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Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

04/14/2020 08:00 AM - 04/14/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

32

EOC Activation Level:

Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On April 14, 2020 the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was fully activated from 0800 to 1600, using an almost completely virtual structure, with only call takers stationed at Public Safety Headquarters and all other staff and state partner representatives working remotely. The SEOC will be fully activated daily until further notice.

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 - 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.
 - Clarified that the suspension of in-person real estate transactions includes those for sale by owner.
 - Motor vehicle inspections (except for school buses and motor buses) due in April 2020 are extended for 60 days.
 - Clarified that 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.

Nationwide Updates:

- Major Disaster Declarations have been awarded in 50 states, four territories, and the District of Columbia.
- At least 316 million people in at least 42 states, three counties, nine cities, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are being urged to stay home.
- President Trump extended Federal social distancing guidelines to 4/30/20, and the CDC issued a domestic travel advisory that urges New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut residents to refrain from non-essential travel for 14 days.

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 4/14/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	752
Total tests for COVID-19	10,585
Deaths	29

People being monitored	35
People who have completed monitoring	796
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	31
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	33

These numbers are reported once daily covering a 24-period from midnight to midnight.

4/13 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 65 calls, the vast majority from the general public (58 calls).
- The most common call topics were the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (29 calls), work related calls (18 calls), and financial stimulus (16 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

Public Information

- The Joint Information Center (JIC) amplified Department of Labor outreach on alphabetical registration for weekly unemployment benefits. Those whose last names begin with F-L were to register on Tuesday.
- The JIC added a page to the VEM website for Public Assistance applicants - www.vem.vermont.gov/applicant. The page includes a presentation for applicants briefing, and pertinent documents for applying for federal assistance.
- Recent media inquiries largely dealt with PPE, traffic data, and law enforcement assistance in COVID-19 contact tracing.

FEMA

- A Major Disaster Declaration has been approved for Vermont: Major Declaration FEMA-4532-DR-VT
- Vermont's Non-Congregate Care request has been approved by FEMA.
- FEMA is tracking the following Resource Requests (RRFs) in progress:
 - Medicines (Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) unable to fill)
 - Testing Materials, including swabs and test tubes (potentially will need to be filled by CDC International Reagent Resource (IRR))
 - Incident Command System personnel for the VDH Health Operations Center (partially filled)
 - Ventilators - on adjudication at 72 hours
- FEMA is tracking Requests for Information, including eligibility questions associated with Public Assistance Category B, Emergency Protective measures.
- **Nationally:** The National Response Coordination Center in Washington, D.C. is fully activated and adjudicating all federal requests for resources and capabilities from across the country.
- **Regionally:** The FEMA Region 1 Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) is fully activated and is completely virtual.

Human Services Branch

There are no known gaps in Agency of Human Services (AHS) essential services due to absenteeism.

Isolation and Recovery Sites:

- The Harbor Place isolation and recovery site has a 50-bed capacity, with 3 beds currently in use. There is a lease agreement in place at the isolation and recovery facility at the Holiday Inn, Burlington (160 beds).

- Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) staff are working with the Vermont National Guard to utilize a portion of the Essex surge facility to support skilled nursing needs.
- Currently coordinating with VT Technical College for the use of skilled nursing beds at the Essex alternate care facility.
- General Assistance Motel Summary (4/13/2020): 1,174 rooms; 1,334 adults; 209 children

Long-Term Care Facility Status:

- Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
- Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
- 4/14/2020 Census: 2,275
- 4/14/2020 bed availability: 424

Staffing Status:

- Temporary positions are posted and interviews are underway (for RN, LPN, case management, and mental health specialist positions). LNA positions are being posted and interviews will follow.
- Coordination with volunteer efforts is underway.
- Staffing patterns have been developed for the alternate general care sites.
- Staffing patterns are being developed for the alternate sub-acute care sites.
- The branch is working with the Department of Corrections (DOC) nursing on staffing needs.
- The DOC requested Department of Health (VDH) support for confirmed COVID-19 cases within a correctional facility. VDH's Epidemiology Branch is tasked with providing support.
- Questions pertaining to staff redeployment have been compiled and elevated for answers.

Mass Feeding Status:

- Plans from the Agency of Human Services and from Community Action Agencies have been combined into one plan.
- Buildings and General Services (BGS) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) are working on regional procurement planning efforts. A draft simplified bid is being reviewed.
- The SEOC is working with the VT Food Bank on a FEMA request for Meals Ready to Eat (MREs).
- Several contracts are in place with supervisory unions to to expand child nutrition programs and introduce adult nutrition programs.
- Working with the Area Agencies on Aging on distribution plan for 20,000 frozen meals.

Additional Updates:

- Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) continues to provide support to partner agencies, including establishment of skilled nursing sites.
- The Child Development Department (CDD) is developing a process to generate a daily count of total childcare slots state-wide.
- 1,070 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for 1,712 children. 314 Essential Persons requested help for 496 school-aged children, 380 Essential Persons requested help for 534 children under 6, and 141 Essential Persons requested help for 323 children in both age groups. The remaining 235 Essential Persons representing 359 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- Agency of Education (AOE) is working on FEMA Public Assistance guidance for Vermont schools and updating our food-service continuity of operations plan.

Medical Logistics Branch

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update as of Close of Day 4/13/2020:

Daily Workflow Status

Orders Received	56
Orders Filled	38
Percentage Filled	68%
Total Unfilled Orders	18
Behavioral Health	0
EMS	0
Hospital	0
Long-Term Care	11
Outpatient Care	1
Public Safety	1
Residential Home	0
Other	5

Please Note: These numbers change by the minute and many of these orders may have been filled during the generation of this report. This is just a snapshot in time.

Important Explanations: Orders may be unfilled due to a variety of reasons, such as but not limited to the following:

- Lower priority facility types
- Order requires follow up
- May be in the process of being filled at the time the report was completed
- May have been filled by the time the report was completed
- Requested items we do not have in stock so the order remains unfilled

Thermometer Update:

The University of Vermont Health Network is waiting to receive the infrared thermometer samples from another company prior to purchasing 1,000 additional thermometers.

Other updates:

- The branch is working on a plan to receive 100K surgical masks and 1K face shields from New Hampshire tomorrow.
- 94 cartons of KN-95s are scheduled for delivery to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center tomorrow.
- A few shipments ordered by the University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) were delayed due to export restrictions.
- UVMHN is expecting Vermont's allocation of 400 safety glasses (goggles), 24,000 face shields, 200 infrared thermometers, and 200,000 N95's on 4/17/2020 or early next week to distribute to the SNS Warehouse.
- Buildings and General Services (BGS) is expecting 150,000 KN95's early next week, which will be sent directly to the SNS warehouse.
- BGS will deliver 20,000 non-surgical masks to the SNS warehouse.
- BGS and UVMHN adjusted the PPE list to reflect some of the orders placed for PPE with UVMHN and BGS. UVMHN is currently sourcing and will have an answer on orders placed by the next meeting on 4/16/2020.
- UVMHN is looking into reusable gowns by getting them laundered, however policies and procedures are needed for donning and doffing properly.

- UVM is creating their own disinfecting methods using "Virex" concentrate. They are using a source in Connecticut for wipes, and ordered 30 days worth of wipes (assuming roughly 20,000 wipes a day). Additional disinfecting methods include using spray bottles with concentrate from Medique. Clorox bleach wipes are not used since the fumes can be toxic and dangerous to workers. UVM will look into more guidance. UVM currently cannot get wipes from China due to chemical export restrictions. UVM will also look into providing their instruction for use.
- The status of orders will be sent out to the Medical Logistics Branch at the end of today.
- 5 Agency of Transportation staff members supporting UVMHN's warehouse have been a huge help.

Logistics Branch

- Resource procurement status:
 - The University of Vermont Medical Center received 4 of the 8 ordered VPro sterilization units on 4/11. The units are planned to be installed at additional hospital sites for healthcare and first responder use. Working on distribution method and tech support for installation is ongoing.
 - Buildings and General Services (BGS) submitted a request for N-95 sterilization services with Battelle Decon Services. Battelle will be used as a backup for the VPro units, if necessary. BGS is awaiting a marked-up contract back from Battelle.
 - BGS has received proposals for food service for isolation/recovery sites and Department of Corrections facilities with Agency of Human Services (AHS).
 - BGS is continuing work on the four temporary mortuaries. Enclosures have been completed, laptops and cell phones have been delivered. BGS is establishing contracts with contractors to build ramps at the four sites, along with working to see if the original ramp offer is still available. Also working to arrange security with the local sheriffs departments.
 - Rutland Regional and St Albans Alternate Care Sites have requested some supplies, which are being sourced through BGS contracts and medical supplies through UVMHC.
 - Working with the Vermont Department of Health on a facility disinfection plan as part of a statewide procedure for demobilizing sites.
 - BGS is working on establishing contracts or agreements with hotels for health care workers and first responders if the need arises.
- National Guard deployment status:
 - Activated/Deployed Resources:
 - Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse Support: 11 personnel
 - Medical Logistics Planners: 1 personnel and 1 support for the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)
 - University of Vermont Medical Center Clinic Support: 30 personnel
 - Medical Logistics Planners (alternate care site): 6 personnel
 - Essex Regional Alternate Care site in Essex (set up completed 4/7): 155 personnel.
 - SEOC LNO's- 3 personnel
 - Joint Operations Center Augmentation- 3 personnel
- The Agency of Transportation (AOT):
 - AOT continues to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) warehouse.
 - AOT set up message boards with COVID-19 messages.
 - AOT is working to collect donated PPE, delivering and storing it to be inspected for possible use for SNS and other needs.
 - AOT provided vehicle counts at 45 high-priority border crossings across the state.
- Department of Human Resources (DHR)
 - Paid leave, carry over, premium pay, time sheet coding, and other guidance provided via email from the commissioner's office.
 - Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
 - 53 volunteers have been deployed at 4 locations:

- Department of Health call center (12)
 - SNS Warehouse (14)
 - Department of Health epidemiological team (1)
 - Health Operations Center (1)
 - Pending Requests
 - Clinical staffing for ACS at Spartan Arena under review with HOC leadership.
- Temporary Employee Activity:
 - Requested positions: 165
 - Approved & created positions: 162
 - Positions posted in recruitment: 97
 - Applications received: 267
 - Offers made: 7
 - Direct hires: 8
- SerVermont
 - There are 29 volunteers assigned to the 211 call center.
 - Pending Requests
 - Franklin Carriage House – 18+ volunteers will be referred there for 4/14
 - VT Foodbank – Working with the VT Food Bank this week to determine specific needs and develop list of volunteers to fill them.

Health & Medical Branch

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Hospitals:

- Bed availability statewide (as of 1400 on 4/14/2020):
 - 713 total beds
 - 59 ICU beds
 - 322 medical surge beds
 - 146 isolation beds
 - 120 negative pressure rooms
 - 192 staffed ICU beds
 - 766 staffed medical surge beds

Long-Term Care Facilities:

- Multiple long-term care facilities have multiple COVID-19 positive persons and have experienced multiple COVID-19 deaths.
- Vermont Veterans Home staffing is improving with support from the Department of Human Resources and the Agency of Human Services, along with infection control and health & safety assessments by the Department of Health Epidemiological team and the Department of Labor's Occupational Health and Safety Administration.
- The Health Department Outbreak Prevention Team is proactively working with long-term care and other facilities on infection control, testing and isolation, and recovery preparations or needs.
- The Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington and Decker Towers in Burlington continue to be a focus today.
- An essential employer workplace health and safety and PPE validation effort was finalized to assist those long-term care facilities not engaging in health care.

Testing:

- 165 specimens were tested yesterday at the Department of Health (VDH) Lab.
- VDH convening a Serology Testing Work Group from epidemiology, the labs, and infectious disease providers.
- The University of Vermont Medical Center Lab continues to test new systems today (one internal design and one Cepheid).

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

Long Term Recovery Ideas – ACCD is gathering feedback from sister agencies and departments on a survey designed to quickly identify and prioritize high-impact and actionable ideas for Vermont’s long-term recovery.

Non-Medical Masks – ACCD continues to support SEOC efforts to identify and vet non-medical mask manufacturers in Vermont.

New Stay Home, Stay Safe Guidance – ACCD issued updated guidance for real estate, financial services, municipalities, and marriages: <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance>

Employer Grants and Loans – ACCD continues to encourage businesses to explore Economic Injury Disaster or Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans to determine if they could be helpful to their business during this time. PPP loans are forgivable for up to 8 weeks of payroll based on employee retention. Businesses are encouraged to apply now through local lenders, banks or credit unions.

Documenting Economic Impacts – ACCD wants to hear from all Vermont businesses impacted by the response to the COVID-19 virus. Please share these impacts via the ACCD Business Impact Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vtcovid19>

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL):

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims Process Improvements – DOL is working to speed the delivery of UI benefits with new staff and automation to handle calls and clear claim issues.

COVID-19 Workforce Development – DOL is identifying a process to highlight immediate job openings.

Upcoming Virtual Town Halls:

- **Unemployment Insurance (UI) 101, 4/16 at 8:30 am** – The webinar provides an overview of top UI questions, as well as general instruction, tips and updates. Additional information is here: <https://labor.vermont.gov/event/virtual-town-hall-series-unemployment-insurance-%E2%80%93-claimant-101-0>
- **Employee Safety and Workers’ Compensation Amid COVID-19, 4/16 at 2 pm** – The webinar will focus on workers’ compensation issues facing employers including coverage of workers, filing claims and reporting of injuries, as well as updates on worker safety during COVID-19. Additional information is here: <https://labor.vermont.gov/event/virtual-town-hall-series-employee-safety-and-workers-%E2%80%93-compensation-amid-covid-19>
- For a listing of all events visit the DOL’s calendar: <https://labor.vermont.gov/calendar>
- All Town Hall Meetings are recorded and accessible here: <https://bit.ly/VTLabor-Youtube>

Unemployment Insurance Claims Overview (updated every Thursday)

- Weekly Claims (March 29 - April 4): 22,754 applications filed; 16,474 processed
- Total Claims: ≈ 70,000
- Estimated Unemployment (unofficial): Greater than 20%, could rise to 30%

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND MARKETS (VAAFAM):

Documenting Economic Impacts – VAAFAM’s Agriculture and Food Business impact survey documented ≈ \$12M damages due to COVID-19 (n=118, median loss = \$16,000).

Milk Dumping – VAAFM is exploring alternatives to milk dumping, possibly involving the Vermont Food Bank. Additional information on USDA milk dumping policy is available here: <https://rma.usda.gov/en/News-Room/Press/Press-Releases/2020-News/USDA-Addresses-Milk-Dumping-Authorizes-Other-Flexibilities-To-Help-Producers-Amid-Pandemic>

Mental Health Services – VAAFM is working with its partners to provide confidential resources and mental health counseling support for farmers and their families. Additional information is available at Farm First: <https://www.farmfirst.org/mental-health-on-the-farm>

Farmer’s Markets – VAAFM issued additional guidance specific to farmers markets. While farmers markets are still temporarily closed, farmers can and should continue selling food to consumers through farm stands (with appropriate social distancing), online food sales, phone orders, curbside pick-up, and delivery. Additional details here: <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/Farmers%20Markets%20Guidance%2004.10.20.pdf>

VERMONT RETAIL AND GROCERS' ASSOCIATION (VRGA):

Supply Chain Status (as of 4/14):

- **Bread** – Supply is available, but with limited varieties.
- **Milk** – There is ample supply.
- **Eggs** – Supply has improved and the cost dropped.
- **Cheese** – The supply is improving.
- **Paper & Bath Tissue** – The paper towel supply is improving, while bath tissue sells as fast as it gets on the shelf. Stores are stocking 40% more bath tissue and 60% more paper towels than pre-pandemic weeks. Demand continues to outpace shipments.
- **Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Isopropyl Alcohol** – No improvements. Still a struggle to get supply. Shipments are intermittent.
- **Meat** – The supply of beef, chicken, and pork is improving significantly. The standard assortment has (and is) challenged, but an extended network of suppliers is meeting the increased demand for meat.
- **Produce, Deli, Bakery** – There is an ample supply.
- **Pasta/Canned Veggies/Box Prepared Products** – Supply is coming in regularly, however manufacturer's allocations are not meeting demand.

Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

Infrastructure - No interruptions or issues.

Emergency Services - No interruptions or issues.

Areas of Concern - None reported.

Department /Agencies Reports

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) -

- No reported interruptions in services.

Forest, Parks, & Recreation (FPR) -

- Predicted fire danger for Vermont today is low statewide.

Public Service Department (PSD) -

- Vermont Telephone Company reported two phone outages in Andover, VT
 - West Andover Road - Caused by burnt cable from tree falling on power lines. Approximately 55 active customers in cable but not all are affected. Crews en route, not timeline for repair.
 - Tree took down another fiber line affecting approximately 80 customers. This one is slated for repair by 5PM today.

Agency of Digital Services (ADS)-

- No interruptions to service.

Vermont State Police (VSP) -

- No interruptions to service.

Division of Fire Safety (DFS) -

- Latest Fire Service readiness survey updated. No substantial change from the previous survey.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) -

- Collating data on absenteeism effect on EMS operations
- Investigating EMS staffing shortage contingency plans
- Investigating options for resumption of EMS education programs
- Formalizing plan to use EMS agencies in COVID-19 testing

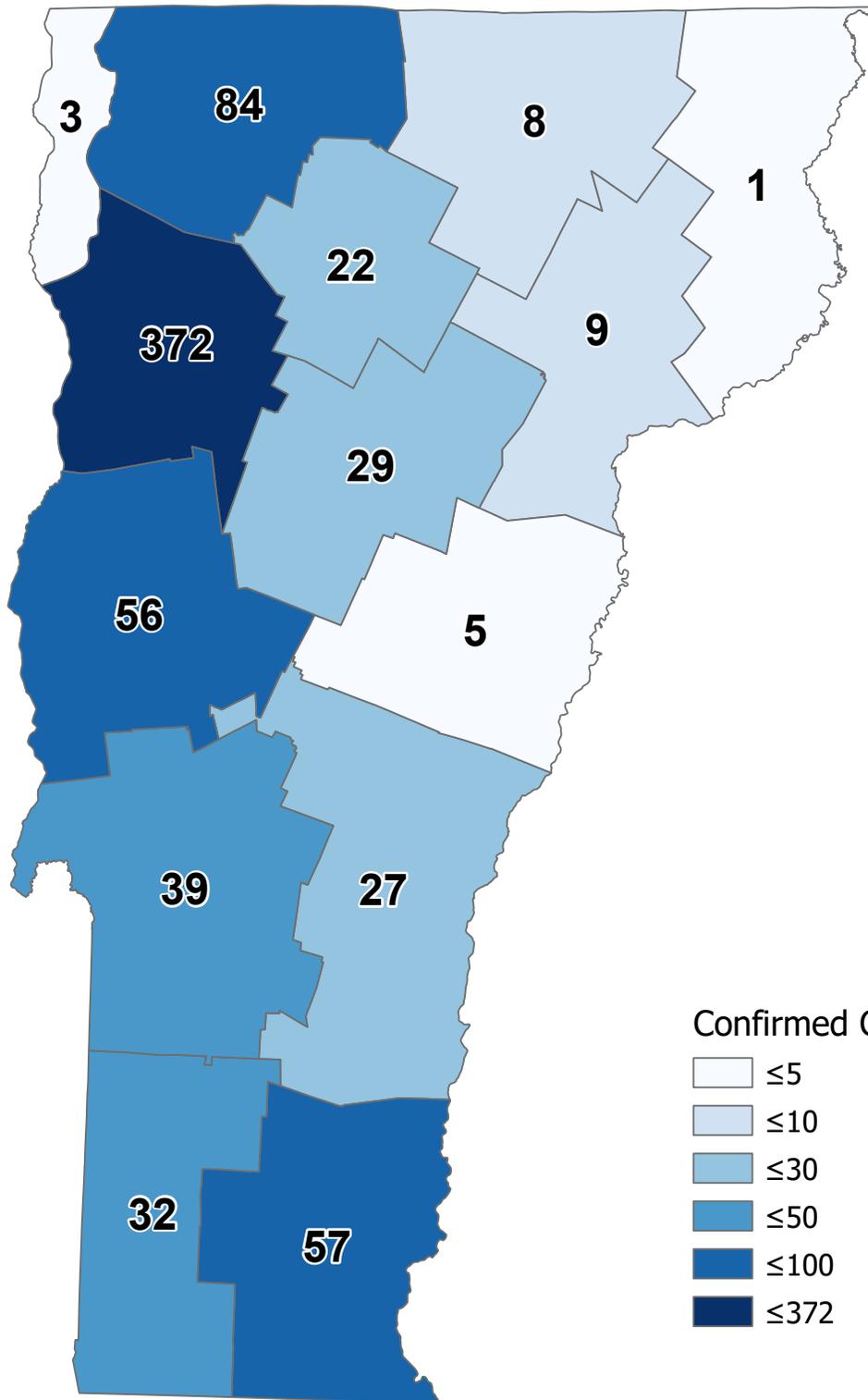
Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

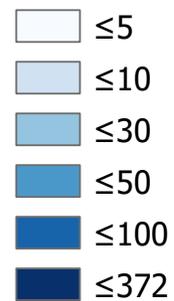
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- **Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Southwest wind around 6 mph.
- **Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers after 10am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. West wind 8 to 13 mph.
- **Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. West wind 3 to 6 mph.

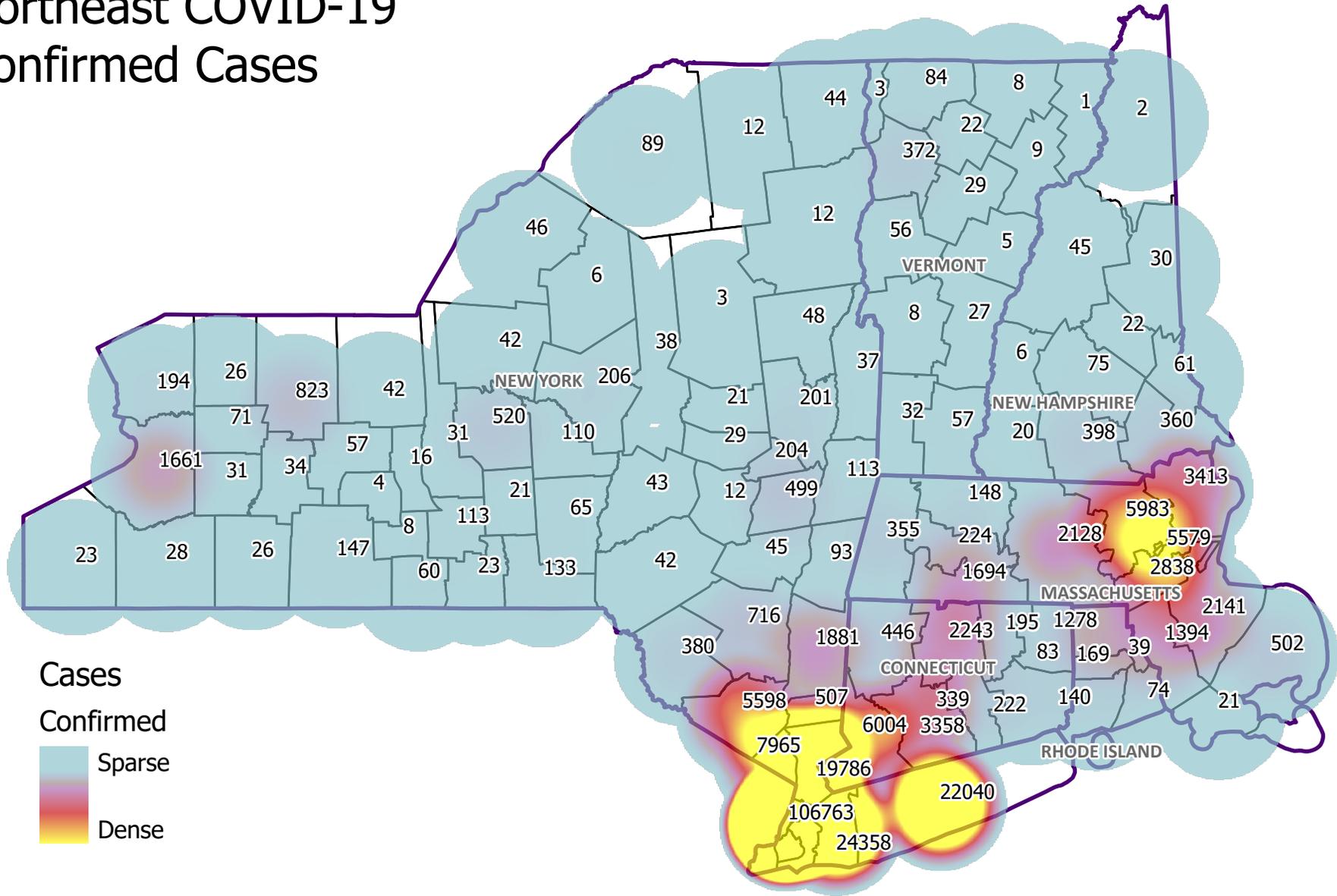
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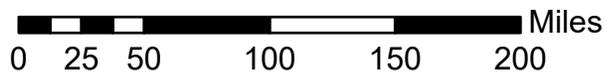


Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



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Executive Summary COVID-19 Response April 14, 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



Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Service Survey Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35% of the counties reported having concerns about being able to properly staff emergencies in the next three weeks. 57% of all counties rely on out-of-state assets for mutual aid support. Franklin County reported high reliance on mutual aid support from New York and Canada.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont Supreme Court has extend the Judicial Emergency until May 31, 2020. Continuing to monitor absenteeism and disruptions in service, which are expected to increase over time.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCD continues to work in close contact with the Vermont Retail Grocers' Association to monitor supply chain issues. As of 4/14, the supply chain is in good shape outside of bath tissue, sanitizer, cleaning products, and prepared/boxed food which remain strained. The Human Services Branch is working with FEMA, the VT Food Bank, and Community Action Agencies to finalize 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. Several contracts are in place with supervisory unions to expand child nutrition programs and introduce adult nutrition programs.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Area Agencies on Aging will need assistance with meal delivery. 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. The Agency of Education is working on FEMA Public Assistance guidance for Vermont schools and updating their food service continuity of operations plan. The SEOC is working with the VT Food Bank on a FEMA request for Meals Ready to Eat (MREs)
Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were a few road closures today in Caledonia County due flooding from rainfall. The roads have since been reopened with the exception of Lamoureux Road in Maidstone. 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.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus route modifications can be found at: https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/ Vermont Translines suspended their bus service through May 15th. Governor Scott suspended Amtrak service to Vermont indefinitely.

Incident Summary	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").
Key Information	<p>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/14/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 752 Total tests conducted: 10,585 Deaths: 29 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 31 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 33 <p>Executive Order Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Executive Order and all Directives and Addenda - including the Stay Home, Stay Safe order - are extended until midnight on 5/15/20. 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. Clarified that the suspension of in-person real estate transactions includes those for sale by owner. Motor vehicle inspections (except for school buses and motor buses) due in April 2020 are extended for 60 days. 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. <p>Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland</p> <p>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported): Bethel, Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charleston, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pittsfield, Pomfret, Rutland, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 53 Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are deployed at 4 sites: a VDH call center, the SNS warehouse, the VDH Epi team, and the HOC. University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCMC) continues to work on two new COVID-19 testing systems. VDH convened a Serology Testing Group. Serologic (i.e., antibody) testing reveals not only current but also past COVID-19 infections. 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. 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. The Alternate Care Sites in Essex, Rutland, Burlington, Barre, and St. Albans are ready to accept patients when needed. 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. VDH issued the first weekly survey to EMS districts, assessing their COVID-19 response needs and preparation. An essential employer workplace health and safety and PPE validation effort was finalized to assist those long-term care facilities not engaging in health care. Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) staff are working with the Vermont National Guard to utilize a portion of the Essex surge facility to support skilled nursing needs.
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Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Labor unofficially estimates unemployment in Vermont to be above 20%. The Agency of Education (AOE) has gone live with a case management system for stakeholder questions and comments. 1,700 registrants signed up to volunteer on the state portal: https://www.vermont.gov/volunteer ACCD reports the Small Business Administration (SBA) is overwhelmed by the volume of applications and is running low on funding.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Labor predicts that unemployment in the state could rise to 30%.