

**TO:** Vermont Health Care Providers and Health Care Facilities  
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### **Possible Association of Neurological Conditions with COVID-19**

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recently formed a unit aimed at better understanding the possible association of neurological conditions with COVID-19.

This unit will provide subject matter expert assistance to health departments and clinicians for patients who meet the following criteria:

- Patients hospitalized for >24 hours

**AND**

- Patient with laboratory confirmation of a SARS-CoV-2 infection (laboratory confirmation in the previous 6 weeks (42 days)) **or** patient had a known exposure to a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 case within the 6 weeks (42 days) prior to onset of neurological symptom(s)/condition(s)

**AND**

- The patient has or had neurological symptom(s)/condition(s) in the previous 6 weeks (42 days).

As a part of the clinical consultation, relevant medical records and/or patient specimens may be requested.

#### **REQUESTED ACTION:**

Contact the Vermont Department of Health at [AHS.VDHNeuroCOVID@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHNeuroCOVID@vermont.gov) if you have patients who meet the above criteria for assistance in coordinating clinical consultation with CDC.

If you have any questions, please contact the HAN Coordinator at 802-859-5900 or [vthan@vermont.gov](mailto:vthan@vermont.gov).

#### **HAN Message Type Definitions**

*Health Alert:* Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

*Health Advisory:* Provides important information for a specific incident or situation may not require immediate action.

*Health Update:* Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

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