



## Executive Summary COVID-19 Response March 24, 2020 (1600 EST)

**SEOC Activation Status: Full**  
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**March 11, 2020 (0730 EST)**

### Community Lifeline Status



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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Forests, Parks, &amp; 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.</li> <li>VOSHA is preparing guidance on workplace safety and health complaints as they relate to COVID 19.</li> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per a request from the Vermont Retailers &amp; 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.</li> <li>Vermont Retail and Grocers' Association (VRGA) has reported increased supply chain issues for the following categories: bread; eggs; wipes, hand sanitizer, isopropyl alcohol; chicken. Not changes have been noted so far.</li> <li>Vermont Food Bank has reported that food shelves are seeing higher than normal visitation. They are able to keep up with the demand for now, but it is notably increased. Their supply limitations are in line with that of grocery stores.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Community Action agencies are struggling with the task of feeding homeless populations who are being housed in hotels/motels. This is a big change in service for them and is presenting a huge challenge.</li> <li>Schools will need funding to provide snacks to children in child care; schools can provide breakfast and lunch under existing programs, but not snacks.</li> </ul>
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>BGS stood up a donation management group that is working on a spreadsheet of the donations and potential sites for donation drops at various locations.</li> <li>BGS Purchasing is finalizing a contract for new source(s) for hand sanitizer from distilleries that are modifying production.</li> <li>Unemployment Insurance has published a website for claim filing online for affected employees.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>A Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration was granted statewide. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development has spread word to the business community.</li> </ul>

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><b>Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 3/24/20:</b> Positive test results: <b>95</b> Total tests conducted: <b>1,535</b> Deaths: <b>7</b> People being monitored: <b>339</b> People who have completed monitoring: <b>316</b></p> <p><b>Key Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay-at-home orders have gone out in the states of CA, CT, DE, HI, IL, IN, LA, MA, MD, MI, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, WA, and WV. Other smaller jurisdiction stay-at-home order can be found in the Situation Report.</li> <li>The International Olympic Committee postponed the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games for one year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Updated Executive Order Measures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gov. Scott has issued an addendum today to ask all Vermonters to "Stay Home/Stay Safe". The order will take effect on Wednesday 3/25 at 5:00pm.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All business and not-for-profit entities shall suspend in-person business operations, and are encouraged to develop distance-based services.</li> <li>Vermonters are directed to stay at home or their place of residence, leaving only for essential reasons.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Businesses and entities providing services or functions deemed critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security as set forth in the order, shall remain in operation.</li> <li>The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), shall develop a process for responding to questions regarding acceptable continuation of business operations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ongoing Executive Order Measures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gov. Phil Scott issued an order for hospitals to postpone elective surgeries and procedures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gubernatorial State of Emergency:</b> Yes, announced 3/13/20 <b>Local State of Emergency:</b> Burlington, Colchester, Johnson <b>Federal Disaster Declaration:</b> Issued 3/13/20 <b>Local EOCs Activated (self reported):</b> Burlington, Waitsfield, Johnson, Hartford, Chittenden (town), Strafford, Peacham, Rutland</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the face of limited supplies, testing is being prioritized to hospitalized patients, those in long-term care facilities, and healthcare workers.</li> <li>Drive-up testing available at Copley, DHMC, North Country, Northwestern, Porter, UVMHC, NVRH Hospitals with variable hours.</li> <li>Approximately 10 asymptomatic and short-term patients of Burlington Health and Rehab are being moved to appropriately adapted rooms at the DoubleTree by Hilton Burlington. This is a cooperative effort by the State, the UVM Medical Center and Burlington Health and Rehabilitation Center to ensure the center's patients can receive the care they need, in comfort, and isolated from further possible exposure to COVID-19. These patients will receive care by UVMHC clinicians and be discharged directly to their home after they are clinically determined to be well enough.</li> <li>Three medical surge sites are being stood up during the week of 3/23/20. The Vermont Medical Surge Team is working to identify additional sites if needed. Sites currently being set up include sites in Barre, Burlington, and St. Albans.</li> <li>A total of 48 National Guard service members are currently on State Active Duty (SAD) supporting State operations.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are resources shortages amongst first responders as protective measures increase.</li> <li>Multiple hospitals are anticipating staff shortages in the next coming weeks – school closures are the most recent stressor.</li> <li>The US Army Corps of Engineers Planning and Response Team has been Mission Assigned by FEMA to support Medical Facility assessments and will support medical surge facility site assessments this week.</li> </ul>