As of 12 p.m. on May 21, 2021

Data is reported by the CDC and used to measure progress in the [Vermont Forward Plan](#). Dashboard data is updated Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Description	Number
Percent of eligible Vermonters (12+) with at least one vaccine dose	74.9%
Percent of all Vermont residents with at least one vaccine dose	66.2%

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

COVID-19 Activity in Vermont

As of 12 p.m. on May 21, 2021

Data is updated daily.

Description	Number
New cases	37 (24,065 total)

Currently hospitalized	9
Hospitalized in ICU	3
Hospitalized under investigation	0
Percent Positive (7-day average)	1.1%
People tested	391,051
Total tests	1,678,768
Total people recovered	22,397
Deaths	255

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

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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