



Incident Name:
COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:
05/27/2020 08:00 AM - 05/27/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:
61

EOC Activation Level:
Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On May 27, 2020 the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was fully activated from 0800 to 1600, using a completely virtual structure. The SEOC will be fully activated during the week and partially activated through the weekend until further notice.

Key Updates:

- The next meal distribution will be held on Thursday, May 28 at Franklin County State Airport, 629 Airport Rd, Swanton. The following distribution will be on Friday, May 29 at Caledonia County State Airport, 2107 Pudding Hill Rd, Lyndonville.
 - The full list of dates and locations can be found at vem.vermont.gov/pods

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/27/20:

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| Total positive test results for COVID-19 | 971 |
| Total tests for COVID-19 | 30,999 |
| Deaths | 54 |
| Total people recovered | 849 |
| People being monitored | 44 |
| People who have completed monitoring | 878 |
| Hospitalized patients with COVID-19 | 0 |
| Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19 | 21 |

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

5/25-5/26 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 40 calls related to COVID-19 on Monday and Tuesday. Most calls were from the general public (35 calls), and the rest from businesses (5 calls).
- The most common call topics were the executive order (16 calls), testing (16 calls), and travel (12 calls) (topics are not mutually exclusive, i.e., calls can touch on multiple topics).

Public Information

Re-iterated health safety messages on social media: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/health-environment/climate-health/hot-weather>

FEMA

- A Major Disaster Declaration has been approved for Vermont: FEMA-4532-DR-VT
- FEMA is tracking the following Resource Request Forms (RRFs) in progress:
 - Testing materials, including nasal swabs and test tubes
 - HEPA filters
 - PPE including gloves, coveralls, aprons, boot covers, and N95 masks
 - 100,800 remaining boxed meals are arriving this week
 - Powered air-purifying respirators (PAPRs)
- FEMA is procuring donations of Dial soap, cloth face coverings, and bulk sanitizer on behalf of Vermont.

Resource Requests:

- Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) pickup and delivery has been completed for Waterbury, Pawlet, and Johnson requests.
- The Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS) is coordinating security/law enforcement for pop up testing sites and food distribution.
- BGS is coordinating water, portable restrooms, hand wash stations, and law enforcement coverage for the upcoming food distribution sites.

Agency of Transportation (AOT):

- AOT distributed face coverings to state employees in Caledonia County at the St. Johnsbury District Garage today.
- AOT distributed face coverings to state employees in Essex County at the Island Pond District Garage today.
- AOT distributed face coverings to state employees in Orleans County at the Newport District Garage today.
- AOT is providing 100 traffic cones to the temporary testing site at Northshire Civic Center in Manchester.
- AOT is providing 8 traffic cones to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Brattleboro.
- There are 29 scheduled deliveries of PPE across the state.

Vermont National Guard (VTNG):

- VTNG is distributing food at various sites across the state with support from AOT. The sites are currently scheduled until May 29th.
- VTNG is providing support to "pop-up" sites for COVID-19 testing across the state.

Department of Human Resources (DHR):

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
 - 90 Volunteers Deployed
 - MRC has 771 accepted volunteers, with 385 added since 3/1

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- 12+ AmeriCorps/ MRC volunteers are deployed at 211, filling 15-18 shifts a day to support surge operations.
- 3,041 volunteers have been accepted.

Daily Workflow Status 5/25

Orders Received: 34
Orders Filled: 25
Percentage Filled: 74%
Total Unfilled Orders: 9
EMS: 1
Long-Term Care: 1
Public Safety: 1
Other: 6

Daily Workflow Status 5/26

Orders Received: 30
Orders Filled: 26
Percentage Filled: 87%
Total Unfilled Orders 4
Hospital: 1
Residential Home: 1
Other: 2

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.
- Orders may be unfilled for 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

Other Updates:

- Gowns from Saddle Back were received the evening of May 22nd.
- XXL Tyvek suits were received on May 26th.
- The branch sent a small number of Saddle Back gowns and some Burton KN95 masks to UVM for efficacy testing prior to distribution.
- The branch held a PPE Strategy Meeting on May 26th, discussing KN95 mask limitations and possible uses, PPE Distribution Policy and a possible need to revisit it, and de-conflicting procurement efforts.
- The Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Warehouse is working with the Agency of Digital Services to see if IMATS can be interfaced with other software to facilitate automated communication of inventory data to other systems.
- The MCM Warehouse is hosting a visit today for Area Chief and Deputy Commissioners.
- The state continues to receive FEMA cloth masks.
- The New Inventory & Forecasting product is live today.

Health & Medical Branch

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Daily summary of hospital bed availability

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized: 0 positive, 21 persons under investigation
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital: 0
- Total hospital beds available: 589
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available: 54
- Medical/surgical beds available: 275
- Isolation beds available: 110

Hospital resource needs

- **Personnel** - none known at this time, but may require additional personnel for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy.
- **Equipment** - none known at this time, but may require additional equipment for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy.
- **Supplies** - none known at this time, but may require additional supplies for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy.

Alternate Care Facility Status Report

- No pending resource needs are known at this time as there are zero patients at the Essex Alternate Care Site. No admissions are expected at this time.

Human Services Branch

Gaps in Agency of Human Services (AHS) essential services due to absenteeism: none at this time

Status of Long-Term Care Facilities (Nursing Homes Only): *(As of Monday, 25-May-20 – no follow up reports have been received)*

- Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
- Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
- Census as of 5/20: 2,183 (516 available)
- Resource Needs: None
- Current Outbreaks: No known outbreaks at this time

Status of Isolation and Recovery Sites:

- The Harbor Place isolation and recovery site has a 50-bed capacity, with 2 residents as of 5/26.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier, as of 5/26: 1,534 rooms; 1,765 adults; 314 children.

Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- There was a meal distribution site open today (5/27) at Brattleboro Union High School in Brattleboro.

Additional Updates:

- The Child Development Division is developing a statewide distribution plan with the SEOC for cloth face coverings, liquid hand soap, and gloves for childcare centers.
- The Agency of Education is publishing updated fiscal guidance and meeting with the branch to discuss support for school food service programs.

Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

- Hair salons and barber shops may reopen May 29, 2020 with limited operations. Mandatory health and safety requirements apply.
- Religious facilities and places of worship may also reopen at 25% capacity. Mandatory health and safety requirements apply.
- Dental operations, inpatient, and outpatient procedures may open as well following strict health and safety procedures. See the the Department of Health website for details: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Phase-One-Openings-Outpatient-Procedures.pdf>
- ACCD worked with VTrans to provide guidance on the use of public rights of way for restaurants and retail businesses. The guidance is here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/interim-guidelines-use-public-highways-outdoor-eating-retail-and-public-gathering-spaces>

VERMONT RETAIL AND GROCERS' ASSOCIATION (VRGA):

- Survey for Retailers on COVID Impacts - The survey results will be used to assess the current impact of COVID-19 on Vermont businesses and to inform public policy in the state. Complete the survey here: https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eEQjUgLFH20GspT
- Supply Chain Updates (5/21)
- Bread – The supply is good.
- Flour – Flour and yeast have limited supply. The demand continues to remain high.
- Sugar – The supply is improving.
- Milk – The supply is good with no issues.
- Eggs – Costs continue to stabilize, though other parts of the supply chain (e.g., packaging) are still working to catch up.
- Cheese – The supply is good with no issues.
- Paper & Bath Tissue – Demand seems to be lessening, but bath tissue is projected to be limited until September or October. Paper towel supply will improve sooner.
- Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Isopropyl Alcohol – More supply is becoming available, though still slightly limited. Products are still selling quickly.
- Meat – Costs are still increasing on a national level and supply will continue to be limited. There will be protein available, just not the variety that shoppers are used to.
- Produce, Deli, Bakery – The supply is good.
- Pasta/Canned Veggies/Box Prepared Products – Varieties are still limited but are slowly improving.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL):

- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) launched - This new program provides an additional 13 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted their regular state unemployment insurance claim. Individuals will also receive Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), an additional \$600 to their weekly benefits through the week ending July 25, 2020. Complete details are here: <https://labor.vermont.gov/PEUC>
- Unemployment Insurance Claims Overview, May 10 – May 16 (updated every Thursday)
 - Continued Claims: 55,103 (down from 57,040)
 - New Claims: 2,199 (down from 2,913)
 - Estimated Total Claims: 57,302 (down from 59,953)
 - Payments: over \$17 million paid last week (compared to \$19 million the previous week)
 - Trust Fund Balance: \$438 million (down from \$455 million the previous week)

VERMONT OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VOSHA) :

- The Department of Labor hosted a virtual town hall for workers and employers about state and federal guidance to protect Vermont workers as workplaces open, including training materials developed by VOSHA. The session is available for viewing anytime here: <https://bit.ly/VTLabor-Youtube>

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS (AAFAM):

- Funding is available for agriculture and forestry businesses to maintain operations while increasing capacity to rebuild and/or recover during an unprecedented time of need. Available funds total \$180,000 and eligible grants will be awarded within the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000. **Applications are due May 31.** Download the application here: https://workinglands.vermont.gov/sites/workinglands/files/documents/WLEF%20FY20%20COVID-19%20Response%20Business%20Development%20Grants_.pdf

Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

Infrastructure - No disruptions or shortages

Emergency Services - The branch is coordinating EMS coverage for food distribution sites.

Department/Agencies Reports

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

- VSP is providing law enforcement at food distribution and testing sites.

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

- USAR deployed personnel, shelter, and HVAC to assist the Department of Health at the Rutland pop-up testing site.

Public Service Department (PSD) -

- No disruptions of services or issues.

Agency of Digital Services (ADS) -






- No disruptions of service or issues.

Forest, Parks, & Recreation (FPR) -

- The daily (5/27) predicted fire danger for Vermont is MODERATE (Class 2) throughout the state.

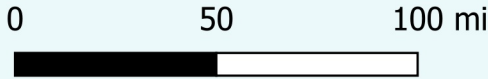
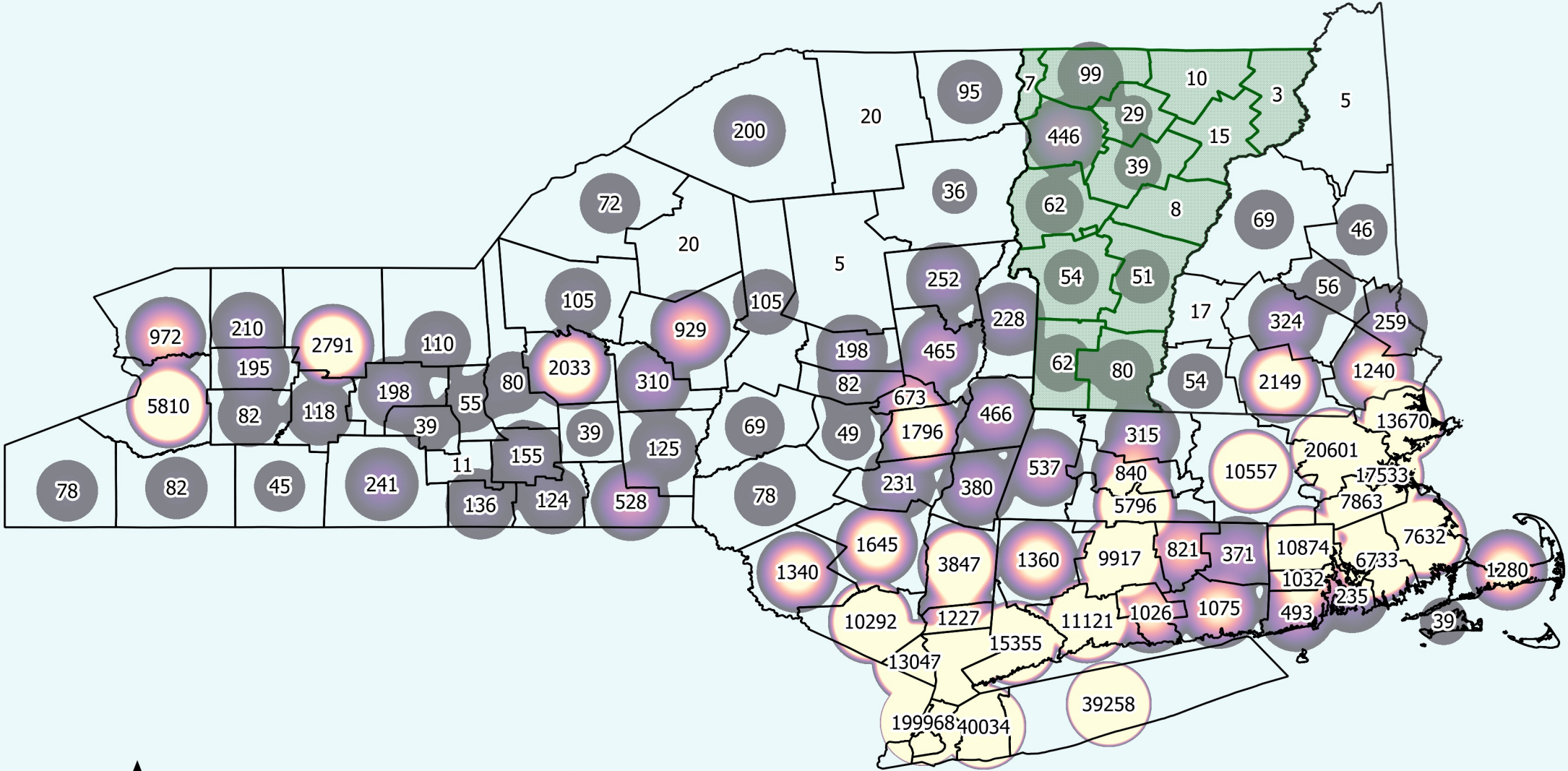
Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Addison (Eastern Addison) (KTYX)

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Clear | Chance of Rain Showers | Definitely Thunderstorms | Chance of Rain Showers | Clear |
| 88 F / 31 C 61 F / 16 C | 40% 83 F / 28 C 64 F / 17 C | 80% 83 F / 28 C 60 F / 15 C | 30% 72 F / 22 C 43 F / 6 C | 58 F / 14 C 38 F / 3 C |

- **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Calm wind.
- **Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers after 3pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming southwest around 6 mph in the morning.
- **Thursday Night:** A chance of showers between 7pm and 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind around 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
- **Friday:** A chance of showers before 1pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 1pm and 2pm, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. Southwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Northeast Cases by County Heatmap



Updated 5/27/20 - Lee Dorf
 Data Source: Johns Hopkins University



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

May 27, 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



Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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| Safety and Security | Current Situation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VSP is working with local police departments, the Department of Buildings and General Services, and a sheriff's department on traffic control and security at food distribution sites. The Vermont Supreme Court has extended the judicial emergency through September 1st. All jury trials in criminal cases are suspended until September 1st and in all civil cases until January 1st, 2021. |
| | Future | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As states begin to lift their restrictions, travel could become more prevalent and lead to an increased risk of virus transmission. |
| Food, Water, Sheltering | Current Situation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The combined FEMA Food Box / CFAP food box distribution sites began at the beginning of May. Yesterday the site at VT Route 127 Southbound in Burlington distributed 1,000 CFAP perishable household sets (including Chicken, produce, dairy and milk, and 1,920 boxes (of 15 box-meals) of non-perishable meals. As of 2pm today, the Brattleboro site is estimated to distribute 1,000 CFAP perishable household sets and 2,000 non-perishable box meals. (# not final count) The next meal distribution sites will be held, Thursday, May 28th, 10am-2pm at the Franklin County State Airport, in Swanton, and on Friday, May 29, 10am-2pm at the Caledonia County State Airport in Lyndonville. ACCD continues to work in close contact with the Vermont Retail Grocers' Association to monitor supply chain issues. As of 5/21, the supply chain is in good shape outside of flour and yeast, eggs, paper and bath tissue, sanitizer, cleaning products, and meat. |
| | Future | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agency of Education is publishing updated fiscal guidance and meeting with the SEOC Human Services Branch to discuss support for school food service programs. The Child Development Division is developing a statewide distribution plan with the SEOC for cloth face coverings, liquid hand soap, and gloves for childcare centers. |
| Transportation | Current Situation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. For more info: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/vtransparency ACCD worked with VTrans to provide guidance on the use of public rights of way for restaurants and retail businesses. The guidance is available here. |
| | Future | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public transportation is not running under normal operations, and it is unclear when this would return to standard conditions. As industries begin to open up the current social distancing protocols may prove to be challenging on bus routes. |

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| 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 largest number of cases in the United States. The disease the virus causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"). |
| Northeast Cases by County Heatmap | |
| Key Information | <p>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/27/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 971 Total tests conducted: 30,999 Deaths: 54 Total people recovered: 849 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 0 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 21 <p>Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.</p> <p>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported): Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charleston, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pittsfield, Rutland, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.</p> |

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| Health and Medical | Current Situation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Alternate Care Site is currently operating in Chittenden County with three other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site currently has no COVID-19 positive patients nor non-COVID-19 patients. Tomorrow, there will be pop-up testing sites for asymptomatic members of the public in Barre, St. Albans, and Hartford. Registration for the Barre site is full. More such testing sites for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy are currently planned through June 5th. Available appointments at pop-up testing clinics are filling quickly. USAR deployed personnel, shelter, and HVAC to assist VDH at the Rutland testing site. |
| | Future | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Alert Network Advisory was disseminated to health care providers to alert them of the need to conserve N-95 masks as well as the availability and process for use of the sterilizers installed at Vermont hospitals. |
| Other Lifelines | Current Situation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program provides an additional 13 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted their regular state unemployment insurance claim. Individuals will also receive Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), an additional \$600 to their weekly benefits through the week ending July 25, 2020. Hair salons and barber shops may reopen 5/29 with limited operations and following mandatory health and safety requirements. Religious facilities and places of worship may reopen at 25% capacity following mandatory health and safety requirements. |
| | Future | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No service disruptions reported at this time. |