



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

March 18, 2020 (1600 EST)

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

Community Lifeline Status



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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFS is working on extending Trade Licensing and Certification renewal dates. Fire academy is looking into providing on-line fire service training. All Fire Academy Classes have been Canceled and notification have been Sent to students. Vermont State Police looking into potential PPE needs for troopers.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued support and work goes into support options for homeless/hyper vulnerable populations. USDA is working with Department of State to sure H-2 Visas are considered essential. They will be resumed in Jamaica April 1st and as soon as they can safely organize staff in the Mexican Consulates. Returning workers will be prioritized as they can do phone interviews. Affordable Housing Organizations are requesting that their staff be consider essential staff for childcare, as they need staff to maintain the housing for venerable persons.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economic impact to small farmers and producers could be severe with the closing of restaurants and establishments. The Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (VAAFAM) is working with farmers and producers on impact. Agency of Agriculture would like to see all those working in agricultural production deemed essential under the new daycare guidelines so that food can be produced and processed. Continued planning for continuity of operations for public water supplies and municipal wastewater treatment facilities
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State of Vermont, the Vermont State Employees' Association, Inc. (VSEA) and the Vermont Troopers' Association (VTA) announced a tentative agreement which will provide paid leave to employees unable to work for reasons arising from COVID-19. Department of Labor- Unemployment Insurance has approval to hire 25 temp employees to help with COVID-19. Agency of Education-guidance to schools on how to provide support to children of essential personnel was released. Additional guidance is in development. Agency of Commerce & Community Development has submitted a Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration request.

Incident Summary	<p>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").</p>
Key Information	<p>Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 3/18/20: Individuals in VT that have tested positive for COVID-19: 19 Vermonters tested negative for COVID-19: 592 Vermonters being monitored: 246 Vermonters who have completed monitoring: 262</p> <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Phil Scott has ordered the dismissal of all schools in Vermont and the cancellation of all school related activities by no later than Wednesday, 3/18/20. Guidance was released on 3/17/20 ordering the implementation of a child care system for personnel essential to COVID-19 response. The U.S. and Canadian boarder is closing to non-essential travel as of 3/18/20. More information about the closing and what is classified as essential travel is forthcoming. 3/18 was the first of a weekly call with law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, and medical examiners to provide an overview of the State's response to COVID-19 and to answer questions. Gov. Phil Scott has limited public gatherings to either 50 people or 50% occupancy, whichever is less. 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 for take-out or delivery. This prohibition came into effect at 1400 on 3/17/20 with 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. <p>Gubernatorial State of Emergency: Yes, announced 3/13/20 Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester Federal Disaster Declaration: Issued 3/13/20 Local EOCs Activated (self reported): Burlington, Waitsfield, Johnson</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Vermont (UVM) Medical Center is providing epidemiologist support to the Health Operations Center (HOC) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) has deployed a 12x18 foot shelter to Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH) SerVermont continues to coordinate volunteer support for 211 and the HOC. There are 29 AmeriCorps members and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers signed up to do various shifts at 211 through April 5. Three AmeriCorps members are signed up to do various shifts at the Health Department call center through March 20 All 17 hospitals are active in response, 3 have their EOCs open 10 hospitals are limiting access 8 hospitals are discussing drive up testing plans Vermont submitted a new resource request from the Strategic National Stockpile today (3/18)
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEOC continues to source staff to support the HOC through EMAC requests for HOC staff and tele-medicine personnel. 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 (SNS) Task Force (TF). 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 N-95s respirator supply is going up / Surgical mask supply is going down Long term Call Center being worked by SEOC for stand-up 48 hours from demand by HOC Continued resource receipt and allocation of Strategic National Stockpile supplies based on priority and available supplies.