

# **Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report**

**January 29, 2025** 

#### Report Timeframe: January 19 to January 25, 2025

Current Vermont Department of Health recommendations on preventing COVID-19.

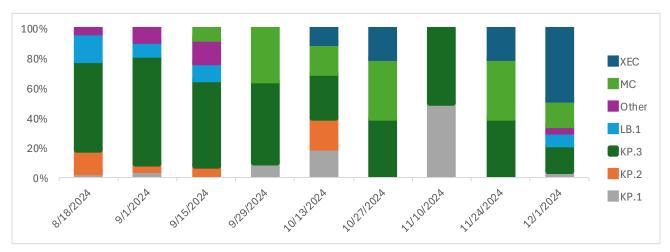
#### **Syndromic Surveillance**

The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) reflects all visits from participating emergency departments (ED). The chart below shows a rolling seven-day average of all ED visits in Vermont hospitals that include a COVID-19 diagnosis (emergency and non-emergency, in- and outpatient visits).

# Emergency Department Visits with COVID-19 Diagnosis Seven-Day Rolling Average, Vermont Hospitals



## **Variant Proportions - Clinical Specimens**

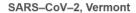


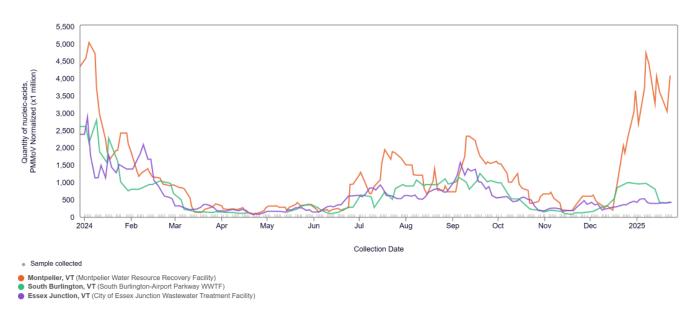
**XEC is the most common circulating variant.** Some limited specimen quantities may impact proportion accuracy, specifically the weeks of 11/10-11-23/2024. For more timely data, see the <u>National SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Surveillance System</u> which includes data from Vermont and other states. Source: Vermont Department of Health Whole Genome Sequencing program.

#### **Virus Concentrations and Trends - Wastewater Monitoring**

Concentrations remain elevated in Montpelier and Burlington. Concentrations are moderately increased in South Burlington and Essex Junction, and low in Ludlow, Middlebury and St. Albans. Some week-to-week fluctuation is expected.

Montpelier, South Burlington and Essex Junction wastewater districts participate in <u>WastewaterSCAN</u>. The graph below shows COVID-19 levels and trends over time in these districts.

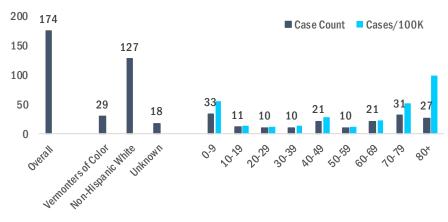




Data for Burlington's Main plant is available through Burlington's Wastewater Monitoring Report.

#### **Identified Cases**

#### **VermontWeekly Case Counts/Rates**



Note: Case counts and rates are calculated by *confirmed* and *probable* cases reported to the Health Department.

To calculate rates, counts are divided by 2021 Vermont population estimates for the respective category and expressed per 100,000 in each category.

Due to a high number of cases missing race/ethnicity data, rates are not provided for race/ethnicity categories.

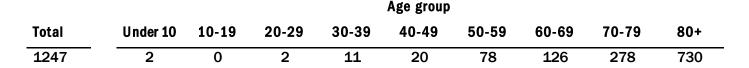
#### **COVID-19 Outbreaks Reported Date to Date**

For purposes of this report, an outbreak is defined as three or more epidemiologically linked cases of COVID-19, where at least one case has been laboratory or clinically confirmed as COVID-19.

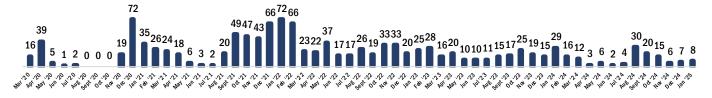
Facility type	New Outbreaks Reported 1/21 - 1/27
Long-term Care (LTC)	7
Non-LTC Healthcare	-
Correctional Facility	-
School/childcare	2
Other	-

County	New Outbreaks Reported 1/21 - 1/27
Addison	-
Bennington	-
Caledonia	1
Chittenden	2
Essex	1
Franklin	-
Grand Isle	-
Lamoille	1
Orange	1
Orleans	1
Rutland	1
Washington	1
Windham	-
Windsor	-

#### Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths as of January 25, 2025



### Monthly COVID-19 Deaths



Note: Deaths are from registered death certificates and represent preliminary data. A change in death count may represent new deaths, corrections, or other updates.

Data Source: Vermont Department of Health Vital Statistics System.

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