



# Executive Summary

## COVID-19 Response

April 13, 2020 (1600 EDT)

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

**Gubernatorial State of Emergency: Declared 3/13/20**  
**Federal Emergency Declaration: Issued 3/13/20**  
**Major Disaster Declaration: Issued 4/8/20**

### Community Lifeline Status



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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The attorney general issued a directive to law enforcement on how to enforce the governor's executive order, emphasizing education and voluntary compliance, while also allowing the Office of the Attorney General to pursue civil and criminal enforcement of the order, including a \$1,000-a-day fine for continued noncompliance.</li> <li>Vermont Supreme Court has extended the Judicial Emergency until May 31, 2020.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing to monitor absenteeism and disruptions in service, which are expected to increase over time.</li> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCD continues to work in close contact with the Vermont Retail Grocers' Association to monitor supply chain issues. As of 4/8 the supply chain is in good shape outside of bath tissue, sanitizer, cleaning products, and prepared/boxed food which remain strained.</li> <li>The Human Services Branch is working with FEMA, the VT Food Bank, and Community Action Agencies to determine a statewide feeding plan. Needs and sources have been identified, and the organizations are in the process of identifying gaps. Contracts for feeding are being pursued within Buildings and General Services.</li> <li>AHS is pursuing new lease agreements for isolation/recovery sites in Rutland with beds available for skilled nursing.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The Area Agencies on Aging will need assistance with meal delivery.</li> <li>The Agency of Agriculture is helping producers and retailers overcome supply chain disruptions by sharing opportunities for retailers to connect with and begin purchasing from producers who may have previously sold mainly to restaurants or institutions.</li> <li>The Agency of Education is working on FEMA Public Assistance guidance for Vermont schools and updating their food service continuity of operations plan.</li> <li>The SEOC is working with the VT Food Bank on a FEMA request for Meals Ready to Eat (MREs)</li> </ul>
Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US/Canadian border crossings remain closed for non-essential travel.</li> <li>AOT is staffing border crossings for the State's monitoring of traffic mobility to determine how effective mitigation measures are for reducing travel and also to give healthcare leaders a sense of future healthcare capacity needs. All vehicles (Vermont and out-of-state) are being counted; license plate numbers are not being recorded.</li> <li>Bus route modifications can be found at: <a href="https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/">https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/</a></li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vermont Translines suspended their bus service through May 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Governor Scott suspended Amtrak service to Vermont indefinitely.</li> </ul>

Incident Summary	<p>A novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) was first detected in China at the end of 2019. It has now spread to almost every country, with the United States having the largest number of cases. The disease the virus causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").</p>
Key Information	<p><b>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/13/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive test results: 748</li> <li>Total tests conducted: 10,365</li> <li>Deaths: 28</li> <li>Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 33</li> <li>Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 33</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SEOC sent clarification to Emergency Management Directors and Responders today regarding the option to provide non-congregate housing to healthcare workers and first responders who are at a reasonable risk of being exposed to or infected with COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p><b>Executive Order Measures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gov. Scott issued Addendum 9 to Executive Order 01-02 on 4/10/20 to extend the State of Emergency declared 3/13/20 and issue other COVID-19 related directives and clarifications.</li> <li>The Executive Order and all Directives and Addenda - including the Stay Home, Stay Safe order - are extended until midnight on 5/15/20.</li> <li>Lodging establishments can now accept reservations for stays and events occurring on or after 6/15/20. However this date could be extended as needed.</li> <li>Clarified that the suspension of in-person real estate transactions includes those for sale by owner.</li> <li>Motor vehicle inspections (except for school buses and motor buses) due in April 2020 are extended for 60 days.</li> <li>Health care facilities, providers, and volunteers are immune from civil liability for any death, injury, or loss resulting from COVID-19 related emergency management services or response activities, except in the case of willful misconduct or gross negligence.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local State of Emergency:</b> Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland</p> <p><b>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported):</b> Bethel, Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charleston, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pomfret, Rutland, Sharon, South Burlington, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock, St. Johnsbury, Pittsfield.</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are deployed at 4 sites: a VDH call center, the SNS warehouse, the VDH Epi team, and the HOC.</li> <li>University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCMC) is trying out two new COVID-19 testing systems today.</li> <li>Testing is available at the following locations: hospitals statewide, the Island Pond Health Center, the Champlain Islands Health Center, and the Wells River Health Center.</li> <li>BGS has leased four temporary mortuaries and is working with the points of contact from each site to operationalize. BGS is currently working to install ramps and arrange for security.</li> <li>The Alternate Care Sites in Essex, Rutland, Burlington, Barre, and St. Albans are ready to accept patients when needed.</li> <li>UVMCMC has received four VPro Decon units, allowing for the decontamination of N95 masks in-state, four more units are inbound. The units will be installed at additional hospital sites for healthcare and first responder use. The state continues to pursue the out-of-state Battelle system as a back-up.</li> <li>VDH issued the first weekly survey to EMS districts, assessing their COVID-19 response needs and preparation.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Logistics Branch is working with the Vermont Department of Health on a facility disinfection plan as part of a statewide procedure for future demobilization of sites.</li> <li>Buildings and General Services is establishing contracts with hotels for isolation housing for healthcare and emergency workers, if needed.</li> </ul>
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Labor unofficially estimates unemployment in Vermont to be above 20%.</li> <li>The Agency of Education (AOE) has gone live with a case management system for stakeholder questions and comments.</li> <li>1,700 registrants signed up to volunteer on the state portal: <a href="https://www.vermont.gov/volunteer">https://www.vermont.gov/volunteer</a>. ACCD sent out an initial communication.</li> <li>ACCD has scheduled several kickoff meetings for the Governor's Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force.</li> <li>ACCD reports the Small Business Administration (SBA) is overwhelmed by the volume of applications and is running low on funding.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Labor predicts that unemployment in the state could rise to 30%.</li> </ul>