



Incident Name:
COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:
03/29/2020 08:00 AM - 03/29/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:
17

EOC Activation Level:
Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 100%	 90%	 20%		 30%
Definitely Rain	Definitely Rain Showers	Slight Chance of Snow Showers	Clear	Chance of Snow Showers
41 F / 5 C 35 F / 1 C	45 F / 7 C 31 F / 0 C	42 F / 5 C 28 F / -2 C	44 F / 6 C 30 F / -1 C	43 F / 6 C 32 F / 0 C

- **Sunday Night:** Rain before 9pm, then showers likely, mainly between 9pm and 1am. Low around 35. Southeast wind 7 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.
- **Monday:** Showers, mainly after 10am. High near 45. Southeast wind 7 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.
- **Monday Night:** Rain showers before 11pm, then rain and snow showers likely between 11pm and 2am, then a chance of snow showers after 2am. Low around 31. Southeast wind around 6 mph becoming calm after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.



SITREP ATTACHMENT Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response
March 29, 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"> The DOC developed a C-19 protocol for the state correctional facilities. The Division of Fire Safety is working to provide fit testing to firefighters.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont Retail and Grocers' Association have posted a spreadsheet to identify stores that have designated store hours and alternative shopping methods. Human Services Branch is finalizing plans to accept psychiatric patients at an isolation facility. Human Services Branch is coordinating the establishment of several isolation/recovery sites across the state to house vulnerable populations should the need arise. Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) has updated Stay at Home Stay Safe Information to help commercial entities, non-profits, employers to self-determine if their operations are critical to public health, safety, or economic and national security in Vermont - https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19-guidance/stay-home-stay-safe-business-faqs
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Concerns are rising around health of employees and staffing a local food shelves should people get sick, many employees and volunteers are in vulnerable populations. Many sites are having to limit hours due to a lack of volunteers. The Agency of Education has developed a Continuity of Operations Plan for use in food service delivery if staffing shortages develop.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont 211 received 31 calls on Saturday, March 28. Inquires have been predominately from the general public (26). Inquiries have most often included questions about the Stay Home Stay Safe order (13). ACCD fielded 3,000 business inquiries to their Continuation of Operations Form regarding essential business designation. Agency of Education is finalizing Continuity of Learning Guidance. A new plan template was distributed to Supervisory Unions.

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 3/29/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 235 Total tests conducted: 3,701 Deaths: 12 People being monitored: 301 People who have completed monitoring: 428 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 229 million people in at least 26 states, 74 counties, 14 cities and one territory are being urged to stay at home (KS, MN and NC newest additions). Colorado and Oregon are the latest states to have a Presidentially approved major disaster declaration, putting the current number of states with approved major disaster declarations at 16. <p>Executive Order Measures:</p> <p>Gov. Scott issued an addendum to ask all Vermonters to "Stay Home/Stay Safe". The order went into effect on Wednesday 3/25 at 5:00pm through April 15.</p> <p>Gubernatorial State of Emergency: Yes, announced 3/13/20 Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson Local Disaster Declaration: Issued 3/13/20 Local EOCs Activated (self reported): Burlington, Waitsfield, Johnson, Hartford, Charleston, Chittenden (town), Strafford, Peacham, Rutland, Pomfret, Woodstock, "Mountain Town" virtual EOC (4 towns), Thetford</p>

Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

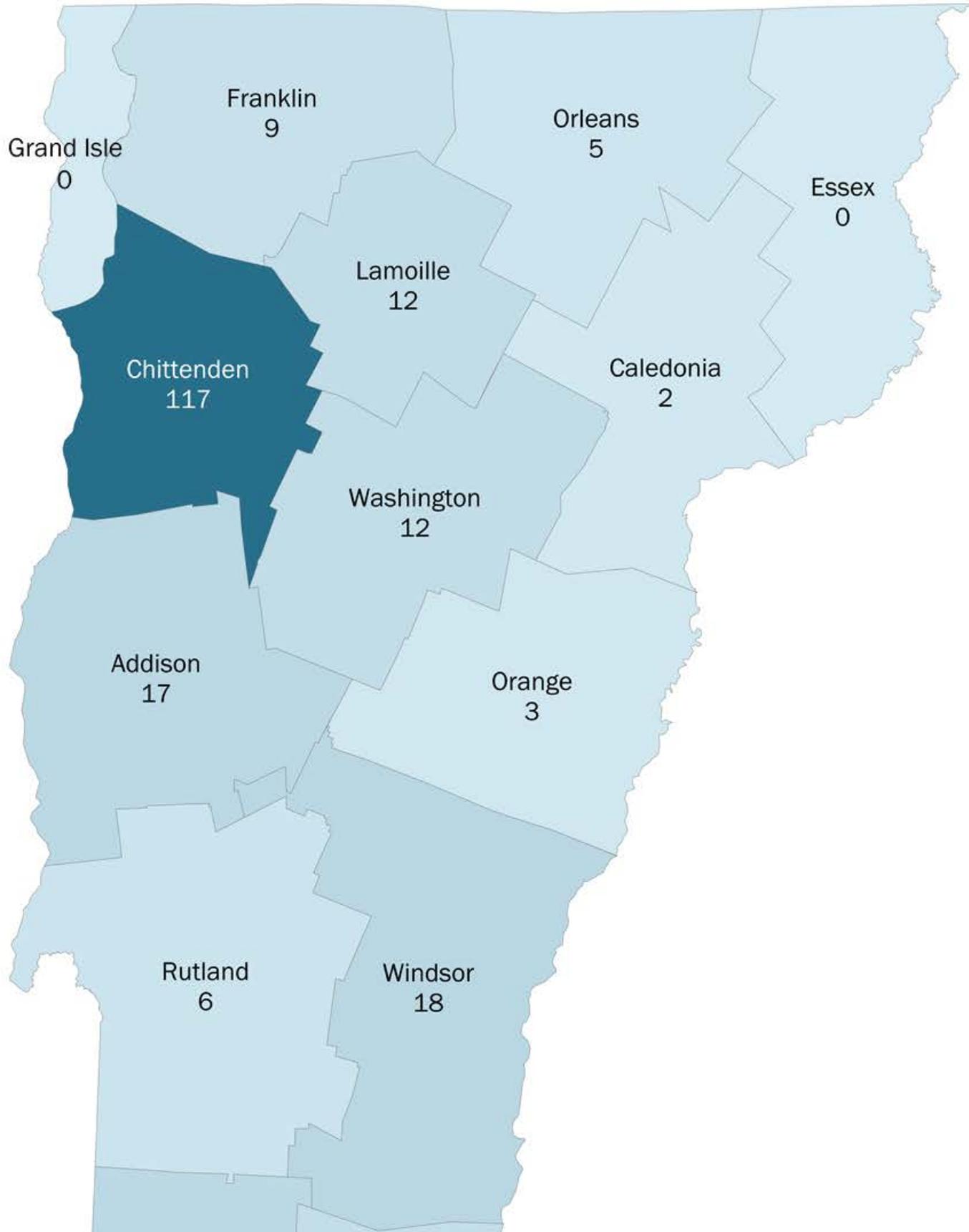
Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The satellite COVID-19 testing site at Landmark College in Putney, VT is fully operational as of 0815 on March 29 with support from the National Guard. This additional location will fill the gap not covered by a hospital or Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). Three medical surge sites are available for operations. The Vermont Medical Surge Team is working to identify additional sites if needed. Sites are in Barre, Burlington, and St. Albans. Burlington installed a 800 kW Generator for the facility. Drive-up testing is available at the following hospitals: Brattleboro Memorial, Copley, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, North Country, Northwestern, Porter, Springfield, Rutland and UVMCC. Testing is currently being expanded as new test kits are being distributed to hospitals and FQHC across the state to include people with mild to moderate symptoms. Tests will still be prioritized, and a referral from a Primary Care Provider is still needed. SEOC is working with the HOC to develop PPE and medical supply distribution plan. The US Army Corps of Engineers Planning and Response Team has completed assessments for four of the five requested facilities—one was already completed sufficiently. Post-Assessment reports on four Vermont sites, including cost, bed count, and pros/cons from a construction standpoint. Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) received a third shipment of personal protective equipment (PPE) which arrived early Sunday morning.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vermont State Police have assigned 42 staff to assist as COVID-19 Epi tracers. The Agency of Digital Services (ADS) has set up accounts and training will take place on Monday at VDH in Burlington. Strategic National Stockpile received notice of a fourth PPE shipment which is expected to arrive soon. Establish Receipt, Stage, and Ship (RSS) sites for PPE donations. Continue SEOC and HOC efforts to furnish Alternate Care sites/hospitals with tents for triage and/or surge capacity. Blood Donor drives scheduled throughout Vermont in upcoming days and weeks to help with national blood shortage. Schedules regularly updated at redcrossblood.org. AOT is taking the lead on the delivery of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) assets with the assistance of Vermont National Guard in support of Health Operation Center Logistics.

Vermont Case Count

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*People who tested positive for COVID-19 in Vermont while visiting or seeking care are included in the Vermont county where they were identified.

**Some cases may be still under investigation and county not assigned yet.



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