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## **Programs & Issues List**

The Radio Vermont Group

3rd Quarter 2021

**July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30th**

Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category.

Issue 1:       **COVID Vaccination Efforts**

Issue 2:       **Staffing Shortages**

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## WDEV-FM and AM

### **Programs and Issues – 2021**

The Programs and Issues in this file are “representative” of our news and public affairs efforts – but do not fully demonstrate the breadth of our reporting and our commitment to “live” local and relevant radio. Below is a summary of some of our major regularly scheduled broadcast efforts.

#### **Monday-Friday:**

Radio VT News provides extended coverage of local, state and regional news:  
6:05am – 7:05am – 8:05am – 12:05pm – 4:05pm – 5:05pm

Each Newscasts is 5 to 10-minutes in length and features a variety of reports.

At 7:30AM Mon-Fri – The Morning Briefing: 10-mins of World & National News

**The Morning News Service airs from 7-9am** – two full hours of news, weather, sports, travel updates, commentary, interviews, plus studio and phone guests. WDEV employs our own forecaster Roger Hill who details the micro-climate of the region while watching major national weather stories and climate change. The MNS is produced by Radio Vermont News with additional world and national updates from CBS Radio News.

Radio Vermont News has developed reporter relations with WCAX-TV Channel 3 News. Monday-Friday reporter Alexandra Montgomery joins the Morning News Service with a “live” interactive update to explore stories in much greater depth than available from wire service reports.

In our “Conversation with the Editor” series, we discuss major stories from some of Vermont’s most respected weekly newspapers:

Monday: The News & Citizen (Morrisville) – Tommy Gardner, Reporter  
Tuesday: The Addison Independent (Middlebury) - John Flowers, Reporter  
Wednesday: The Valley Reporter (Waitisfield) – Lisa Loomis, Reporter  
Thursday: The Gazette (Hardwick) – Ray Small, Publisher & Editor  
Friday: The Herald (Randolph) – Tim Calabro, Publisher

#### **Vermont Viewpoint: 9-11am**

This is our newsmaker public affairs interview program. Rick Cengeri, host a show that provides detailed analysis of the news plus a Vermont perspective on world events. His guests are varied and represent a wide spectrum. During the legislative session, Ric originates his program direct from the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier (Fridays and during special event days). His program also goes mobile for events such as the Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO, the Tunbridge World’s Fair and other gatherings.



**The Midday News Service: Noon-1PM**

An hour-long update of the very latest news, business report, sports, weather and a variety of human interest features. This is the most comprehensive lunchtime news hour of any Vermont radio station. With the “Special Assignment” section, Radio VT News often delivers lengthy segments of news conferences or legislative debate. We are committed to providing our listeners with more than a “sound bite” service.

**The Afternoon News Service: 4-5:30PM**

The very latest news developments, sports and weather, perfect for the drive home. Special updated reports on the day’s breaking news stories with Calvin Cutler from WCAX-TV News around 4:05PM and at 5:05PM, VT Digger.org reports – the state’s leading on-line investigative news site.

Waterbury Roundabout (Monday) – Lisa Scagliotti, Editor

Seven Days (Tuesday) – Courtney Lamdin, Reporter

Vermont Business Magazine (Wednesday)—Tim McQuiston, Editor

Stowe Reporter (Thursday) – Tom Gardner, Reporter

Times-Argus (Friday) – Steve Pappas, Editor

**Re-Broadcast of WCAX-TV News: 11-11:30pm**

Since the conversion to all digital over-the-air TV broadcasts, many in our listening area told us that they missed WCAX news – no longer available to them “over the air.”

Through special retransmission agreement with WCAX News, WDEV re-broadcasts the 11pm report as a service to the public. (This is occasionally pre-empted by late-airing sporting events such as when the Red Sox play on the West Coast.)

**Saturday Morning:**

Similar to weekdays, WDEV is “live and local” with updated news reports including the Morning News Service from 7-8am. This hour also features “For the Birds” a program dedicated to watching and listening to birds; “The Green Mountain Club” report – with opportunities to explore VT outdoors and take advantage of guided and organized hikes around the state.

**Sunday Morning:**

At 6:00AM, WDEV airs CBS Radio Sunday Morning, and “The Takeout with Majhor Garrett”, a weekly news magazine show. National and International issues are explored in-depth with a variety of reporters and guests.

WDEV airs Red Sox Baseball, Norwich D3 Hockey, NASCAR racing, local stock car racing and high school basketball (boys & girls) regular-season and championship games. WDEV provide “Team Coverage” of every Town Meeting Day (March) plus coverage of Primary and General Election nights.









## Script Editor

Radio Vermont › Friday ANS - 8/19/2021 › B14 Masks in school

### Versions

3. 8/19/2021 7:04:46 PM - Lee Kittell - TRT 00:00:23

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With the surge in coronavirus cases and masks being recommended in schools, there has been a level of concern over when it would be appropriate for students to take their masks off, such as during athletic events and band practices.

Mike Dougherty from VT Digger reports that these concerns have been raised to various superintendents throughout the state.

081921SOT Mike Daugherty A

You can read more about this story at vt digger dot org

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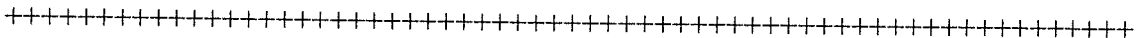
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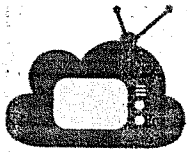
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Radio Vermont › Monday ANS - 8/30/2021 › B10 School Info

### Versions

1. 8/31/2021 3:53:47 PM - Lee Kittell - TRT 00:00:30 ▾

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As K-12 schools get ready to be back in session across the state, Governor Scott says Vermont is the best in the nation at vaccinating eligible school-aged kids.

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And Education Secretary Dan French discussed masking in schools after the state recommended masking at the beginning of the year.

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French also said the state will be using surveillance testing again this year -- and will include students, with parental consent.

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As for higher education, there are 32 positive cases out of more than 10,000 conducted tests.

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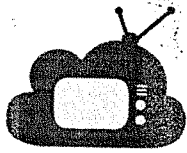
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Radio Vermont › Wednesday ANS - 9/1/2021 › B2 NVU goes remote

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1. 9/1/2021 4:12:22 AM - Lee Kittell - TRT 00:00:33 ▾

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Students at the Northern Vermont University campus at Johnson will be going fully remote starting today, due to positive COVID cases.

In an email to the college community, the Interim President says two students on campus tested positive for COVID.

They are calling this a temporary move that will run through Friday September, 3rd.

The school says, this only applies to students and faculty at the Johnson campus but faculty will be on campus to teach via Zoom.

Students should check their emails about how their classes will work for the next couple of days.

All athletic events and activities on campus are cancelled through the weekend.

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The union that represents faculty and staff at Goddard College's Plainfield campus wants a mask mandate for those on campus, but the school's president says that's because some employees don't want to get vaccinated and want to wear masks instead.

The union said it is protesting the school's return-to-work directive issued Sept. 15. According to the directive, the school required employees to return to campus starting Monday instead of working remotely.

The Times Argus reports that Carl Etnier, a co-chair of the union, said the college has dropped its mask mandate, and the union wants it to return, given the high levels of virus activity in the state. Etnier said the union was negotiating the return-to-work policy with Goddard management when the school abruptly walked away from the table and issued the directive.

He said the union has filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board in the hope of getting the administration to come back to the table.



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Radio Vermont › Wednesday ANS - 8/18/2021 › B11 Football is Back

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High school tackle football is returning to Vermont after teams played a 7-on-7 touch season last year to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Monday was the first official day of high school football practice in the state.

Lyndon senior Trevor Lussier told the Caledonian Record:

"I am most looking forward to just being with my team and getting back together with the guys, and having to be tough and keeping that mentality," "Last year, 7-on-7 had the team aspect, but it was like playing backyard Thanksgiving football."

St. Johnsbury junior Dawson Wilkins said as a lineman he didn't really do much last season.

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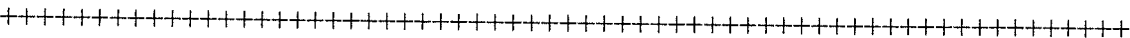
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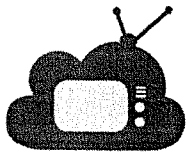
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Most Vermont colleges say they expect the vast majority of their students to be vaccinated against Covid-19, which experts say is particularly important in congregate living situations like dormitories.

Still, colleges that require Covid-19 vaccinations grant exemptions on medical and religious grounds. And rates of exemption vary widely across Vermont campuses -- up to a high of 9% of students at Norwich University. That's raising concerns about controlling spread in a college setting.

Both St. Michael's College and Champlain College anticipate 99% of students will be vaccinated by the time the school year starts, according to school officials. A University of Vermont spokesperson told VTDigger that the student vaccination rate there had exceeded 98%.

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been vaccinated. In the eighth grade, the vaccination rate falls to 26.8%. And in the high school grades, just 20% of students have provided proof of vaccination.

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Schools reopened in Springfield Tuesday after the 1,300 students in the district stayed home Monday due to a high number of COVID cases and quarantine orders.

Springfield School Superintendent Zach McLaughlin says low vaccination rates could be driving up the number of cases throughout the district.

The vaccination rate among eligible students in Springfield is well below the state average.

The superintendent says that could be because parents are simply not reporting their child's status. He's encouraging families to do so.

But, if the numbers are accurate, he says that is likely contributing to the spread of the virus, which has forced hundreds of kids to quarantine.

McLaughlin told Channel 3:

(MCLAUGHLIN092821)

Q "I have concerns right now based on the information that we have that we are probably lower in terms of the amount of vaccinations happening in our eligible students and if that is the case, I think it is definitely playing a role,"

The superintendent says of the students who have provided proof of vaccination, just over 30% of seventh graders have



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yet eligible for the vaccine.

Devin Beringer, a parent who helps administer the tests, says he wouldn't feel comfortable sending his daughter to school without the testing program.

(WALDORF093021A)

Q "It would really scary to be in a school environment where there wasn't some kind of testing protocol. So the fact that we're doing this on a weekly basis with pretty much every student and staff member is really nice,"

Educators from Champlain Valley Union High School and Burlington School District said they hope to start a similar testing routine soon.

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Wednesday is test day at Lake Champlain Waldorf School in Shelburne. But it's not the test you might expect

Throughout the day, students at the private school leave their classrooms to get their noses swabbed with a PCR test for COVID-19. It's a requirement for staff and students ages five and older, regardless of vaccination status.

Head of School Jas Darland spoke with Local 22:

(WALDORF093021)

Q "Most of our students can't yet be vaccinated and with the rising infection rate, the rising rate of positivity, the number of school-based cases we just can't be too careful,"

The school is enrolled in a free federal program called Operation Expanded Testing, and the Waldorf campus in Shelburne is the first school in Vermont to use it.

According to the Vermont Agency of Education, COVID-19 surveillance testing is optional for schools. Districts or schools can choose to take part in Vermont's School Testing Surveillance Program through the state's testing vendor, CIC Health.

Last year, Lake Champlain Waldorf School shut down for only two days due to a suspected COVID-19 case, which turned out to be negative. Darland says she hopes to continue in-person learning as long as possible while also protecting students not

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campus separately,” she said. “We need an umbrella brand that we can then have sub-brands.”

The Lyndon and Johnson communities have been through this unification process before, when it became Northern Vermont University in 2018. Faculty say it’s important to do it better this time around.

Meaghan Meacham said:

(COLLEGE093021B)

q “There are many nationally recognized programs still reeling from the brand change,” “Regardless of the name we carry, Lyndon will always be Lyndon at its core and our students know what our campuses have to offer.”

Recruitment for the first class at Vermont State University will start next fall.

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Starting July 2023, 3 state colleges in Vermont will be combined into one institution, Vermont State University, but the transformation doesn't come without logistic and emotional challenges. Wednesday, trustees heard from students, past and present, faculty, and community members.

People from Castleton University, in particular, opposed the change.

Gabrielle Tamasi, a 2012 graduate told Local 22:

(COLLEGE093021)

Q "Anyone who has done the majority of work in a group project knows how the Castleton community feels right now," COLLEGE093021 While the Vermont State college system faced years of decline, Castleton had a decade of growth."

Some people wanted to see proof and real numbers that indicate a name change would help solve the college system's problems. Others stressed that the individual campuses still need to be marketed, moving forward, for this to be successful.

Chancellor Sophie Zdatny says there is flexibility to create identifiers, but the schools need to operate as one brand.

(COLLEGE093021A)

q "It would be expensive to fully brand every institution, every



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One of the most vital aspects of the Turning Point Centers is recovery coaches. At Chittenden County's Turning Point, directors tell channel 3 these coaches are really feeling this increased need.

(RECOVERY092721B)

q "In the past couple of months, we've seen a huge increase in inquiries. The inquiries have gone up from 20 to 30 to 40 inquiries a month,"

Recovery coaches work one-on-one with people struggling with sobriety to help them heal.

In Burlington, they are part-timers who are now taking on more clients each and they tend to have more severe mental health and substance use issues.

The Turning Point Center of Addison County is also experiencing an influx of patients.

Jennifer Mayhew is the executive director:

(RECOVERY092721C)

q "In really the last six months, we've experienced maybe an 80% request for services specifically in individual peer support,"

They've added services like a 24/7 online recovery coaching program. Now, they need more staff and funding to pay for it.

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Both groups are working hard to raise money and will find out later this week whether they are getting more federal COVID dollars to help care for an increasing client load.

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More than 400 pictures and names lined City Hall Park Saturday in memory of those who've lost their lives to addiction.

"Today I Matter" is a traveling memorial aimed at spreading awareness about substance <sup>abuse</sup> use. Many people there have lost loved ones, or know someone who died from addiction.

John Lally is the executive director for Today I Matter. He says after losing his son, the goal is to shed light on a growing issue.

Kimberly Blake lost a child to this problem.

(addiction092021)

q "We're hoping to bring awareness, decrease the stigma around substance use and mental health issues, and realize that our children died a preventable death," Blake said.

The project has been on the move throughout New England and displays individuals from over 34 states as far away as Florida, Minnesota, and California.

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A plea for help from the helpers: Overdose deaths are up 57% in Vermont since December 2019, the largest increase in the nation. People in the recovery field say they need more money and people to help their clients in crisis.

Jesse Bunch is the executive director of the Turning Point Center of Chittenden County:

(RECOVERY092721)

Q “Individuals who need help are waiting for a long time. They’re being passed around to other organizations because there is just not the ability to provide help,”

There are 12 Turning Point recovery centers throughout the state. The nonprofits offer wellness programs and support for Vermonters and their families struggling with substance abuse disorder.

In the Burlington center, Bunch says the demand is high and funding isn’t keeping up. He says they’ve lost out on a couple grants, the state is giving them less money and they used up their COVID relief cash.

(RECOVERY092721A)

q “We’re struggling to do the best we can in a situation where, in our own community, we’ve seen substance use grow incredibly,”



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A new recovery center in Johnson celebrated its grand opening on Saturday.

It was born out of a promise to help others, and now it's become a reality.

Greg Tatro, co-founder of Jenna's Promise, is the father of Jenna Tatro. He spoke to NBC5 at the Grand Opening

(081621SOT Greg Tatro)

~~Vermont U-S~~ Senator Bernie Sanders and Congressman Peter Welch joined community members to support the new center, which was built to provide a key step in the road to recovery for those suffering from substance use disorders.

After losing their daughter Jenna to opioids, Greg and Dawn Tatro turned tragedy into hope.

The Tatros want people to feel safe inside the walls of Jenna's House.

Dawn Tatro said they know Jenna was smiling down during the celebration.

(081621SOT Dawn Tatro)

There <sup>is</sup> information about the project online at jennas promise dot org.

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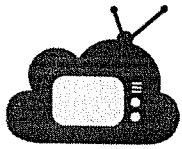
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Vermont will sign on to a national settlement agreement with four opioid distributors, Attorney General TJ Donovan announced Wednesday.

The overall agreement with Cardinal, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen and Johnson & Johnson is expected to cost the companies around \$26 billion. Vermont would receive about \$60 million.

The four companies each manufactured or distributed prescription opioids.

The settlement will also demand significant changes in the companies' business practices. Johnson & Johnson would be banned from producing any opioids for at least 10 years.

The settlement would resolve claims from states and local governments that these pharmaceutical companies fueled the overdose crisis for decades.

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Upwards of \$25 million in American Rescue Plan funding is coming to help bring down the cost of health insurance for an estimated 50,000 Vermonters. //

Ask just about anyone and they'll tell you the cost of health care is through the roof, especially monthly premiums on health insurance.

Kathleen Pelletier of Berlin told channel 3...

(INSURANCE0812)

q: "As an elderly person, if something happened to me or my husband, I'm not sure how we would deal,"

// Sean Sheehan is with the Department of Vermont Health Access...

(INSURANCE0812A)

q with health insurance

Under the plan, about 25,000 people who buy insurance through Vermont Health Connect, the state's online marketplace for insurance coverage, are eligible for help on their premiums. ~~State leaders say the benefits passed by Congress do three things:~~

~~Allow Vermonters who already receive subsidies to receive~~

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The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development is accepting applications for more than \$10.5 million in capital improvement grants to boost the state's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The money comes from the American Rescue Plan Act.

The funding is intended for "transformational projects" that will help retain existing businesses, attract more businesses, create jobs and strengthen communities by encouraging capital investments and economic growth.

Grants for for-profit or nonprofit groups will be for up to \$1.5 million.

The entrants must show impact from COVID-19, support for the hospitality sector or be in certain areas



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The town of Berlin may use money received under the American Rescue Plan to repair or replace failing culverts.

While the replacement of the culvert that funnels Pond Brook under Fisher Road is due to be completed by winter, the town is looking for funding to replace another deteriorating culvert on Richardson Road, and the eventual need to replace two large culverts under Crosstown Road.

The Times Argus reports that Town Administrator Vince Conti told the Select board he would develop a list and cost estimates for infrastructure projects that are on the horizon for the board to consider.

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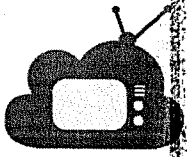
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Some \$29 million in federal Covid-19 relief funding will flow this week into the coffers of Vermont cities, towns and villages. Now, those municipalities just have to figure out what to do with it.

The American Rescue Plan Act, passed in March, uses a process that is essentially backward from most federal grants. If local communities want federal funding, they typically pitch a project first and get money once it's been approved. But with ARPA, the money will simply show up in a town's bank account.

Towns do not need to get approval before they cut checks. But they must later report where the money went. And if the Treasury says towns spent it in a way they shouldn't have, local governments will have to pay that money back. That's led town officials to be more cautious with how they decide to use ARPA funds.

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Stimulus checks, unemployment insurance and SNAP food benefits are just some of the government programs that kept about 77,000 Vermonters out of poverty this year.

That's according to a study published by the Urban Institute last week.

But what will happen once Covid-19-related stimulus money is spent and gone? The answer may depend on what the state government does to support vulnerable Vermonters.

The report found that new forms of government assistance plus expansion of existing programs played a significant role in pushing Vermont's poverty rate down to 7%, a notable dip from the state's 10.2% rate in 2018.

According to the Urban Institute's estimates, without the programs and payments that flowed out of Washington, D.C., Vermont's poverty rate would have hit 19.8% this year.

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Performance venues across Vermont that were closed by the COVID-19 pandemic will get more than \$18 million in federal funding to help them survive.

The money for the 59 locations comes from the Small Business Administration Shuttered Venue Operators Grants.

The grant is available to live music venues, movie theaters and performing arts organizations affected by the pandemic.

A joint statement from Vermont's congressional delegation says Vermont's entertainment venues not only bring joy and energy to the state's downtowns and communities they are economic engines that "help make Vermont such a special place to live and visit."

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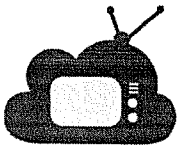
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Vermont Gov. Phil Scott says the state has received \$524 million in federal COVID-19 relief money.

The money the state received Thursday from the federal government as part of the American Rescue Plan's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund is the first half of the state's allotment.

As part of that the state has received \$29 million that it is required to distribute to eligible cities, towns and villages within 30 days.

The state is due to receive an additional \$524 million next year to complete the payment.

Scott calls the money a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help the state recover from the pandemic and build a more prosperous Vermont.

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The Vermont Agency of Education wants your feedback on how to spend \$285 million in federal money.

The cash is from the American Rescue Plan and must be spent by 2024.

About \$256 million will go directly to the schools which submit their plans for approval to state and federal authorities. The Vermont Education Agency receives the remaining \$28 million.

Vermont Education Secretary Dan French says <sup>this</sup> is a way for most states to re-introduce in-person learning.

Michael Clark, the superintendent of the Grand Isle Supervisory Union, tells Channel 3 News The state wants a big chunk of that to go toward literacy to make up for pandemic learning loss but they are not saying how to achieve that.

(072721SOT Michael Clark)

Vermont Education Secretary Dan French says it's too early to identify specific strategies when the state knows the money will be spent over a three-year period.

(072721SOT Dan French)

The state is collecting feedback until mid-August.

You can email your comments to [AOE.EDInfo@vermont.gov](mailto:AOE.EDInfo@vermont.gov) by August 13th.

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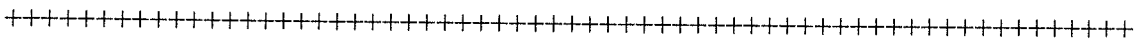
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Violent crime in Vermont is at the highest its been in the past decade. In addition to the increase in crime, the state is also dealing with a critical police shortage.

Acting U.S. Attorney Jon Ophardt tells Local 22 News that from 2016 to 2019, the state has seen a 36% increase in situations involving a gun, and robberies and burglaries are up, too.

(080921SOT Jon Ophardt)

Ophardt says the U.S. Attorney's Office has also noticed more violence stemming from people with mental health issues.

Also, there are fewer officers capable of responding to these types of incidents, as the police force is dwindling. A new report shows nearly half of Burlington's 75 police officers are seeking employment elsewhere.

Williston's police chief Patrick Foley says he hasn't received an application to his department in more than a year, and the pressure on law enforcement is rising.

(080921SOT Patrick Foley)

He adds, the on-boarding process takes between a year and 18 months, so it could take years to fill the current shortages statewide.

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As many Vermont school districts prepare for the start of a new year, they're dealing with staffing issues in and out of the building.

A school crossing guard shortage has hit the queen city and now, the city is desperate to fill its remaining positions.

Right now, 20 of the 33 crossing guard positions are unfilled, and at this point they're willing to make exceptions.

Jeff Padgett from the Department of Public Works tells NBC5 that "

"We can be flexible – nothing says if you have a crossing guard in the morning, you have to have one there in the afternoon. We're at a point where we need to be flexible to get as many locations covered as possible,

All crossing guards must complete a shadowing process and pass a background check. Hours include two 50-minute shifts in the morning and afternoon.

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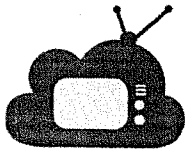
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This week, Twelve hospitals across Vermont are pitching their proposed budgets to the Green Mountain Care Board, and like last year, the pandemic is expected to dominate the financial picture.

Green Mountain Care Board member Jessica Holmes tells Channel 3 News they expect hospitals to give updates on the delta variant and its effect on capacity and the impact of workforce shortages.

Federal cash last year helped to support budgets when patients deferred treatment, but they still expect there to be a financial strain because of increased costs including the price of prescription drugs.

(081921SOT Jessica Holmes)

Gifford and Northwestern Medical Centers won't have to seek approval because their budgets are below target.

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Delayed construction, last-minute fixes and staff shortages have led to rocky starts for several Vermont schools this year. But school leaders say they're taking all possible measures to ensure students can continue learning despite the setbacks.

Natalie Williams of VTDigger has more.

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More on this story at VTDigger dot org.

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A program paying for several hundred Vermonters experiencing homelessness to live in hotel rooms got a reprieve from the governor yesterday.

The program was set to end later this week.

Gov. Scott said he brought the team together and said we should have a 30-day pause to reflect on getting everyone back on the same page.

The governor said the details have yet to be worked out, but the administration plans to work with those in the program seeking financial aid toward more permanent housing.

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A restaurant on the Winooski Circle is temporarily closing due to an ongoing staffing shortage, according to a social media post from the group.

El Cortijo Taqueria, managed by The Farmhouse Group, is closing indefinitely and will focus efforts on its Burlington location.

"The chronic short staffing bug has caught up with us," an Instagram post from the group read. "Like many in our sector, our amazing team members have been working double time lately."

The closure marks one of several in the Champlain Valley associated with staffing concerns during the past year, local signs of a larger problem that has plagued restaurants nationwide during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The federal government is mandating that all staff at federally-funded long-term care facilities get vaccinated. Many Vermont operators don't have a problem with the new mandate because vaccination rates are so high already, but some worry it will impact hiring.

With 85 of Vermont's 268 COVID-related deaths connected to long-term care facilities, doctors say having everyone vaccinated protects everyone within a facility.

Dr. Michael Rousse, the chief medical officer at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury, tells Channel 3...

()ROUSSE081921)

Q "These workers go home, they interact with the community, they could easily pick up the delta variant of the COVID virus, and they can be asymptomatic," said

Federal data shows that Vermont is ranked fifth in the nation for nursing home staff being vaccinated, with just under 80%. Some homes are well over 90% while at least one is below 60%.

At Crescent Manor Rehabilitation Center in Bennington, administrator Michael Rivers says 75% of his 100 staff members are vaccinated. While he has encouraged his staff to get the shot, he also worries that a mandate will mean some will quit, or he'll have to fire some.

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q “I will lose staff if they make it a mandate. I will lose staff, there’s no question about it. I don’t know of any nursing home that can afford to lose staff in this day and age,”

Vaccine mandates have become a controversial issue. Dr. Rousse, however, says the conversation is different in medical settings like hospitals and nursing homes.

(ROUSSE081921B)

q “The patient expects that we’re all vaccinated and protected if we’re working in health care. When you come see a doctor or a provider, you want to feel safe and you want to be sure you won’t catch anything from that provider you’re seeing,”

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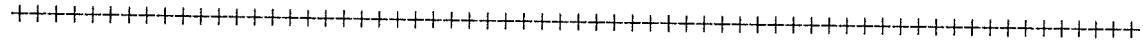
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Vermont Health Department officials say they'll be ready to begin vaccinating children against COVID-19 as soon as a vaccine is approved for use.

On Monday, vaccine maker Pfizer said its COVID-19 vaccine works for children ages 5 to 11 and that it will seek U.S. authorization for this age group soon - a key step toward beginning vaccinations for youngsters.

There is no immediate indication of when the vaccine could receive emergency use authorization for children in that age group.

Currently, the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for use in children as young as 12.

The Health Department says 72.9% of Vermont children ages 12-15 have been vaccinated.

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Governor Phil Scott continues to face calls to sign another state of emergency that would allow him to reimpose a mask mandate and other public health measures. But the governor says he remains firm that such actions are not needed yet and would be an abuse of power with unintended consequences.

(SCOTT MANDATE092121)

Q “Broad restrictions have other implications in other areas, like people not seeking their health care needs, isolation of older family members, remote learning, and business closures that put people out of work,”

The governor says all decisions are based on protecting health care capacity, which he says are not in danger of being overrun.



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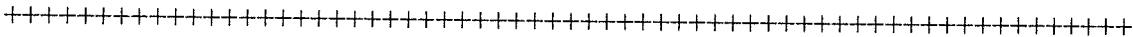
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The company that owns Vermont's Stowe Mountain Resort ski area and a number of other resorts across the region and the country is going to require that visitors be masked when indoors at the resorts during the upcoming ski season. In an email this week to season pass holders, Vail Resorts announced that people ages 12 and over will be required to show proof of vaccination when eating at restaurants at the resorts. All Vail Resorts employees will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19. But unlike last year skiers will not have to make reservations ahead of time and lifts and gondolas will operate at normal capacity.

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Copley Hospital in Morrisville is requiring all visitors to be vaccinated.

In a letter to the community, the hospital says it's limiting visitation right now. They say they are requiring all guests to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask.

As the surge in delta variant cases continues, many hospitals have reinstated visitor restrictions first seen last year. All California hospitals now require visitors to show proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

While COVID hospitalization rates in Vermont are the highest they have been since the start of the pandemic -- 42 on Wednesday with 14 in the ICU -- Copley officials said the state's high vaccination rate means capacity is not an issue as it has become in some states.

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Vermont is rebooting its mass vaccination sites as it prepares to roll out thousands of booster shots to bolster immunity.

The state is doling out Pfizer boosters for people who got their second shot at least six months ago. They can get them at state-run clinics, schools and pharmacies.

The state is signing people up by age bracket. Starting ~~Wednesday~~ *TODAY*, everyone 70 and older is eligible.

On Friday, people with underlying conditions including obesity and tobacco use are eligible, along with certain public-facing occupations like grocery store and restaurant workers.

So far, only 2,000 people have signed up but leaders are hoping for at least 100,000 more.

Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters are expected soon for people 18 and up.

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You are eligible if you're 70 or older and received a Pfizer vaccine six or more months ago.

People can get the booster dose in pop-up clinics all over the state every day and at many pharmacies, as well.

At a clinic in South Burlington on Wednesday, staffers told CHANNEL 3 they have administered about 200 booster doses since they began on Monday, but they expect to do more in the coming days.

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(BOOSTER093021)

Q "I'm getting my last booster! Or getting my booster-- I hope it's the last booster."

("Mc-Geach")

Cynthia McGeach of South Burlington says she's more than happy to get it.

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Q “Wonderful, wonderful, I wish more people would do it,” s

Garnet is a company licensed with the Vermont Health Department to administer these vaccines. Deputy Director Jeff Patterson says they aren't seeing as many folks come out as they thought would.

(BOOSTER093021B)

Q “The turnout has been lower than we originally anticipated, but as the age banding and the populations eligible are increasing, we expect to see a significant increase in the number of people turning out,”

No walk-ins are allowed for the booster. But spots are available and easy to grab online if you are over 70 and received a Pfizer vaccine six or more months ago.

Friday, Vermonters aged 65 and older can get the third Pfizer booster.

Also, you can get the booster at any location offering them; you don't have to go to the same pharmacy or clinic where you got your first two doses.