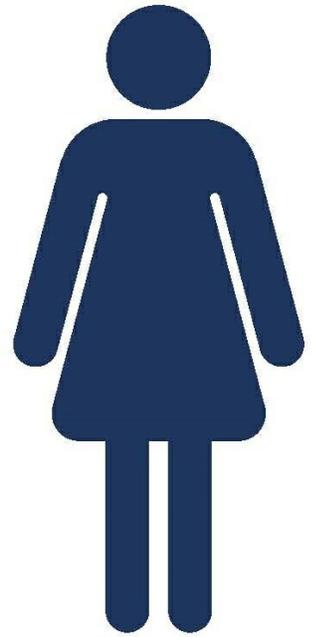


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Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

03/18/2020 08:00 AM - 03/18/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

6

EOC Activation Level:

Partial Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

Phil Scott, Governor

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Background / Current Situation

On March 18, 2020 the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was partially activated from 0800 to 1600, using a hybrid EOC structure (physical/virtual) with limited in-person staffing at Public Safety Headquarters and State partner representatives working remotely. The SEOC will be fully activated starting Friday, 3/20/20 and through the weekend. This will still be a hybrid virtual structure, but it will involve all State Partner agencies.

Key Updates from 3/18/20:

- 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.
- Based on the national emergency declaration, section 1135 of the Social Security Act allows temporarily waiving or modification on certain Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements to ensure that sufficient health care items and services are available to meet needs.
- The U.S. and Canadian border 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.
- Today 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.

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1400 on 3/18/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19 19

Total tests for COVID-19	611
People being monitored	246
People who have completed monitoring	262

- 5 counties in Vermont have confirmed cases of COVID-19. See map attached.
- Bennington, Chittenden, Orange, Washington, and Windsor

Bed Availability for all Vermont hospitals (Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) separately) as of 9:05 am on 3/18/20:

- 201 Total Vermont Beds Available (72 DHMC as of 3/16/2020)
- 20 intensive care unit (ICU) Vermont Beds Available (16 DHMC as of 3/16/2020)
- 100 Vermont Medical/Surgical Beds Available (15 DHMC as of 3/16/2020)
- 39 Vermont Isolation beds available (24 DHMC as of 3/16/2020)

Number of COVID-19 2-1-1 calls on 3/18: 86 calls

- Inquires have been predominately from the general public (69), with several calls from businesses (8), healthcare providers (6), and education (2).
- Inquiries most often included questions about testing (36 calls), symptoms (16 calls) and questions related to work (18).

External Resources Unit

External Resource Requests:

- University of Vermont (UVM) Medical Center is providing epidemiologist support to the Health Operations Center (HOC). No timeline so far on the fulfillment.
- The HOC is considering the need for staff support, specifically section chief staff for planning, logistics, and operations. EMAC request submitted on 17 March 2020 at 1300.
- An EMAC request for tele-medicine personnel has been submitted.

Public Information

Distributed documents relating to:

- Neighborly activities and safe interactions
- Volunteering
- Children gathering outside of school (sent to Agency of Education (AOE) for distribution)

Posted Social Media messaging:

- Amplified message from Health Department on who should and should not be tested for coronavirus
- Shared information on electronic unemployment benefit filing from the Department of Labor

The Resources and Capabilities Unit's agencies are coordinating resource and information requirements.

- The Mission and Resources Section (MARS) is working with the Department of Health (VDH) to identify and fill current and future resource requirements.
- MARS is working with the Department of Health (VDH) to set up a long term call center operations.
- MARS is beginning to plan for shelter facilities and staffing to allow homeless populations who get sick to self-isolate.
- MARS is coordinating Strategic National Stockpile warehouse staffing and transport requirements between the Vermont National Guard, State Police, Agency of Transportation, and Buildings and General Services.
- MARS is working with the Department of Health (VDH) on coordinating Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) donations and purchases.

Vermont Department of Health

- Hospitals:
 - ◊ All 17 hospitals are active in response, 3 have their EOCs open
 - ◊ 10 hospitals are limiting access to visitors
 - ◊ 8 hospitals are discussing drive up testing plans
 - ◊ Multiple hospitals are anticipating staff shortages in the next coming weeks – school closures are the most recent stressor
- Resources update:
 - ◊ Determining if more MINTI units should be procured to increase the number of negative pressure rooms in the system. No consensus yet.
- Long Term Care Facilities - many reporting needing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) but all are operational. 2,658 out of 3,111 beds are filled.
- Any activation and status of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS):
 - ◊ Supplies arrived 3/16/2020 being picked and packed according to a prioritization schedule and shipped.
 - ◊ New order placed with National SNS today
 - ◊ SEOC working on National Guard Support at SNS Warehouse on Monday.
- COVID-19 Testing:
 - ◊ VDH Lab has been able to procure more RNA extraction kits from UVM Medical Center
 - ◊ UVM Medical Center is training and setting up to do additional COVID specimen testing, perhaps by 3/20/20
 - ◊ Looking to improve throughput with additional extractor
- Test prioritization scheme:
 - ◊ Health Care workers a top priority; second is hospitalized patients
 - ◊ Commercial labs testing low priority
 - ◊ VDH Lab and UVM Medical Center most hope for priority testing
- Collection kits also becoming short in supply
- Pending missions (priorities from Commissioner Levine on 3/18):
 - ◊ Testing and the testing pathway; not testing everybody, more drive-through
 - ◊ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) especially to the right people
 - ◊ Preserving the epidemiological capacity

- ◊ Protecting the Health Care community, including with relaxed restrictions
- ◊ Changing the behavior of an entire population
- ◊ Monitoring public as indicated above
- ◊ Contact Tracing
- Potential resource needs: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Medical Surge Locations, staffing (we are currently handling these)
- VDH Call Center:
 - ◊ Staffing augmentation supported with up to ten volunteers who started reporting 17 March 2020.
 - ◊ Long term Call Center being worked by SEOC for stand-up 48 hours from demand by HOC
 - ◊ BGS working with HOC on facilities
 - ◊ ADS working with BGS on telecommunications
 - ◊ SEOC working with Cabinet on staffing (30-50 call takers and 4 managers)
- Need help with:
 - ◊ Lab, Epi, HOC Surge Support
 - ◊ Damage or degradation of capability for: hospitals, medical facilities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities

Agency of Human Services

- Information sent to staff re: suspension of non-emergency court hearings. Daily updated internal guidance developed and sent.
- Vermont Department of Health (VDH) home visiting guidance reviewed and essential services and definitions developed.
- Full review of updated COOP.
- Communication sent to statewide law enforcement partners about triage prior to support call.
- Guidance for child safety interventions under current circumstances is being developed for distribution to field.
- Draft guidance for parent-child contact being developed, will be vetted through legal and judiciary.
- Working on researching rate suspension as well as rate adjustments.
- Letters to Foster families, residential treatment providers and community partners are drafted and before VDH for review.
- Employee facing COVID-19 info site updated on Sharepoint.
- Department of Children and Families is working with MARS to address the need for congregate recovery centers.

Department of Corrections (DOC):

- Starting to see an increase in staff reduction.
- Work crew program has ceased.
- Screening of staff has been implemented - seeking infrared thermometers.
- Creating pandemic policy manual.

Department of Mental Health (DMH): working with judiciary to implement virtual court territory

Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA): tele-health program in place, exploring grants to provide funding to partners.

- SerVermont continues to schedule AmeriCorps members and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers for shifts at the 211 and Vermont Department of Health (VDH) call centers.
- Currently, 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.
- SerVermont is continuing to push a daily message that individuals should volunteer locally and follow all health guidance. We are not coordinating spontaneous volunteers at this time and believe that it will be most efficient and effective for volunteers to support local efforts.
- SerVermont is in contact with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) to fulfill the need for volunteers at shelters.

Agency of Education

- As of March 18, 2020 all schools are dismissed per the Governor's directive.

Closed, Active or Pending Missions:

- Active:
 - **Continuity of Education:** Child Nutrition - Released 03/16/2020. Update memo released to the field based on new USDA guidance 3/17/2020. As of 3/18 at 1400 only 2 Supervisory Unions/Supervisory Districts do not yet have approved applications.
 - **Continuity of Education:** Childcare for Essential Personnel: As of 3/17 at 1930, guidance to schools on how to provide support to children of healthcare workers was released. Additional guidance is in development.
 - **Continuity of Education:** Special Education Guidance: Initial guidance on Free Appropriate Public Education During School Closure was released on 3/17 at 1730. Additional guidance is in development.
 - **Continuity of Education:** Distance / Remote Learning guidance is in development.
- Pending: Developing additional fiscal and operational guidance.

Vermont State Police

- Potential resource needs:
 - **Approved Eye Protection/Face Shield for Troopers**
 - **Disposable Isolation Gowns for Troopers**
- Security & Crime Issues impacting state facilities, critical infrastructure, and/ or local jurisdictions: **None**
- National Operations Center Incident Reports: **None**
- Missing Persons: **None**
- Status of access control points/closed roadways by VSP personnel or local law enforcement: **None**
- General status of motor vehicle accident impacts during a weather-based event: **None**
- Deployed VSP assets: **None**
- Pending missions: **None**

- Joint Operations Center (JOC): Monitoring, level remains at steady state, contact is 802-338-3050 and ng.vt.vtarng.mbx.j3-joc@mail.mil.
- Activated/Deployed Resources:
 - x2 State Active Duty (SAD) personnel activating for medical overflow planning.
 - x5 State Active Duty (SAD) personnel activating, Sunday in-processing, Monday with Vermont Department of Health (VDH) Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Task Force (TF)
- Mitigation/COOP Plan: COOP currently in use.
- VT National Guard in Health Protection Condition (HPCON) BRAVO - Moderate, increased community transmission

Division of Fire Safety

- Most of the DFS staff are working remotely, on modified operational procedures. All but critical inspections have been postponed.
- Working on extending Trade Licensing and Certifications renewal dates - will have a Memo on this today.
- 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.
- Fire Department Operational Status - All 14 counties reported in on the survey.
- Provided information links and fire service-related guidance, information has been posted on the division web page.
- Currently working to provide enhanced daily fire service information via our web page.
- Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) has deployed a 12x18 foot shelter with associated pieces and parts to Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH)
- March 18 at 2pm, the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) began hosting weekly COVID-19 conference calls with law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, and medical examiners.

Essential Elements of Information/Areas of Concern

- ***No current resource requests, or needs identified.***
- Deployed DFS assets: USAR has deployed one heated shelter and accessories to NVRH.
- Status of fires and/or affected buildings/structures: --None
- Impact on evacuation routes and, if needed, provide alternate routes: None
- Impact on DFS building categories of Essential, Necessary, and Other Sites requiring life safety debris removal and emergency access issues: -- None
- Requested inspections of damaged structures: -- None
- Requested inspections of warming centers and overnight shelters: -- None
- Pending missions: - NONE
- Potential resource needs: - None

Department of Labor

- Unemployment Insurance has approval to hire 25 temp employees to help with COVID-19
- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published guidance on preparing workplaces for COVID-19 found at

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

- For updated information on resources pertaining to the Vermont Department of Labor programs including, Workers Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation Insurance, Workforce Development, and work rules, visit: <https://labor.vermont.gov/>

Department of Human Resources

Department of Human Resources (DHR) met with the Vermont State Employees' Association (VSEA)/ Vermont Troopers Association (VTA) to consider changes to leave time guidance. We had a productive discussion, and communicated the following to all State employees last evening, 3/17:

- The State of Vermont, the Vermont State Employees' Association, Inc. (VSEA) and the Vermont Troopers' Association (VTA) are pleased to announce a tentative agreement which will provide paid leave to employees unable to work for reasons arising from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. While any employee who is able work will be expected to do so, employees unable to work due to self-isolation per Vermont Department Health guidelines (personally symptomatic, caring for symptomatic family members, likely to have been exposed, personal underlying health conditions), COVID-19 related illness, or the closure of schools/daycares will continue to be paid. The new COVID-19 paid leave created by this tentative agreement will be available for employees' use beginning Wednesday, March 18 through the close of business on April 5, 2020. This will alleviate concerns for those employees who don't have sufficient leave time, and provide a bridge to get us through the next few weeks while we get a fuller picture of any upcoming congressional action, work through unemployment insurance issues, and understand how we can provide impacted Vermonters a safety net.
- This is a rapidly changing environment and challenging for all of us in our business and personal lives, and this agreement ensures State employees will have financial stability if they are unable to work due to COVID-19.
- Business offices will receive timesheet coding guidance and employees will be provided with specific provisions of the agreement within the next few days.

Other Updates:

- A Pharmaceutical Benefit email was sent to all state employees on Tuesday, 3/16, notifying them of 1) encouragement to utilize mail-order service, and 2) one-time "refill too soon" exception for each medication falling under 30-day refill.
- The Department of Human Resources (DHR) continues to review relevant personnel policies, contracts, and statutes in response to the changing status of the COVID-19 outbreak. These documents are available at:
https://humanresources.vermont.gov/covid_19_resource_page.
- The following guidance documents are currently posted:
 - ◊ Telework Guidelines - COVID-19 03-15-20
 - ◊ State of Vermont facilities open and operational memo-3-15-20
 - ◊ State of Vermont Workforce Guidance 3-13-20
 - ◊ State of Vermont Employee Travel Directive 3-13-20
 - ◊ Memo on The COVID-19 Coronavirus from Secretary of Administration Susanne Young 3-10-20
 - ◊ Coronavirus Preparedness 3-4-20
- Resources from BGS (Buildings and General Services)

- Pandemic Planning Guide and Assumptions March 2020
- SOV COOP Planning Memo March 2020

- Information for State Employees
 - ◊ General Information about the Employee Assistance Program (Invest EAP)
 - ◊ COVID-19 Support Resources for State Employees through Invest EAP
 - ◊ Remote Ergonomics: Tips and Tricks at Home

Buildings & General Services

- Lab Support for Vermont Department of Health (VDH): Buildings and General Services (BGS) does not have any microbiologists on contract but is willing to work to establish an emergency contract, if needed.
- Barre VDH Building Issues: BGS and building supervisor are looking into disinfection protocols and other resource preservation.
- Coordinate HVAC with Lease Agents: BGS leasing agents are reaching out to landlords to verify if fresh air can be brought into leased buildings.
- BGS building/tenant risk assessment tool: *Draft under review for distribution.*
- State College facility inventory: received report from all state colleges and Vermont Yankee for available facilities.
- Call Center Request: BGS has provided options for full service call center staff assistance for VDH. We are looking at building options for housing a local call center using the staff assistance options provided. We have confirmed the former Department of Labor (DOL) call center at National Life in Montpelier is available and the Agency of Digital Services (ADS) can set up/activate the connectivity in a few hours time. There are 40 call center stations and several hotel stations in this facility.
- BGS has developed a spreadsheet for tracking donations. We have one offer currently logged on the spreadsheet and will continue to update and post to the incident folder as we receive more.
- BGS confirms they have no hand sanitizer available, but are willing to look into contracts for options.
- BGS is developing a building closure notice sign.
- BGS is reaching out to maintenance staff to see if any are thermometers are available.
- Status of state buildings: Fully operational
- Status of emergency contracts: None deployed at this time
- Donations coordination status: None
- Deployed special state assets: None
- Potential resource needs: None

Agency of Digital Services

- Followed up on request from Buildings and General Services (BGS) for space to house another call center for Vermont Department of Health (VDH).
- Provided guidance to Fire Safety staff.
- Voice and data networks appear to be operating normally, i.e. no outages have been reported.
- Resource offer: laptops may be requested to support remote operations. ADS has a limited inventory, but may be able to expedite an equipment order if necessary.
- Deployed ADS assets: none
- Pending missions tasked to ADS: none

- Potential ADS resource needs: none

NOTE: a malicious website pretending to be a live map for Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by Johns Hopkins University is circulating on the internet. Users should be warned that the internet is full of websites that are fake and fraudulent.

Agency of Commerce & Community Development

- Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration has been submitted to the Governor.
- Communication to Vermont business community updating them on the latest developments.
- Economic development team continues to intake and process hundreds of inquires from the business community.
- Process has been created to catalog everything coming in and try to get a sense of impact. A new form has been created to further streamline businesses ability to report in which should be live 3/19.
- The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) will be convening (virtually) the 36 identified grassroots COVID-19 community support organizations around the state – and is proposing to operate as a backbone organization. VCRD is offering to provide communications support, leadership training, technological support, and liaison services to units of state government.
- 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.
- Some towns want to ease the planning and open meeting laws. They can work around them for now and we are working on a solution with Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) and others. Some actions in this area could cause more issues and communities have more urgent matter to deal with at this point.
- The announcement that Federal Housing Finance Agency would be suspending foreclosure & evictions is good news for VT homeowners since a large number of VT lower income homeowners are backed by FHFA loans. The USDA-Rural Development, Veterans Administration and Federal Housing Authority are likely to make the same announce and they guarantee many of the other lower income home loans in VT. It is important to remember that Foreclosure process can't even start until after 3 months of non-payment.

Agency of Agriculture

- 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.
- 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.
- A significant dairy farm auction planned for Hyde Park has been postponed.
- Some states are saying farmers markets should be deemed “essential” services like grocery stores and be allowed open. Agency of Agriculture is currently discussing.
- Agency of Agriculture has an office on Harvest Lane in Williston - with most of the workers remote, that office space could be available to other agencies if needed.
- The economic impact to small farmers and producers could be severe with the closing of restaurants and establishments. Agency of Agriculture is working with farmers and producers on impact.
- Northeast Farmers Organic Association (NOFA) is recruiting relief milkers for dairy farmers who

may fall ill from COVID-19. This recruiting effort includes help for all farmers not just those who are organic.

- Dairy processors are working on contingency plans in case they need to close a plant. If one closes there would be a tremendous amount of milk that would need to be dumped. The Agency of Agriculture is working to find a solution if this becomes a reality.

Agency of Transportation

Overarching Agency Objectives for Pandemic Continuity of Operations (COOP) are: (1) Mitigate Employee Absence; (2) Sustain mission essentials functions (MEFs); and (3) Provide Support to State-Wide Inter-Agency Containment and Mitigation Operations.

Road closures/traffic concerns:

- Rt 14 between Meadow Lane and Bridge Street in Royalton has been opened back up.
- I-89 N passing lane closed at mile marker(s) 19.2 due to a contaminated soils.

Essential Elements of Information:

- Deployed special state assets: 67 message boards running COVID/VDH messages, Partial activation of Transportation Incident Command Center (TICC)
- Pending missions: Leading coordination plan for long term Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) delivery operations with Vermont National Guard and Vermont State Police in support of Health Operation Center Logistics.
- Any U.S. DOT / Vermont DMV waiver requests: None
- State-level resource status: None
- State transportation infrastructure: No Damage
- Report on status of damage assessments: N/A
- Potential resource needs: None
- Report on offers and donations made to support state response and/or recovery actions: None

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KCXX)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				
30%	100%	90%		
Chance of Snow	Definitely Rain	Definitely Rain Showers	Clear	Clear
42 F / 5 C 28 F / -2 C	43 F / 6 C 36 F / 2 C	65 F / 18 C 22 F / -5 C	31 F / 0 C 13 F / -10 C	38 F / 3 C 18 F / -7 C

On Friday, March 20, strong south-southwest winds expected from 15 to 30 mph with gusts possible in excess of 40 mph. Isolated power outages cannot be ruled out. Switching to west-northwest 15 to 25 mph Friday night into Saturday.



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



Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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	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").
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Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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Health and Medical	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.