



Town Newsletter

What Do You Want to Do Today, Colchester?

August 22, 2021

Town Manager's Message

Welcome back to our Colchester School District students, from kindergartners at Union Memorial and Porters Point School to seniors at Colchester High School who begin classes on Wednesday, August 25th. Please be careful as everyone adjusts to new habits and traffic patterns with the new school year.

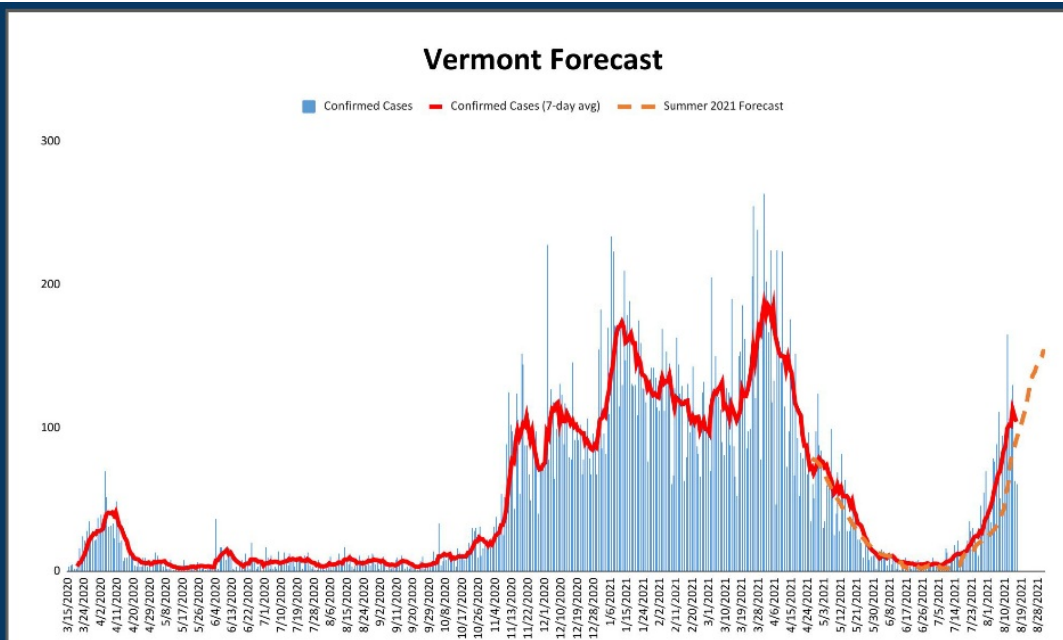
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Covid-19 Update

In the last 14 days, there have been 602 recent cases of Coronavirus in Chittenden County. For further information, please visit the [Vermont Department of Health's Dashboard](#).

The Vermont Department of Financial Regulation is projecting increased cases: dfr.vermont.gov/sites/finreg/files/doc_library/dfr-covid19-modeling-081721.pdf



Source: Johns Hopkins University Data, VDH, & Oliver Wyman Forecast Model—Actual through August 16, 2021



86.6% of Chittenden County residents 12+ have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of August 20, 2021.

VACCINE WALK-INS

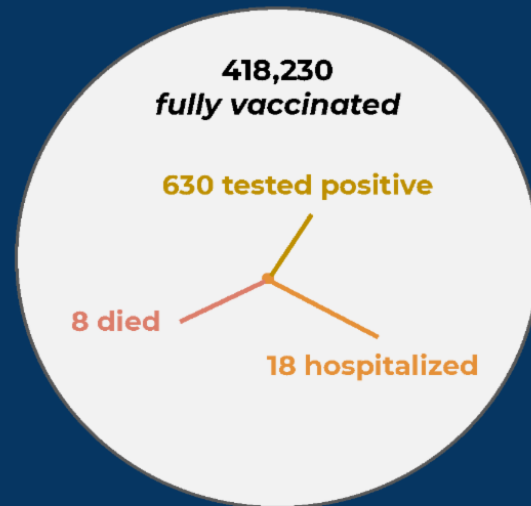


Covid-19 Among Fully Vaccinated People in Vermont

From January 1, 2021 to August 13, 2021

Of 418,230 **Fully Vaccinated** Vermonters:

- **630 tested positive (.15%)**
- **18 hospitalized for Covid-19 (.004%)**
- **8 died due to Covid-19 (.002%)**



Source: Vermont Department of Health and CDC; not to scale

Appointments for Free Vaccine: vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration

You can also walk in at CVS, Hannaford Food and Drug, Walmart, Walgreens, Price Chopper/Market 32, Rite Aid, Shaw's Supermarket, or Costco or get an appointment with [Kinney Drugs](#), [CVS](#), [Walgreens](#), [Northfield Pharmacy](#), or [UVMHC Outpatient Pharmacies](#).

As the school year approaches, make sure that your children ages 12 and older are vaccinated.

The CDC recommends that people with compromised immune systems should receive an additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna). For more information: healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine

Department Spotlight - Fire Service Improvements

Over the last year, the town completed a needs assessment of the three fire stations turned over to the town in 2020. The Department of Public Works has been programming longer-term work into the Fire Capital Plan, overseeing inspections, and performing preventative maintenance and repairs with the help of the DPW staff, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the firefighters. Work completed includes:

Inspection & Preventative Maintenance

- Center Station on Main Street: Air handling systems, boiler, clearing of catch basin, fire protection system, outlet replacement with GFCI, rectify tripping hazards, restroom faucet, and leak repair, split system – HVAC, transformer

- Champlain Station on Clay Point Road: Furnace, wall panel repair, water heater
- Malletts Bay Station on Church Road: Air handling systems, boiler, fire protection system, kitchen hood filter cleaning, overgrown vegetation in air handling systems, pests roosting in exhaust fan, split system – HVAC

Improvements

- Center Station on Main Street: Replaced air pack filling station, purchased Engine-3, a new mini pumper, gear dryer, and repainted interior
- Champlain, Center, Malletts Bay, and Saint Michael's: Bunker gear for firefighters, new hose and hose connectors so hose from any engine could be connected together



Upcoming Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, August 24th, 6:30 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room. Masks are required. Alternatively, send a note to townmanager@colchestervt.gov with "Citizens to be Heard" in the Subject and your name. As with in-person Citizens to be Heard, we ask that you SHARE YOUR ADDRESS. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting.

- Watch the Meeting Online via Live Stream: lcatv.org/live-stream-2
- Agenda: bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

Development Review Board (Hybrid Meeting): Wednesday, August 25th, 7:00 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room. The Development Review Board will likely be participating in this meeting remotely. Staff will be present at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room during the meeting time. Members of the public will have the option to choose either remote or in-person attendance. Masks are required for in-person attendance. Public comments can be submitted prior to the hearing by email to zmaia@colchestervt.gov or by mail to Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446. Alternatively, participate in the public comment periods

during the hybrid meeting.

- Participate via Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/88232429965
- Participate by Phone: 1-929-436-2866
- Meeting ID: 882 3242 9965
- Watch the Meeting Online via Live Stream: lcatv.org/live-stream-2
- Agenda: clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAgenda&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAgenda%2C

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, September 9th, 4:30 pm at the Burnham Memorial Library, Burnham Room, 898 Main Street. Masks are required.

- Participate via Zoom: us06web.zoom.us/j/93585810813
- Participate by Phone: 1-929-205-6099
- Meeting ID: 935 8581 0813
 - Passcode: 468259

Upcoming Events

Colchester Parks and Recreation Fall Activities:

colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6804/2021FallBrochure

- ACE Before and After School Program, 13 Youth Programs for ages 3 months to 14 years, Youth Basketball, plus 9 adult programs

Burnham Memorial Library: colchestervt.gov/609/Sign-Up-for-Summer

Wednesday, August 25th

- Outdoor Young Writers & Storytellers 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Friday, August 27th

- Outdoor Storytime 10:30 – 11:00 am



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