



Incident Name:
COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:
03/19/2020 08:00 AM - 03/19/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:
7

EOC Activation Level:
Partial Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

Phil Scott, Governor

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Background / Current Situation

On March 19, 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 3/19/20:

- The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) hosted a call today of the Business and Economic Response Coalition. This call will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays going forward.
- The Agency of Education Secretary hosted a call today with superintendents. These calls will continue to occur, and will be scheduled in the near future.
- The U.S. and Canadian border is closing to non-essential travel as of 3/18/20. US Customs and Border Patrol is communicating travel of essential personnel to the SEOC.
- Governor Phil Scott has ordered the dismissal of all schools in Vermont and the cancellation of all school related activities tentatively through 4/6/20. Guidance was released on 3/17/20 ordering the implementation of a child care system for personnel essential to COVID-19 response. Clarifications are being made to coordinate this effort.

Ongoing Executive Order Measures:

- 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 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 allowing beer, wine, and cider purchases with food (for takeout and delivery).

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1400 on 3/19/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	22
Total tests for COVID-19	667
People being monitored	282
People who have completed monitoring	274

Number of COVID-19 2-1-1 calls on 3/19: 90 calls

- Inquires have been predominately from the general public (79), with several calls from businesses (5) and healthcare providers (5).
- Inquiries most often included questions about testing (33 calls), symptoms (15 calls) and questions related to work (28).

External Resources Unit

EMAC requests currently in progress:

- Vermont Department of Health (VDH) requested tele-medicine capable personnel to assist with tele-medicine (EMAC request 3/13). No offers have been received.
- VDH requested 12 individuals to augment the Health Operations Center (HOC) to report as soon as possible and to remain for the duration (with people rotating in and out as required) (EMAC request 3/17). No offers have been received.

Federal requests:

- HOC Incident Management staffing support- VDH assessing US Forest Service resource.

Public Information

- Posted video on social distancing to Facebook - prepared by VDH
- Wrote social media post on N95 donations - posted by Governor Scott
- Posted press release on childcare intake form and Essential Persons list
- Media inquiries - two calls asking for clarification on Essential Persons list and how those positions were determined.
- Planning to send a press release on behalf of the Department of Children and Families regarding childcare for essential workers.

Resource and Capabilities Unit

Deployed Resources:

- VTNG
 - x2 State Active Duty (SAD) personnel activating for medical overflow planning. Guard has two officers in the Medical Surge Working group.
 - x5 State Active Duty (SAD) personnel activating, Sunday in-processing, Monday with Vermont Department of Health (VDH) Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Task Force (TF).
 - Sourcing unit on a warning order for up to 25 soldiers to come on State Active Duty (SAD) in support of a medical surge facility set-up plan.

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

- The Mission and Resources Section (MARS) is working to meet current resource and information requests.
- MARS priorities include:
 - Filling staff requirements for the Vermont Department of Health (VDH)
 - Coordinating support for the VDH call center operations
 - Identifying and contracting for congregate isolation centers for the homeless
 - Identifying future resource gaps and potential sources

FEMA

FEMA Stafford Act declaration FEMA-3437-EM-VT issued March 13, 2020 for the State of Vermont. Eligibility includes Public Assistance Category B: Emergency Protective Measures and Direct Federal Assistance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 1 Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) will activate to a level 2 in Maynard, MA to coordinate requests for federal resources and capabilities across the six New England States.

The National Response Coordination Center in Washington DC is fully activated.

The following Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) are activated in Region 1:

- ESF 6: Mass Care, American Red Cross (ARC)
- ESF 8: Dept. of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (DHHS/ASPR)
- ESF 11: US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)
- ESF 14: Dept. of Homeland Security Cyber Infrastructure and Security Agency
- General Service Administration (GSA)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Dept. of Defense (DOD) Defense Coordinating Element (DCE)

Vermont Department of Health

Hospitals:

- 17 out of 17 hospitals are active in response, 15 have their EOCs open
- 10 hospitals are restricting visitor access.
- 8 hospitals are discussing drive-through testing plans. UVMMC is set up for testing at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex.

Bed Availability statewide:

- 34 ICU
- 130 Med Surge
- 58 Isolation
- 261 Total Beds
- Of these beds, 120 are negative pressure

Resources update:

- NOTE: 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 PPE but all are operational

Any activation and status of the Strategic National Stockpile

- SEOC working on National Guard and Agency of Transportation support at SNS Warehouse

COVID-19 Testing:

- UVM MC training and setting up to do additional COVID-19 specimen testing, perhaps by 3/20/20
- UVM MC/VDHL staffing plan being developed

Test prioritization scheme:

- Health Care workers a top priority; second are hospitalized patients
- VDH Lab and UVM MC utilized for priority testing
- Commercial labs testing reserved for lower priority
- Collection kits also becoming short in supply

Pending missions (priorities on 3/18)

- Testing and the testing pathway; not testing everybody, more drive-through options
- PPE distribution based on prioritization schedule

- 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

Potential resource needs 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)
- SEOC working on distributed or virtual Call Center as well as the current alternative for a central site.
- Need help with: Lab, Epi, HOC Surge Support

Agency of Human Services

Agency of Human Services (AHS) website was created for AHS staff. A human services branch is being developed and will integrate into the SEOC. Objectives are to identify human services issues surrounding homelessness, DCF youth, mental health, and staff shortages agency-wide.

Department of Children and Families (DCF):

- Updated and disseminated internal guidance.
- Completed external guidance letters for Foster families, residential programs and community partners.
- Developed and distributed parent child contact guidance.
- Completed guidance for commencement of child safety interventions.
- CDD is completing calls to childcare programs to gather data on each program's child population. Let's Grow Kids is collecting information on childcare needs of Essential Persons through a web form and 211.
- Referral process is starting, Essential Persons are being connected with current childcare program options.
- CDD will publish an FAQ to childcare programs today. CDD's Licensors are experiencing many negative interactions with childcare program directors that they are contacting.
- A listing of childcares closed to date is available upon request.

Department of Corrections (DOC):

- DOC is seeking infrared thermometers to be able to screen staff when they report to work at state correctional facilities.
- DOC is also looking at utilizing staff from probation and parole sites, if needed, to support the needs of correctional facility staffing.

Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA):

- Participating on a tele-health webinar
- Working on enrollment process notifications utilizing social distancing measures

Disability, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL):

- Meeting with SEOC today to provide information on the Meals on Wheels program and possibly integrate local emergency management directors into the program.
- Fielding questions from Long Term Care facilities regarding guidance
- Working to provide guidance on designated agencies
- Work continues on the Meals on Wheels nutrition program

SerVermont

- 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 over 30 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 in support of AHS efforts.

Agency of Education

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

Today's Messaging:

- Status Update Email to Superintendents, with links to new and recent guidance documents, and information about Vermont's virtual learning cooperative.
- Secretary French held call with superintendents at 1300 03/19, which generated list of questions and asks for future FAQ and guidance.

Closed, Active or Pending Missions:

- Closed
 - **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 3/19 all Supervisory Units/Supervisory Districts have submitted completed 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. Supplemental guidance release 03/18 at 1800.

- **Active:**
 - **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 under review
 - **Continuity of Education:** Distance / Remote Learning guidance is in development.
 - **Fiscal Guidance to school districts** in in development.
 - **Child Care for Essential Personnel:** Agency of Digital Services (ADS) at AOE working with ADS at AHS on information-sharing infrastructure to get registrations to school districts.
- **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**
- Pending missions: **Vermont State Police (VSP) is picking up 720 N-95 Masks from VT gas**
- 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**

Military Support

Vermont National Guard (VTNG)/Military Department Points of Contact (POC):

Joint Operations Center (JOC): 802-338-3050 and ng.vt.vtmg.mbx.j3-joc@mail.mil

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Other:

- Joint Operations Center (JOC) going to tier 2 (additional staffing) tomorrow.
- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) currently in use.
- Vermont National Guard (VTNG) in Health Protection Condition (HPCON) BRAVO: moderate, increased community transmission.

Division of Fire Safety

Division of Fire Safety (DFS) operational updates:

- Regional offices open – limited staff , Most of the DFS staff are working remotely
- All but critical inspections have been postponed.
- Working on extending Trade Licensing and Certifications renewal dates.
- Fire academy -All Fire Academy Classes have been Canceled and notification have been Sent to students.
- Fire Department Operational Status - reported on the survey.

Active Projects:

- Working to draft guidance for Basic Fire Safety Measures for Building Use During COVID-19 Response.
- Working to draft guidance for Fire Departments on operations.
- Continue to update Provided information links and fire service-related guidance, on the division web page.

Essential Elements of Information/Areas of Concern

***No current resource requests, or needs identified. **

Department of Labor

- Unemployment Insurance has published a website for claim filing online for affected employees.
- 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), by agreement with Vermont State Employees Association (VSEA)/Vermont Troopers Association (VTA), expects to publish Leave Time FAQs later this evening, 3/19. Time reporting guidance will follow.

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.
- Childcare for Essential Workers: State Makes Web Form Available To Ensure Childcare for Essential Workers at <https://vem.vermont.gov/childcare>
- 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
 - Remote Work Tips

Buildings & General Services

- BGS Property Management is researching properties around the State to see what is available to fill potential needs for VDH with potential hospital surge of patients and for AHS with both active and potential shelter and isolation needs for the homeless.
- Call Center Request: BGS researched additional options for full service call center staff assistance for VDH. We are holding the former Department of Labor (DOL) call center at National Life in Montpelier for VDH or for whichever agency needs it the most, and the Agency of Digital Services (ADS) can set up/activate the connectivity in a few hours time. There are 40 call center workstations and several hotel stations in this facility.
- State College facility inventory: received report from all State Colleges and Vermont Yankee for available facilities.
- BGS is developing a building closure notice sign.
- 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.*
- 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 reaching out to maintenance staff to see if any are thermometers are available.

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

Key activities

- Latest communication to businesses: <https://accd.vermont.gov/about-us/disaster-planning/covid-19-guidance-vermont-businesses>
- New Business Impact form created to collect information from businesses so we can get a sense of collective impact: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vtccovid19>
- Ongoing support to Grocers Association around truck weight limits, essential businesses, WIC/SNAP concerns.

ACCD held call with Business community including Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA), Small Business Association (SBA), Small Business Development Council (SBDC), Regional Development Corporations (RDCs) and association groups to update on state developments at ACCD, Labor, Tax, and Department of Financial Regulation (DFR). Congressional delegation also on call regarding legislation being worked on in DC. Many concerns around essential business not only for daycare, but in the event of a shutdown/shelter in place. ACCD setting up collection of essential business process for reporting to SEOC.

ACCD Business Portal/Call Center

- Hotline Calls: Agency staff answered 35 hotline calls and answered 2 overnight voicemail messages.
- COVID-19 Email: To date the agency has responded to and recorded information from 530 companies across Vermont

Estimated Economic Injury: To date \$41,000,000 +/-

Reminder that all business inquiries can be driven to commerce.covid19@vermont.gov

Agency of Agriculture

- FDA does not want disruption of food moving from farm to consumers. If the State has tractor trailer issues, contact FEMA for the movement of food.
- FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) produce safety rule audits will be stopped. When domestic audits begin occurring again, most will be announced.
- **COVID-19 has not been proven to transmit on food or food product containers/packaging. If a plant or farm employee tests positive for the virus, NO RECALL or HOLD on product will be required.**
- USDA is working with Department of State to ensure 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 is currently discussing (as some states are) whether farmers markets should be deemed "essential" services like grocery stores and be allowed to remain open.
- 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:

- Weathersfield VT106 Currently Closed due to a crash

Essential Elements of Information:

- Deployed special state assets: 67 message boards running COVID/VDH and Rest Area Closed 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: The Vermont Grocers Association has requested the Agency to waive weight limits. The request is under review pending responses from the Association.
- 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

Judiciary

Key Activities/Issues:

- All State and County court buildings are closed to the public with restricted access in emergent cases.
- Tele-video measures have been implemented statewide to minimize contact.
- Building security teams are fully staffed and operational.
- Judiciary/Dept. of Corrections coordinating procedural resources.
- Non-emergency Superior Court and Judicial Bureau hearings are postponed.

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KCXX)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
				
90%	100%			40%
Definitely Rain	Definitely Rain Showers	Clear	Clear	Chance of Snow Showers
43 F / 6 C	64 F / 17 C	31 F / 0 C	35 F / 1 C	40 F / 4 C
37 F / 2 C	23 F / -5 C	13 F / -10 C	18 F / -7 C	26 F / -3 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. In addition, there is a chance of a thunderstorm. If thunderstorms develop, then localized wind gust in excess of 50 mph is possible.



Executive Summary
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March 19, 2020 (1600 EST)

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

Community Lifeline Status

Current
 Future
 Key



Red - most unstable or completely inadequate level of service
 Yellow - functional but inadequate for stability of a consistent level of service
 Green - stable

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	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued support and work goes into support options for homeless/hyper vulnerable populations. Continued work identifying and contracting for congregate isolation centers for the homeless. Agency of Commerce & Community Development (ACCD) continues ongoing support to Grocers Association around truck weight limits, essential businesses, WIC/SNAP concerns. Affordable Housing Organizations are requesting that their staff be consider essential staff for childcare, as they need staff to maintain the housing for vulnerable persons.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<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. Continued planning for continuity of operations for public water supplies and municipal wastewater treatment facilities, to include staffing considerations.
	Future	<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. ACCD held a call today (3/19) with Business community including Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA), Small Business Association (SBA), Small Business Development Council (SBDC), Regional Development Corporations (RDCs) and association groups to update on state developments at ACCD, Labor, Tax, and Department of Financial Regulation (DFR). Unemployment Insurance has published a website for claim filing online for affected employees Agency of Agriculture held a call with superintendents today 03/19, which generated list of questions and asks for future FAQ and guidance. 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>
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