

# Stay Home, Stay Safe

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**Incident Name:**

COVID-19 Response

**Reporting Period:**

04/21/2020 08:00 AM - 04/21/2020 04:00 PM

**Situation Report Number:**

39

**EOC Activation Level:**

Full Activation



# Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

## Situation Report

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### *Background / Current Situation*

On April 21, 2020 the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was fully activated from 0800 to 1600, using an almost completely virtual structure, with only call takers stationed at Public Safety Headquarters and all other staff and state partner representatives working remotely. The SEOC will be fully activated daily until further notice.

### **Key Updates:**

The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard announced today that food will be distributed to those in need at five locations around the state starting 4/22. The National Guard will set up and operate Points of Distribution (PODs) at state airports in Swanton, North Clarendon, Newport, Bennington, and North Springfield on separate days over the next two weeks. Those in need of food can go to these locations on the appointed days and receive a seven-day supply of Meals Ready-to-Eat (MRE) for each member of their household. Dates and locations are listed below:

- Wednesday, April 22 - Franklin County Airport (Highgate/Swanton)
- Friday, April 24 - Rutland Southern VT Regional Airport (Clarendon)
- Monday, April 27 - Hartness State Airport (Weathersfield/Springfield)
- Tuesday, April 28 - William H Morse State Airport (Bennington)
- Wednesday, April 29 - Northeast Kingdom International Airport (Coventry/Newport)

### **Executive Order Measures:**

On Friday, Governor Scott announced Addendum 10 which outlines a phased reopening of businesses in Vermont, and mandatory health & safety guidance that will be required of all businesses currently operation and those re-starting:

- The mandatory health & safety requirements for all business operations includes the following:
  - Not reporting to work if sick
  - Employees must observe strict social distancing of 6 feet while on the job
  - Employees must wear non-medical cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth when in the presence of others.
  - There must be easy and frequent access to soap and water or hand sanitizer during the duration of work, and hand hygiene should be required before entering and leaving job sites.
  - Frequent cleaning/disinfecting of all common spaces.
  - No more than two people shall occupy one vehicle when conducting work
  - Customers and the public in general are strongly encouraged to wear cloth face coverings any time they are interacting with others outside their household.
  - Business operations deemed "essential" may continue to operate under pre-existing guidance with the addition of the mandatory health and safety requirements for all business operations outlined above.
- Phased opening of businesses not defined as essential started yesterday. The business reopening is a phased process that is being driven by ACCD, VDH, and DPS as directed by Governor Scott. Subject to the mandatory health and safety requirements stated above and with some additional guidance, the following operations were allowed to restart:
  - Outdoor Businesses & Construction Operations
  - Retail Operations; all orders must occur over the phone; no in-store transactions re allowed at this time.
  - Low- or no-contact professional services such as appraisers, realtors, municipal clerks, attorneys, property managers, pet care operators, and others.
  - Farmers markets will be allowed to reopen May 1, following guidance currently being drafted by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.
  - Additional information and specific guidance for the phased reopening can be found on ACCD's website.

### **Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/21/20:**

Total positive test results for COVID-19	818
Total tests for COVID-19	13,111
Deaths	40
People being monitored	25

People who have completed monitoring	817
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	21
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	20

These numbers are reported once daily covering a 24-period from midnight to midnight.

#### 4/20 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 58 calls, the vast majority from the general public (51 calls).
- The most common call topics were the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (24 calls), financial stimulus (14 calls), and work (12 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

#### Public Information

- The Department of Health published PPE guidance on the Healthvermont.gov COVID-19 site with links to sub-pages for Health Care Professionals, Long-term Care and Group Living Settings, First Responders, Businesses and Employees: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/SOV-Personal-Protective-Equipment-Guidance.pdf>
- The Joint Information Center shared information on meal points of distribution that will be run by the Vermont Foodbank and Vermont National Guard on social media channels and the VEM website: <https://vem.vermont.gov/pods>

#### FEMA

- A Major Disaster Declaration has been approved for Vermont: Major Declaration FEMA-4532-DR-VT
- Vermont's Non-Congregate Care request has been approved by FEMA.
- FEMA is tracking the following Resource Requests (RRFs) in progress:
  - Medicines (Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) unable to fill) - some medicine reportedly ordered and shipped.
  - Testing materials, including swabs and test tubes (potentially will need to be filled by CDC International Reagent Resource (IRR)) - swabs beginning to be shipped.
  - Incident Command System personnel for the VDH Health Operations Center (partially filled)
  - Ventilators - on adjudication at 72 hours
- FEMA is tracking Requests for Information, including eligibility questions associated with Public Assistance Category B, Emergency Protective measures.
- **Nationally:** The National Response Coordination Center in Washington, D.C. is fully activated and adjudicating all federal requests for resources and capabilities from across the country.
- **Regionally:** The FEMA Region 1 Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) is fully activated and is completely virtual.

#### Logistics Branch

- Resource procurement status:
  - Four VPro units (for decontaminating used N95 masks) are installed and operational. Four additional VPro units are scheduled to arrive by 5/2/20 and planning is underway for their distribution.
  - The contracts are complete for providing ramps and security for the 4 temporary mortuary sites.
  - Work continues to identify potential locations for a fixed mortuary facility along the preferred route, if needed.
  - Rutland Regional and St. Albans Alternate Care Sites have requested some supplies, which are being sourced through Buildings and General Services (BGS) contracts and the University of Vermont Medical Center.
  - The branch is working with the Vermont Department of Health on a facility disinfection plan as part of a statewide procedure for demobilizing sites.
  - BGS provided a list of hotels for potentially exposed health care workers and first responders if the need arises.
  - The branch procured Bitrex N95 Fit test kits and solution for several organizations in need.
  - BGS is working with the Judiciary on plans for barriers in courthouses.
  - The branch is working with Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living staff for fit testing of protective masks.
  - The branch has not able to procure HEPA filters for mask ventilation, so an RRF to FEMA is forthcoming.
- National Guard (VTNG) deployment status:
  - Activated/Deployed Resources:
    - Medical Logistics Planners: 1 personnel and 1 support for the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)
    - Medical/Logistics Planners (alternate care site): 6 personnel
    - Essex Regional Alternate Care site in Essex (set up completed 4/7): 150 personnel.
    - SEOC liaisons - 3 personnel

- Joint Operations Center Augmentation- 12 personnel
  - Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse Support: 10 personnel
  - Logistical support to food shelves and mass feeding plan at the CPOD sites.
- The Agency of Transportation (AOT):
    - AOT continues to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) warehouse.
    - AOT is collecting, delivering, and storing donated PPE. The donated PPE will be inspected for SNS distribution and other needs.
    - AOT provided vehicle counts at 41 high-priority border crossings across the state.
    - AOT staff is working on logistics and making signs for the CPOD MRE distribution at airports across the state.
  - Department of Human Resources (DHR):
    - Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
      - Total accepted volunteers: 676
      - New applicants needing background checks: 823
      - 26 volunteers have been deployed at 2 locations:
        - Department of Health epidemiological team (1)
        - 211 call center (25)
      - Pending requests:
        - Clinical staffing for the alternate care site at Spartan Arena is under review with Health Operations Center leadership.
    - Temporary Employee Activity:
      - Requested positions: 167
      - Approved & created positions: 165
      - Positions posted in recruitment: 87
      - Applications received: 315
      - Offers made: 9
      - Direct hires: 13
  - SerVermont:
    - There are 28 Americorp volunteers and 1 spontaneous volunteer assigned to the 211 call center.
    - 1,817 people signed up to volunteer
    - Pending requests:
      - Franklin Carriage House – 1 sent.
      - Frozen meal distribution – 5 sent to the Marshfield warehouse for assistance.
      - 331 Volunteer names sent to Washington and Northern Orange Counties Regional Response Command Center (WNOC\_RRCC).

*Medical Logistics Branch*

**Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update as of Close of Day 4/20/2020:**

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	59
Orders Filled	43
Percentage Filled	73%
Total Unfilled Orders	16
Behavioral Health	0
EMS	0
Hospital	1
Long-Term Care	3
Outpatient Care	4
Public Safety	1
Residential Home	0
Other	7

**Please Note:** These numbers change by the minute and many of these orders may have been filled during the generation of this report. This is just a snapshot in time.

**Important Explanations:** Orders may be unfilled due to a variety of reasons, such as but not limited to the following:

- Lower priority facility types
- Order requires follow up

- May be in the process of being filled at the time the report was completed
- May have been filled by the time the report was completed
- Requested items we do not have in stock so the order remains unfilled

**Thermometer Update:**

- The University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCC) did not receive its order of thermometers, but is still hoping for delivery of the order by 4/22. This first order is not touch-less infrared thermometers.
- The status of a second order for 1008 touch-less infrared thermometers remains "pending shipment." Expected ship date now 27 Apr.

**Other Updates:**

- VENITRA procedure mask order arrived at UVMCC yesterday and will be distributed to Dartmouth and SOV this week.
- Anticipating another 1,000 face shields from GENERATOR this week
- RRF submitted to SEOC director for review for HEPA filters. Goal is to get RRF submitted to FEMA asap. UVM/BGS cannot source.
- Processed Vermont National Guard PPE request in support of the distribution of food, delivered today
- Providing KN95s to DOC in response to request for additional masks, should be delivered tomorrow
- 1 Liter container plus the 9 4oz containers of bitter Fit Test solution will be delivered to the SNS warehouse today
- 290 vials of Midazolam were shipped and stamped received yesterday evening
- Partnering with Alternate Care Sites to coordinate PPE and SNS equipment return after sites are de-commissioned
- Actively building SNS de-mobilization plan to step down dependency on SNS stock in phases

**Health & Medical Branch**

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**Hospitals:**

- Bed availability statewide (as of 0900 on 4/21/2020):
  - 742 total beds
  - 54 ICU beds
  - 363 medical surge beds
  - 149 isolation beds

**Long-Term Care Facilities:**

- Multiple long-term care facilities have multiple COVID-19 positive persons and have experienced multiple COVID-19 deaths.
- The Health Department Outbreak Prevention Team is proactively working with long-term care and other facilities on infection control, testing and isolation, and recovery preparations or needs.
- An essential employer workplace health and safety and PPE validation effort was finalized to assist those long-term care facilities not engaging in health care.
- N-95 sterilization capabilities are extended to health care-oriented facilities by local hospitals that received new Steris V-Pro systems from the state.

**Testing:**

- 10 specimens were tested over the Monday 4/20/2020 at the Department of Health (VDH) Lab.
- 175 test kits were distributed for testing at a nursing home and a Department of Corrections site Tuesday 4/21/2020.
- The VDH Serology Testing Work Group from epidemiology, the labs, and infectious disease providers made recommendations to Commissioner Levine on April 16, and he shared them with the public on April 17. No specific testing is planned until a highly valid test is available.
- The University of Vermont Medical Center Lab continues to test new systems today (one internal design and one Cepheid), along with their testing for patients in the health care system.

*Human Services Branch*

There are no known gaps in Agency of Human Services (AHS) essential services due to absenteeism.

**Isolation and Recovery Sites:**

- The Harbor Place isolation and recovery site has a 50-bed capacity, with 1 bed in use as of 4/20.
- The Chittenden Recovery Center (Holiday Inn in South Burlington) has 2 adult residents (out of 160 beds).
- General Assistance Motel Summary (4/20/2020): 1,286 rooms; 1,475 adults; 252 children

**Long-Term Care Facility Status:**

- Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
- Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
- 4/20 Census: 2,242
- 4/20 bed availability: 457

## Staffing Status:

- Hiring for temporary positions, for which interviews were conducted, are on hold (for RN, LPN, case management, and mental health specialist positions).
- Staffing patterns have been developed for the alternate general care sites.
- Staffing patterns are being developed for the alternate sub-acute care sites.
- The branch is working with the Department of Corrections (DOC) nursing on staffing needs.

## Mass Feeding Status:

- Buildings and General Services (BGS) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) are working on regional procurement planning efforts. A draft simplified bid is being reviewed.
- The SEOC, working with the VT Food Bank, completed the FEMA request for Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). Three tractor trailers, totaling 75,000 meals, were delivered and unloaded on 4/18 to Food Bank locations in Barre, Rutland, and Brattleboro.
- Several contracts are in place with supervisory unions across Vermont to expand child nutrition programs and support adult nutrition programs.
- The branch is working with the Area Agencies on Aging on a distribution plan for 20,000 frozen meals.

## Additional Updates:

- AHS finance staff began recovery planning efforts pertaining to the COVID-19 response.
- Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) continues to provide support to partner agencies, including establishment of skilled nursing sites.
- CDD has begun long-term thinking about how to re-open childcare programs statewide, as well as finding a solution to support afterschool programs financially.
- 1,116 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form for 1,788 children. 330 Essential Persons requested help for 521 school-aged children, 396 Essential Persons requested help for 554 children under 6, and 151 Essential Persons requested help for 347 children in both age groups. The remaining 239 Essential Persons representing 366 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- The Agency of Education is working on FEMA PA guidance for schools (currently awaiting a FEMA update), updating continuity of operations for school nutrition directors, finalizing a family FAQ, and working on additional continuity of learning guidance.

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*Economic Development Branch*

## AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

- ACCD partnered with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) for a webinar on municipal essential functions and services: <https://www.vlct.org/event/webinar-municipal-essential-functions-and-services-explained>
- ACCD continues to update sector guidance in accordance with Addendum 10: <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance>
- Many Vermont businesses are eligible for \$5,000 U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation grants. To qualify business must employ between 3 and 20 people, be located within an economically vulnerable community, and have been harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Businesses may check for eligibility by entering their ZIP code on the website: <https://savesmallbusiness.com/>
- ACCD wants to hear from all Vermont businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This information will help us paint a complete picture as we work toward solutions. Please share information via the ACCD Business Impact Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vt covid19>

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL):

- DOL added 50 more workers to answer questions and speed claims. DOL now has over 200 staff answering calls processing claims.
- DOL cleared 32,000 claims over the weekend. The remaining 8,384 Vermonters with unresolved claims were mailed a partial benefits payment of \$1,200 Monday. DOL will take steps to pay full payments over the coming weeks.
- DOL will launch a new application portal soon for self-employed workers and independent contractors to claim unemployment benefits, More information is available here: [https://labor.vermont.gov/CARESact\\_Vermont/SelfEmployed](https://labor.vermont.gov/CARESact_Vermont/SelfEmployed)
- Upcoming Virtual Town Halls:
  - Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program for Self-Employed Workers:
    - Tuesday, April 21, 2 PM: [https://bit.ly/VTLaborTownHall\\_April21](https://bit.ly/VTLaborTownHall_April21)
    - Thursday, April 23, 2 PM: [https://bit.ly/VTLaborTownHall\\_April23](https://bit.ly/VTLaborTownHall_April23)
  - Unemployment Insurance 101:
    - Wednesday, April 22, 8:30 AM: [https://bit.ly/5\\_VTLaborTownHall\\_Claimants](https://bit.ly/5_VTLaborTownHall_Claimants)
    - Friday, April 24, 8:30 AM: [https://bit.ly/6\\_VTLaborTownHall\\_Claimants](https://bit.ly/6_VTLaborTownHall_Claimants)
- Unemployment Insurance Claims, April 5 - April 11 (updated every Thursday)
- Continued Claims: 31,204
- New Claims: 9,662



- Estimated Initial Claims Processed since March 15: 80,000
- Payments: \$8 million paid last week
- Trust Fund Balance: over \$500 million
- Estimated Unemployment (unofficial): Greater than 20%, could rise to 30%

**AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND MARKETS (VAAFMM):**

- AAFMM is developing guidance for the safe operation of farmers' markets by May 1.
- AAFMM's Business Impacts Survey received 140 responses between March 19 and April 16. Updated snapshot of impacts:
  - Of those 140 businesses, 16% reported closing their business (doubling from 8% last week), 47% reported being partially open, and 37% reported being fully operational.
  - The average loss of employees per business was 26%. Five businesses have indicated they are hiring additional employees.
  - Estimated economic losses total \$13,629,900 from the 120 (of 140) reporting businesses, with a median of \$19,000 per business (increase of \$3,000 per business over last week).
- AAFMM has connected dairy cooperatives, dairy processors, and the Vermont Food Bank together to find ways to minimize milk disposal. The partners are reviewing costs and distribution issues this week.
- Vermont meat processors are operating at capacity with higher demand for services, with many booked out eight weeks. Nationally, meat and poultry facilities are facing shutdowns due to COVID-19.

**VERMONT RETAIL AND GROCERS' ASSOCIATION (VRGA):**

**Supply Chain (updated 4/14)**

- **Bread** – Supply is available, but in limited varieties.
- **Milk** – There is ample supply.
- **Eggs** – The supply is improving, and the price has dropped.
- **Cheese** – The supply is improving.
- **Paper & Bath Tissue** – The supply of paper towels is improving, while bath tissue sells as fast as it gets on the shelf. Stores are stocking 40% more bath tissue and 60% more paper towels than in pre-pandemic weeks. Demand continues to outpace shipments.
- **Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Isopropyl Alcohol** – No improvements; still a struggle to get supply. Shipments are intermittent.
- **Meat** – The supply of beef, chicken, and pork is improving significantly. The standard assortment has (and is) challenged, but an extended network of suppliers is meeting the increased demand.
- **Produce, Deli, Bakery** – There is ample supply.
- **Pasta/Canned Veggies/Box Prepared Products** – Supply is coming in regularly; however, manufacturers' allocations are not meeting demand.

Link to stores providing designated store hours and alternative shopping

methods: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b859U4ovN\\_JD-O0c\\_8HQwu6n1cYi0NZcEro6CQGd388/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b859U4ovN_JD-O0c_8HQwu6n1cYi0NZcEro6CQGd388/edit#gid=0)

*Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch*

**Infrastructure** - No reported interruptions of service or other disruptions or shortages.

**Emergency Services** - No reported interruptions of service or other disruptions or shortages.

**Department / Agencies Reports:**

**Emergency Medical Services (VTEMS) -**

- VTEMS is finalizing contracts for augmenting COVID-19 testing staffing with EMS practitioners.
- VTEMS is preparing an RFP for a hybrid EMS education program.
- VTEMS is finalizing the 2020 protocol rollout (details to be distributed on Wednesday).
- VTEMS is working with the transportation group to clarify ambulance usage.

**Public Service Department (PSD) -**

- There are currently 62 power outages statewide.

**Agency of Digital Services (ADS) -**

- No service outages reported.


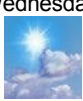



**Vermont State Police (VSP)/Wilderness Search and Rescue -**

- No reported interruptions of service.

**Division of Fire Safety (DFS)/Urban Search and Rescue -**

- Predicted fire danger for Vermont on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 is LOW.

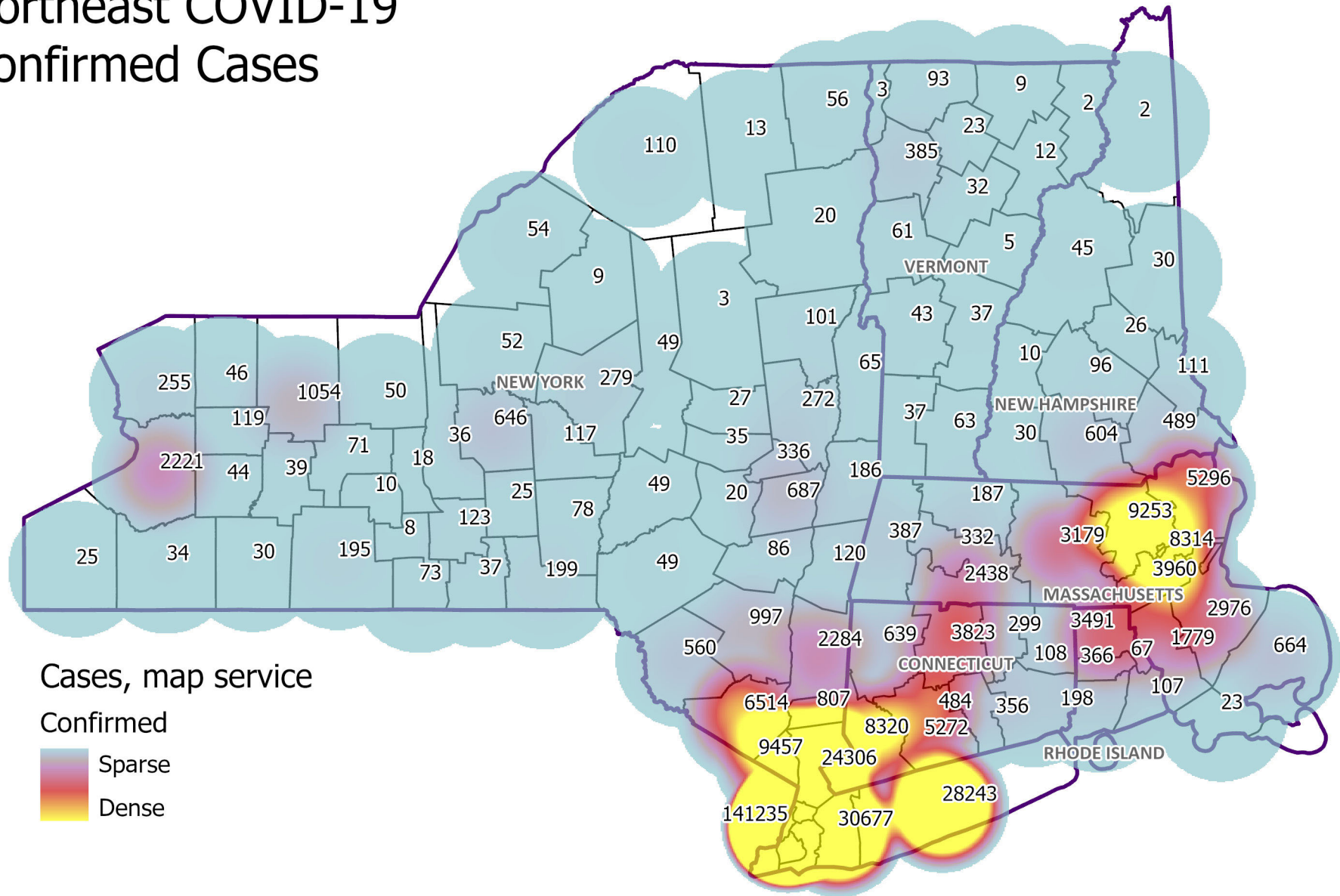
## Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				
100%		20%	30%	50%
Definitely Rain Showers	Clear	Slight Chance of Snow Showers	Chance of Snow Showers	Chance of Snow Showers
51 F / 10 C	37 F / 2 C	47 F / 8 C	49 F / 9 C	54 F / 12 C
24 F / -4 C	22 F / -5 C	28 F / -2 C	29 F / -1 C	34 F / 1 C

- **Tonight:** A chance of rain showers before 9pm, then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between 9pm and 10pm, then a chance of snow showers after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. West wind 11 to 14 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.
- **Wednesday:** A chance of snow showers, possibly mixing with rain after 2pm, then gradually ending. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. Northwest wind 14 to 16 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.
- **Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 23. West wind 6 to 11 mph.

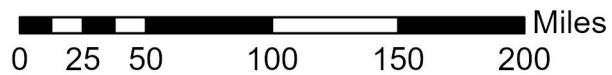


# Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



Cases, map service

Confirmed



Updated 4/21/2020 by Tory Littlefield



## Executive Summary COVID-19 Response April 21, 2020 (1600 EDT)

**SEOC Activation Status: Full**  
**HOC Activation Status: Full**  
**SEOC Activation Date/Time:**  
**March 11, 2020 (0730 EDT)**

**Gubernatorial State of Emergency:** Declared 3/13/20  
**Federal Emergency Declaration:** Issued 3/13/20  
**Major Disaster Declaration:** Issued 4/8/20

### Community Lifeline Status



Red - most unstable or completely inadequate level of service  
Yellow - functional but inadequate for stability of a consistent level of service  
Green - stable

### Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request approved for Title 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) authorization – allows for use of VT National Guard on full-time duty orders.</li> <li>Canada and the US are extending border restrictions for another 30 days. Nearly 200,000 people cross that border daily in normal times.</li> <li>The EMS Office is developing plans for socially distanced EMS training, and is preparing an RFP to support a hybrid education program.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vermont Supreme Court extended the Judicial Emergency until May 31, 2020.</li> <li>Continuing to monitor absenteeism and disruptions in service, which are expected to increase over time.</li> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCD continues to work in close contact with the Vermont Retail Grocers' Association to monitor supply chain issues. As of 4/14, the supply chain is in good shape outside of bath tissue, sanitizer, cleaning products, and prepared/boxed food which remain strained.</li> <li>ACCD has updated business FAQs and sector-specific guidance in response to Addendum 10 that allows certain sectors to begin to reopen, in strict accordance with mandatory health and safety requirements.</li> <li>The SEOC, working with the VT Food Bank, completed the FEMA request for Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). Three tractor trailers, totaling 75,000 meals, were delivered to Food Bank locations in Barre, Rutland, and Brattleboro.</li> <li>Several contracts are in place with supervisory unions to expand child nutrition programs and introduce adult nutrition programs.</li> <li>Farmers markets will be allowed to reopen May 1, additional guidance is currently being drafted by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.</li> <li>VAAF is working with dairy cooperatives, processors and the Vermont Foodbank to move milk away from disposal and into products for the Foodbank. Costs and distribution issues are being reviewed this week.</li> </ul>
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Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AOT is staffing border crossings for the State's monitoring of traffic mobility to determine how effective mitigation measures are for reducing travel and also to give healthcare leaders a sense of future healthcare capacity needs. All vehicles (Vermont and out-of-state) are being counted; license plate numbers are not being recorded.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bus route modifications can be found at: <a href="https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/">https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/</a></li> <li>Vermont Translines suspended their bus service through May 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Governor Scott suspended Amtrak service to Vermont indefinitely.</li> </ul>

Incident Summary	A novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) was first detected in China at the end of 2019. It has now spread to almost every country, with the United States having the largest number of cases. The disease the virus causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").
Key Information	<p><b>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/21/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive test results: 818</li> <li>Total tests conducted: 13,111</li> <li>Deaths: 40</li> <li>Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 21</li> <li>Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 20</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Updates:</b> The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard announced today that food will be distributed to those in need at five locations around the state starting 4/22. The National Guard will set up and operate Points of Distribution (PODs) at state airports in Swanton, North Clarendon, Newport, Bennington, and North Springfield on separate days over the next two weeks. Those in need of food can go to these locations on the appointed days and receive a seven-day supply of Meals Ready-to-Eat (MRE) for each member of their household. Dates and locations can be found at <a href="http://vem.vermont.gov/pods">vem.vermont.gov/pods</a>.</p> <p><b>Executive Order Measures:</b> On Friday, Governor Scott announced Addendum 10 which outlines a phased reopening of businesses in Vermont, and mandatory health &amp; safety guidance that will be required of all businesses currently operation and those re-starting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phased opening of businesses not defined as <i>essential</i> started yesterday. Subject to mandatory health and safety requirements, the following operations will be allowed to restart:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor Businesses &amp; Construction Operations</li> <li>Retail Operations; all orders must occur over the phone; no in-store transactions re allowed at this time.</li> <li>Low- or no-contact professional services such as appraisers, realtors, municipal clerks, attorneys, property managers, pet care operators, and others.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Local State of Emergency:</b> Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon. <b>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported):</b> Bethel, Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charlestown, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pittsfield, Pomfret, Rutland, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 4/21, VDH sent test kits to a nursing home and a Department of Corrections facility, for widespread testing at those locations.</li> <li>VDH determined that serologic tests are not yet sufficiently reliable for use. Serologic (i.e., antibody) testing reveals not only current but also past COVID-19 infections.</li> <li>Governor Scott and the Department of Financial Regulation announced a requirement for health insurers to waive patient costs associated with diagnosing and treating COVID-19.</li> <li>In addition to the 4 already in operation, 4 more V-PRO units were received and planning is underway for their distribution. The V-PRO systems are used to sterilize N95 respirators for hospitals and other organizations in the area.</li> <li>The Vermont Department of Health began reporting race and ethnicity data on COVID-19 positive cases.</li> <li>A FEMA RRF for various pharmaceuticals are being filled by the SNS and are en route to Vermont.</li> <li>VDH is finalizing contracts for augmenting COVID-19 testing staffing with EMS practitioners.</li> <li>On 4/19, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 1) emphasized existing requirements for nursing homes to notify the local health department of suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 2) previewed upcoming requirements to also inform their residents and the CDC of such information: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/files/document/gso-20-26-nh.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/files/document/gso-20-26-nh.pdf</a></li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Logistics Branch is working with the Vermont Department of Health on a facility disinfection plan as part of a statewide procedure for future demobilization of sites.</li> <li>Alternate Care Site demobilization planning is underway. This will not be implemented yet, but is ready to go.</li> </ul>
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many Vermont businesses are eligible for a \$5,000 grant from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. More information at <a href="https://savesmallbusiness.com/">https://savesmallbusiness.com/</a></li> <li>The Department of Labor (DOL) has processed an estimated 80,000 initial unemployment insurance claims since March 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>DOL cleared 32,000 claims over the weekend. The remaining 8,384 Vermonters with unresolved claims will receive a \$1,200 check by Wednesday, and balances will be reconciled.</li> <li>1,817 registrants signed up to volunteer on the state portal – some have been sent to the Franklin Carriage House and the frozen meal distribution operation at the Marshfield warehouse.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOL aims to launch a new application portal by Wednesday for self-employed workers and independent contractors to claim unemployment benefits.</li> </ul>