

**Executive Summary** 

**COVID-19 Response** April 22, 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

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		Lifelines: Impacts and Actions	
Safety and Security	<b>Current Situation</b>	<ul> <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>	Incident
	Future	<ul> <li>Vermont Supreme Court extended the Judicial Emergency until May 31, 2020.</li> <li>The EMS Office plans to roll out the 2020 EMS protocol update on May 15<sup>th</sup>, with all accompanying training available online.</li> </ul>	
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul> <li>The Vermont National Guard distributed more than 1,600 cases of MREs today at the Franklin County distribution site in Swanton. The site closed for re-stocking at 1200 and will reopen at 1700 with hours extended beyond 1800 as long as there is need.</li> <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>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>VAAFM 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> <li>AHS is working with the Area Agencies on Aging on executing a distribution plan for 20,000 frozen meals.</li> </ul>	Key Information
	Future	<ul> <li>The Agency of Education is working on FEMA PA guidance for schools using guidance provided by FEMA, updating continuity of operations for school nutrition directors, and finalizing a family FAQ.</li> </ul>	
Transportation	<b>Current Situation</b>	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.	
Trans	uture	Bus route modifications can be found at: <a href="https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/">https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/</a> Vermont Translines suspended their bus service through May 15 <sup>th</sup> .	

Governor Scott suspended Amtrak service to Vermont indefinitely.

## 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"). Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health

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

- Department at 1100 on 4/22/20: · Positive test results: 823
- Total tests conducted: 13,462
- Deaths: 40
- · Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 18
- Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 19

## **Key Updates:**

The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard began distributing food to those in need in Franklin County today, the first of five locations around the state that will be used for distribution. The National Guard has set up and is operating 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 vem.vermont.gov/pods.

## **Executive Order Measures:**

On April 17th, 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:

- Phased opening of businesses not defined as essential started yesterday. Subject to mandatory health and safety requirements, the following operations will be allowed to
- o Outdoor Businesses & Construction Operations
- o Retail Operations; all orders must occur over the phone; no in-store transactions re allowed at this time.
- o Low- or no-contact professional services such as appraisers, realtors, municipal clerks, attorneys, property managers, pet care operators, and others.

Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.

Local EOCs Activated (self-reported): Bethel, Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charleston, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pittsfield, Pomfret, Rutland, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.

Other

re	Lifelines: Impacts and Actions						
	Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul> <li>The Medical Logistics Branch is looking into solutions to a shortage of medical gowns, such as setting up a system to launder reusable gowns.</li> <li>On 4/22, VDH sent test kits to multiple nursing homes 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 are set to arrive 5/2 and a plan has been approved for their distribution. The V-PRO systems are used to sterilize N95 respirators for hospitals and other organizations in the area.</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: https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-26-nh.pdf</li> <li>The SEOC is coordinating a delivery of Burton Masks to the State of New York.</li> </ul>				
		Future	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. Alternate Care Site demobilization planning is underway. This will not be implemented yet, but is ready to go.				
	r Lifelines	urrent Situation	Several internet service providers, cable companies and mobile wireless companies have already stepped up to help Vermont through COVID-19 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.  1,950 registrants signed up to volunteer on the state portal – some				

have been sent to the Franklin Carriage House and the frozen meal

• DOL aims to launch a new application portal as soon as possible for

self-employed workers and independent contractors to claim

distribution operation at the Marshfield warehouse.

unemployment benefits.