



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

March 23, 2020 (1600 EST)

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

Community Lifeline Status



Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation (FPR) released information to all fire wardens that Town Forest Fire Wardens have the authority to decide whether to issue burn permits or not. FPR doesn't have the authority to issue a statewide burn ban except under extreme fire hazard. The Public Service Department (PSD) has released a map of public WiFi hotspots available on their website. As a safety precaution, users are discouraged from entering the premises or congregating outside. These sites should be accessed from within a parked vehicle.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per a request from the Vermont Retailers & Grocers Association. Department of Motor Vehicles has waived the requirement for five axle trucks to need a special permit to operate at 92,000 lbs without a special permit on State Highways. Vermont Retail and Grocers' Association (VRGA) has reported increased supply chain issues 3/21 for the following categories: bread; eggs; wipes, hand sanitizer, isopropyl alcohol; chicken. SerVermont is in contact with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) to fulfill the need for volunteers at shelters in support of AHS efforts.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued planning for continuity of operations for public water supplies and municipal wastewater treatment facilities, to include staffing considerations. Schools will need funding to provide snacks to children in child care; schools can provide breakfast and lunch under existing programs, but not snacks.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic injury impact: ACCD staff has recorded over 1,300 interactions with businesses and an estimated loss to date as recorded from those interactions is now \$100 million. ACCD is working with SEOC to develop a web form and workflow to intake business inquiries as to their essential or non-essential status. The Agency of Agriculture has received reports from Vermont's businesses who are producing/interested in producing supplies for COVID-19 response Unemployment Insurance has published a website for claim filing online for affected employees. Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation are reporting increased state park visitation. Park management staff are visiting selected parks this weekend to document visitation. Signs will be posted altering to lack of staffing, sanitation, and social distancing. A Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration was granted statewide. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development has spread word to the business community.

Incident Summary	A novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) was first detected in China at the end of 2019. It has now spread to more than 100 locations internationally, including the United States. The disease the virus causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").
Key Information	<p>Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 3/23/20: Positive test results: 75 Total tests conducted: 1,173 Deaths: 5 People being monitored: 336 People who have completed monitoring: 316</p> <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay-at-home orders have gone out in the states of Delaware, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, New Jersey, Illinois and California. <p>Updated Executive Order Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Scott has ordered all businesses and non-profits put into place, to the maximum extent possible, telecommuting or work from home procedures effective on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. <p>Ongoing Executive Order Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Scott has prohibited in-person operations at close-contact businesses, meaning those unable to comply with guidelines for social distancing, specifically: gymnasiums, fitness centers and similar exercise facilities, hair salons and barbers, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors to close all in-person operations no later than 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23. Gov. Scott has further reduced the allowable size of non-essential mass gatherings, now limited to no more than 10 people at the same time in a single space. Gov. Phil Scott has prohibited the on-premises consumption of food or drink at any bar, restaurant, or establishment. Such businesses can still offer food and alcohol for take-out or delivery. This prohibition has a tentative end date of 4/6/20. Gov. Phil Scott ordered long term care facilities and hospitals to develop policies to limit visitation to reduce facility-based transmission. Gov. Phil Scott issued an order for hospitals to postpone elective surgeries. <p>Gubernatorial State of Emergency: Yes, announced 3/13/20 Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson Federal Disaster Declaration: Issued 3/13/20 Local EOCs Activated (self reported): Burlington, Waitsfield, Johnson, Hartford, Chittenden (town), Strafford, Peacham, Rutland</p>

Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the face of limited supplies, testing is being prioritized to hospitalized patients, those in long-term care facilities, and healthcare workers. All 17 hospitals are active in response. Elective surgeries and procedures are postponed, per the governor's order. Drive-up testing available at Copley, DHMC, North Country, Northwestern, Porter, UVMHC, NVRH Hospitals with variable hours. The Strategic National Stockpile PPE warehouse is assisted with transportation of PPE by the Agency of Transportation and with staffing (starting today) by the National Guard. The Human Services Branch has been developed and integrated into the SEOC. Objectives are to identify human services issues surrounding homelessness, DCF youth, mental health, and staff shortages agency-wide. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) is standing up a 5-bed unit at Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) for COVID-19 pending and/or positive tests. National Guard supporting three upcoming Red Cross Blood drives at their armories. Let's Grow Kids is collecting information on childcare needs of Essential Persons through a web form and 211.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont National Guard personnel being activated: x2 personnel activating for medical overflow planning. x5 activating Sunday to assist Vermont Department of Health (VDH) Strategic National Stockpile Task Force. Vermont National Guard sourcing unit on a warning order for up to 25 soldiers to come on in support of a medical surge facility set-up plan. State Active Duty (SAD) mission for five members of the Air National Guard is set for Monday morning at the SNS warehouse. There are resources shortages amongst first responders as protective measures increase. Multiple hospitals are anticipating staff shortages in the next coming weeks – school closures are the most recent stressor. US Forest Service individual augmentees due Monday to support Health Operation Center (HOC) staff were recalled. The mission was reassigned to the US Coast Guard to fill.