



Executive Summary COVID-19 Response March 22, 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"> Division of Fire Safety (DFS) sent guidance on fire department operations, as well as guidance to Fire wardens through Forest, Parks, and Recreation (FPR). All State and County court buildings are closed to the public with restricted access in emergent cases. The US State Department on Thursday warned American citizens not to travel abroad due to coronavirus pandemic, issuing its highest level travel alert. The U.S./Canadian and U.S./Mexico borders are closed to non-essential travel.
	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 yesterday 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"> Agency of Digital Services is working with Agency of Education on Essential Personnel Childcare Information Sharing IT Solution. Solution is built and we will discuss with Agency of Human Services Monday 03/23/20. 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. This was shared broadly by the Joint Information Center. The Agency of Transportation closed all Rest Area Facilities in the state. Unemployment Insurance has published a website for claim filing online for affected employees. Updated N-95 respirator fit testing guidance released by OSHA.

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>
	<p>Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 3/22/20: Positive test results: 52 Total tests conducted: 1,158 Deaths: 2 People being monitored: 307 People who have completed monitoring: 310 Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at home orders have gone out in the states of New Jersey, Illinois and California. All non-essential businesses have been ordered to close in the states of Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania. <p>Updated 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. <p>Ongoing Executive Order Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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</p>
Key Information	

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. Elective surgeries and procedures are postponed, per the governor's order. Drive up testing locations set up: UVMCMC at Champlain Valley Expo in Essex; Outside of NVRH. The Strategic National Stockpile PPE warehouse is assisted with transportation of PPE by the Agency of Transportation and with staffing (starting Monday) by the National Guard. US Forest Service individual augmentees due Monday to support Health Operation Center (HOC) staff. A human services branch is being developed and will integrate into the SEOC tomorrow. Objectives are to identify human services issues surrounding homelessness, DCF youth, mental health, and staff shortages agency-wide. American Red Cross is experiencing a national blood supply shortage. The ARC has included addition precautions in light of the COVID-19 to ensure that donors as well as ARC staff are safe. National Guard is supporting three upcoming American Red Cross Blood drives at our armories.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One order for ventilators has been completed and another one has been approved. The Office of Purchasing & Contracting (OPC) is assume responsibility for finalizing these agreements and for future orders. FEMA has a mission assignment for US Army Corps personnel to assess medical surge facilities. This team may be available early next week. EMAC requests have gone out for 10 microbiologists and 10 epidemiologists, as well as 1 medical infection control specialist VT Department of Health/ Health Operations Center. Adjutant General ordered the activation of National Guard Response Force #VT3 (25 soldiers) for support to the set-up of Medical surge locations at Gutterson Field House and Barre Auditorium on March 23 and Collins-Pearly Complex in St. Albans on March 24. 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.