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Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

04/16/2020 08:00 AM - 04/16/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

34

EOC Activation Level:

Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On April 16, 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.

Key Updates:

- Today the SEOC Recovery Unit hosted the second Public Assistance Applicant Briefing to inform the municipalities and eligible private non-profits of the application process for reimbursement for Emergency Protective Measures through Vermont's Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4532).
- Yesterday the Commissioner of Health reported that we are cautiously optimistic that Vermont's mitigation strategies, such as the Governor's Stay Home / Stay Safe order, seem to have an effect as we see Vermont's cases plateau. This is not a time to let up these measures, but rather to continue to be vigilant with social distancing measures.
- The State Emergency Operations Center can assist with finding and securing housing for jurisdictions, agencies, or critical private non-profits such as hospitals if their ability to do so has been exceeded. You may contact the SEOC 24/7 at 800-347-0488. The cost of such housing remains the responsibility of the requesting entity.

Executive Order Measures:

- Governor 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.
 - 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.

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 4/16/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	768
Total tests for COVID-19	11,507
Deaths	35

People being monitored	30
People who have completed monitoring	803
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	33
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	25

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

4/15 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 61 calls, the vast majority from the general public (54 calls).
- The most common call topics were the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (27 calls), work (22 calls), and financial stimulus (13 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

Public Information

Department of Corrections distributed a media release and facilitated a call for reporters regarding an online inquiry portal now offered for families of prisoners.

Social media: Shared information from DMV on best practices when providing auto repairs and inspections; amplified Department of Labor message on alphabetized (by last name) unemployment filing system: Thursday was S-Z.

Media inquiries: Provided information to the Associated Press on Vermont's stock of PPE as of December, 2019; completed inquiries from earlier in the week on traffic data and AHS feeding plans; Health PIO provided data to multiple outlets on positive COVID-19 tests and COVID-19 fatalities.

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:
 - Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) being scheduled to be delivered to Food Bank locations in Brattleboro, Rutland, and Barre on Friday, April 17.
 - 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.

Logistics Branch

- Resource procurement status:
 - The University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMHC) received 4 of the 8 ordered VPro sterilization units on 4/11. The units are being distributed to regional hospital sites for hospital, healthcare and first responder use

- in each of the regions. The remaining 4 units are expected to be received by UVMMC as soon as 4/18 with planning underway for distribution of the additional units.
- ◊ 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 received proposals for food service for isolation/recovery sites and Department of Corrections facilities with the 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/ AOT is establishing contracts with contractors to build ramps at the four sites and the original ramps are onsite for immediate needs. BGS is also working to arrange security with the local sheriffs departments.
 - ◊ The branch is identifying potential locations for a fixed mortuary facility if the need arises.
 - ◊ Rutland Regional and St. Albans Alternate Care Sites have requested some supplies, which are being sourced through BGS contracts and medical supplies through UVMMC.
 - ◊ The branch is working with the Vermont Department of Health on a facility disinfection plan as part of a statewide procedure for demobilizing sites.
 - ◊ BGS has provided a list of hotels for potentially exposed health care workers and first responders if the need arises.
 - ◊ The branch is working on procuring Bitrex N95 Fit test kits and solution.
 - ◊ BGS is working with Judiciary for barriers for courthouses.
 - ◊ Working with DAIL for fit testing of protective masks.
- National Guard (VTNG) deployment status:
 - ◊ Activated/Deployed Resources:
 - 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): 181 personnel.
 - SEOC liaisons - 3 personnel
 - Joint Operations Center Augmentation- 12 personnel
 - Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse Support: 11 personnel
 - ◊ VTNG is providing logistical support to food shelves and a mass feeding plan (although a civilian option may have been found).
 - ◊ There is an anticipated mission for corrections officers at Northeast Corrections in St Johnsbury.
 - The Agency of Transportation (AOT):
 - ◊ AOT continues to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) warehouse.
 - ◊ 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)
 - ◊ Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
 - Total accepted volunteers: 659
 - 26 volunteers have been deployed at 2 locations:
 - Department of Health epidemiological team (1)
 - 211 call center (25)
 - Pending requests:
 - Clinical staffing for the alternate care site at Spartan Arena is under review with Health Operations Center leadership.
 - ◊ Temporary Employee Activity:
 - Requested positions: 167
 - Approved & created positions: 165
 - Positions posted in recruitment: 87
 - Applications received: 281
 - Offers made: 9
 - Direct hires: 11

- SerVermont
 - There are 29 volunteers assigned to the 211 call center.
 - There are 1,647 volunteers as of 4:10 PM on 4/14.
 - Pending requests:
 - Franklin Carriage House – 18+ volunteers were pinged; 2 responses from individuals who cannot assist.
 - VT Foodbank – Working with the VT Food Bank this week to determine specific needs and develop list of volunteers to fill them.
 - Shelters- SerVermont is reaching back out to shelters to determine current needs.

Medical Logistics Branch

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update as of Close of Day 4/15/2020:

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	29
Orders Filled	18
Percentage Filled	62%
Total Unfilled Orders	11
Behavioral Health	0
EMS	0
Hospital	0
Long-Term Care	3
Outpatient Care	2
Public Safety	1
Residential Home	1
Other	4

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 first order of 500 infrared thermometers is scheduled to arrive on 4/22.
- The second order of 500 infrared thermometers is scheduled to arrive on 4/27.

Other updates:

- The Medical Logistics Branch, University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN), Buildings and General Services (BGS), the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and FEMA attended a "Status of Orders" meeting. The meeting identified changes to PPE orders, such as not needing to place an immediate order for masks, hand sanitizer, or

face shields since a few orders were placed with BGS this past week.

- A PPE order proposal is being reviewed today by UVMHN. There is a definite need for gowns and booties. UVMHN noted it is becoming more difficult to find gowns, and other states are having the same issue.
- UVMHN is delivering 400 goggles to the SNS warehouse today.
- The branch is coordinating with BGS on acquiring a fit test solution (Bitter) and possibly using a current BGS contractor to conduct fit tests at specified facilities.
- Today, the branch saw its lowest number of DLAN tickets (15) and SNS orders (29) since the start of the response.
- On the past two days around the same time each day, the IMATS inventory system went offline for a couple hours. The SNS warehouse team is working through this challenge and so far has been able to maintain operations.
- The branch is exploring whether or not it is in a position to provide SNS stock to some neighboring states with a documented shortage. No decision has been made yet.
- The branch is continuing to work on a process to incorporate donation items into SNS stock and dispersing these items where appropriate.
- The branch is exploring whether to begin managing cloth masks. The branch is finding out how it could support cloth mask distribution and what the demand is.

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, 2 currently in use).
 - ◊ Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) staff are working with the Vermont National Guard to utilize a portion of the Essex alternative care facility to support skilled nursing needs.
 - ◊ The branch is currently coordinating with VT Technical College for the use of skilled nursing beds at the Essex alternate care facility.
- General Assistance Motel Summary (4/15/2020): 1,220 rooms; 1,394 adults; 225 children
- Long-Term Care Facility Status:
 - ◊ Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
 - ◊ Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
 - ◊ 4/16/2020 Census: 2,267
 - ◊ 4/16/2020 bed availability: 432
- 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.
- Mass Feeding Status:
 - ◊ 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).
 - 3 tractor trailer trucks, totaling 80,640 meals, are being delivered on Friday, April 17th.
 - ◊ Several contracts are in place with supervisory unions across Vermont to expand child nutrition programs and support adult nutrition programs.
 - ◊ The branch is working with the Area Agencies on Aging on a distribution plan for 20,000 frozen meals.
- Additional Updates:
 - ◊ AHS finance staff have begun recovery planning efforts pertaining to the COVID-19 response.
 - ◊ Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) continues to provide support to partner agencies, including establishment of skilled nursing sites.
 - ◊ The Child Development Department (CDD) completed payment to providers for the first two tranches of

- invoices, for infants, toddlers, and (in some cases) school-aged children.
- ◊ The CDD is resolving concerns from afterschool programs about access to financial stabilization programs.
- ◊ The CDD is tracking response to changes in Essential Person eligibility in case demand exceeds statewide capacity.
- ◊ CDD is developing a process to generate a bi-weekly count of total childcare slots statewide.

- ◊ 1,088 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form with 1,742 children. 319 Essential Persons requested help for 504 school-aged children, 386 Essential Persons requested help for 540 children under 6, and 147 Essential Persons requested help for 337 children in both age groups. The remaining 236 Essential Persons representing 361 children did not indicate a need for child care.

- ◊ The Agency of Education (AOE) is working on guidance for schools about the CARES Act and FEMA public assistance guidance for Vermont schools.
- ◊ AOE is updating its food service continuity of operations plan.

Health & Medical Branch

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Hospitals:

- Bed availability statewide (as of 0900 on 4/16/2020):
 - ◊ 720 total beds
 - ◊ 56 ICU beds
 - ◊ 342 medical surge beds
 - ◊ 141 isolation beds
 - ◊ 120 negative pressure rooms

Long-Term Care Facilities:

- Multiple long-term care facilities have multiple COVID-19 positive persons and have experienced multiple COVID-19 deaths.
- 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 tests were processed by the VDH lab.
- 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:

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

Economic Development Branch

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

Employer Grants and Loans – As anticipated, the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program ran out of funding.

- To date, the program approved over \$853 million in loans to 4,896 Vermont businesses.

Campgrounds and Parks – ACCD released new guidance for campers, trailers, and RVs on a seasonal basis.

ACCD recognizes that many people use these sites as second homes, but these sites should not be open for business as usual. Limited in-person operations under certain conditions are permitted. More details are here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance>

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/vtccovid19>. Paid social media ads are running to increase the reach of this ask.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL):

Unemployment Insurance Claims Overview (updated every Thursday)

Weekly claims (April 5 - April 11): 22,754 applications filed; 9,662 processed

Total claims: ≈ 80,000

Estimated unemployment (unofficial): Greater than 20%, could rise to 30%

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

Upcoming Virtual Town Halls:

- 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>

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). Of those reporting, 9% closed their business, 43% are partially open, and 48% are fully operational. The average loss of employees per business was 22%.

Milk Dumping – Cabot/Agrimark has increased production and deliveries of the top eight retail products, which has reduced the need to dispose of milk. VAAFAM is also working with retail establishments to remove any store signs that limit the purchase of dairy product.

Meat Processing – Vermont processors are operating at capacity with higher demand for services, with many booked out eight weeks. Nationally, meat and poultry facilities are facing shutdowns due to COVID-19.

Farmers Markets – VAAFAM continues to work with the Governor's Office on guidance for farmers markets.

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 manufacturers' allocations are not meeting demand.

Infrastructure - No reported interruptions of service or other disruptions or shortages at this time.

Emergency Services - No reported interruptions of service or other disruptions or shortages at this time.

Department / Agencies Reports:

Emergency Medical Services (VTEMS) -

- VTEMS is analyzing results of 2 surveys for publication on the VTEMS website:
 - EMS districts' planning and preparedness for COVID-19 response (weekly)
 - Impact of staff absenteeism on EMS operations (daily)
- VTEMS expanded provisional licensure eligibility to practitioners whose license expired in 2016 and 2017 upon completion of online protocol update education.
- VTEMS is investigating options for resumption of EMS education programs.
- VTEMS is standing up EMS COVID-19 testing teams.

Public Service Department (PSD) -

- No infrastructure issues or disruptions in service.

Agency of Digital Services (ADS) -

- No outages reported.

Judiciary -

- Judiciary is working with Buildings and General Services for plexiglass barriers. The design is in progress for 23 courthouse sites.

Vermont State Police (VSP)/Wilderness Search and Rescue -

- Potential resource needs: Disposable isolation gowns & eye/face protection for troopers.

Division of Fire Safety (DFS)/Urban Search and Rescue –

- The Vermont Fire Academy is preparing to send out this week's survey, and requested survey content suggestions from partners.
- DFS launched a dashboard for fire service capabilities -- it can be found on the division's fire service COVID-19 page (<https://firesafety.vermont.gov/Firesafety/covid-19fdresources>) or at this direct link <https://arcg.is/10Geqb0>. Data and reports from the Weekly Fire Department Capabilities Survey are on this dashboard.
- The Fire Academy is continuing to send out key information/updates to the fire service in daily briefing e-mails.
- Predicted fire danger for Vermont on Wednesday, April 16, 2020 is MODERATE along the Green Mountains and Northeastern Vermont to HIGH along the lower Connecticut River Valley and Western Vermont.

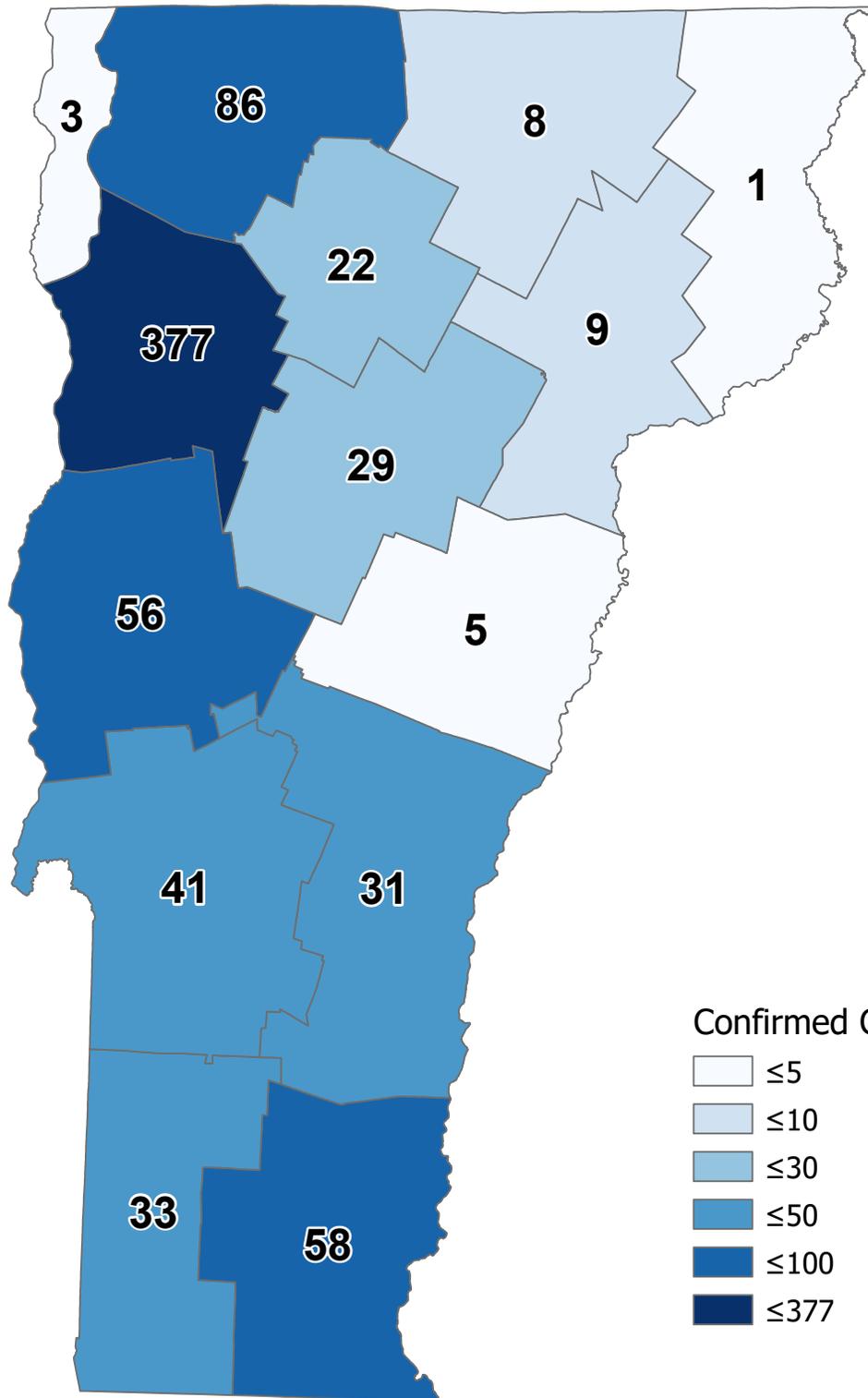
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Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

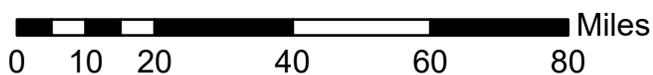
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- **Tonight:** Scattered rain showers before 9pm, then a slight chance of snow showers between 9pm and midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. West wind 6 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.
 - **Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. West wind 9 to 11 mph.
 - **Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Southwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Vermont COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

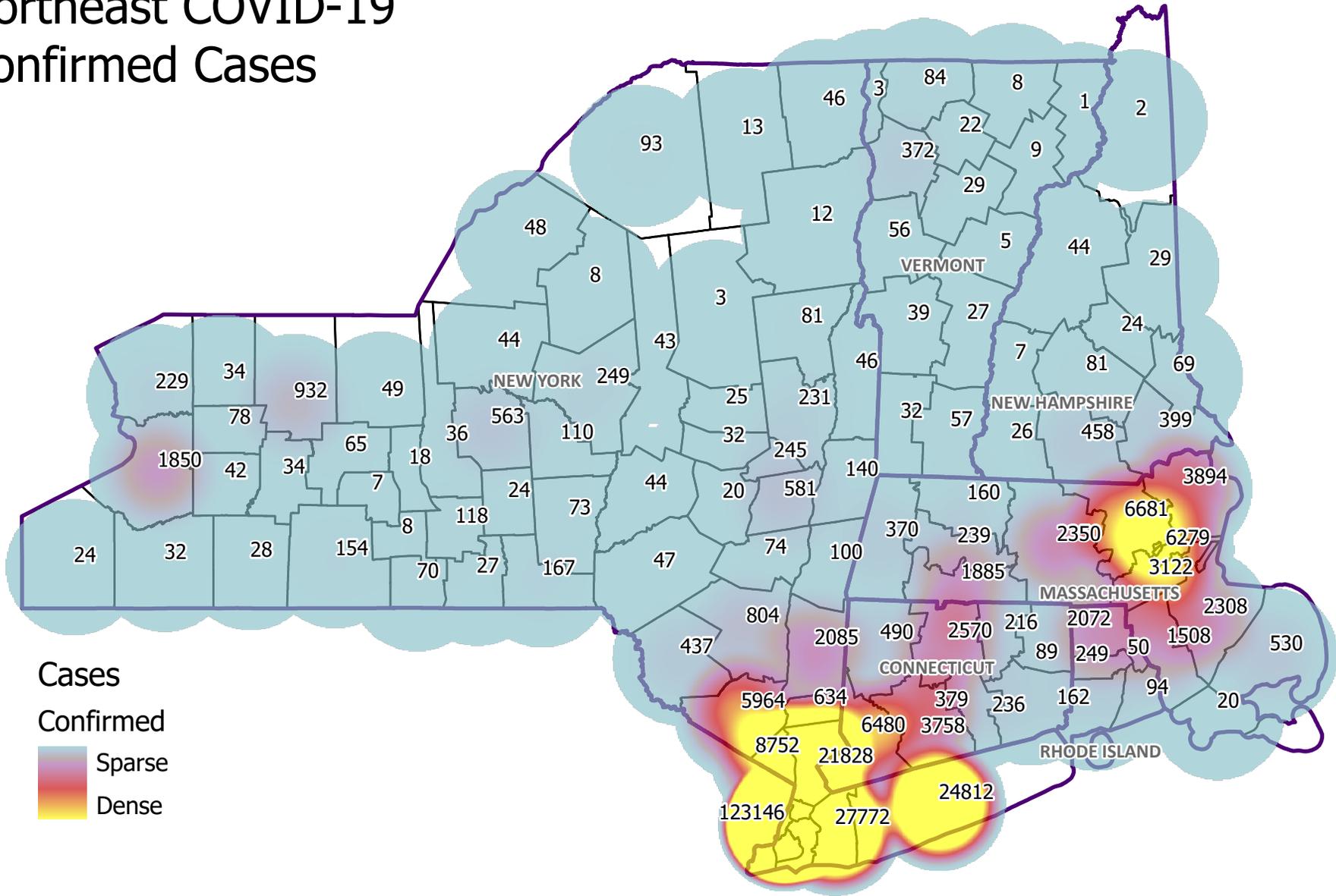


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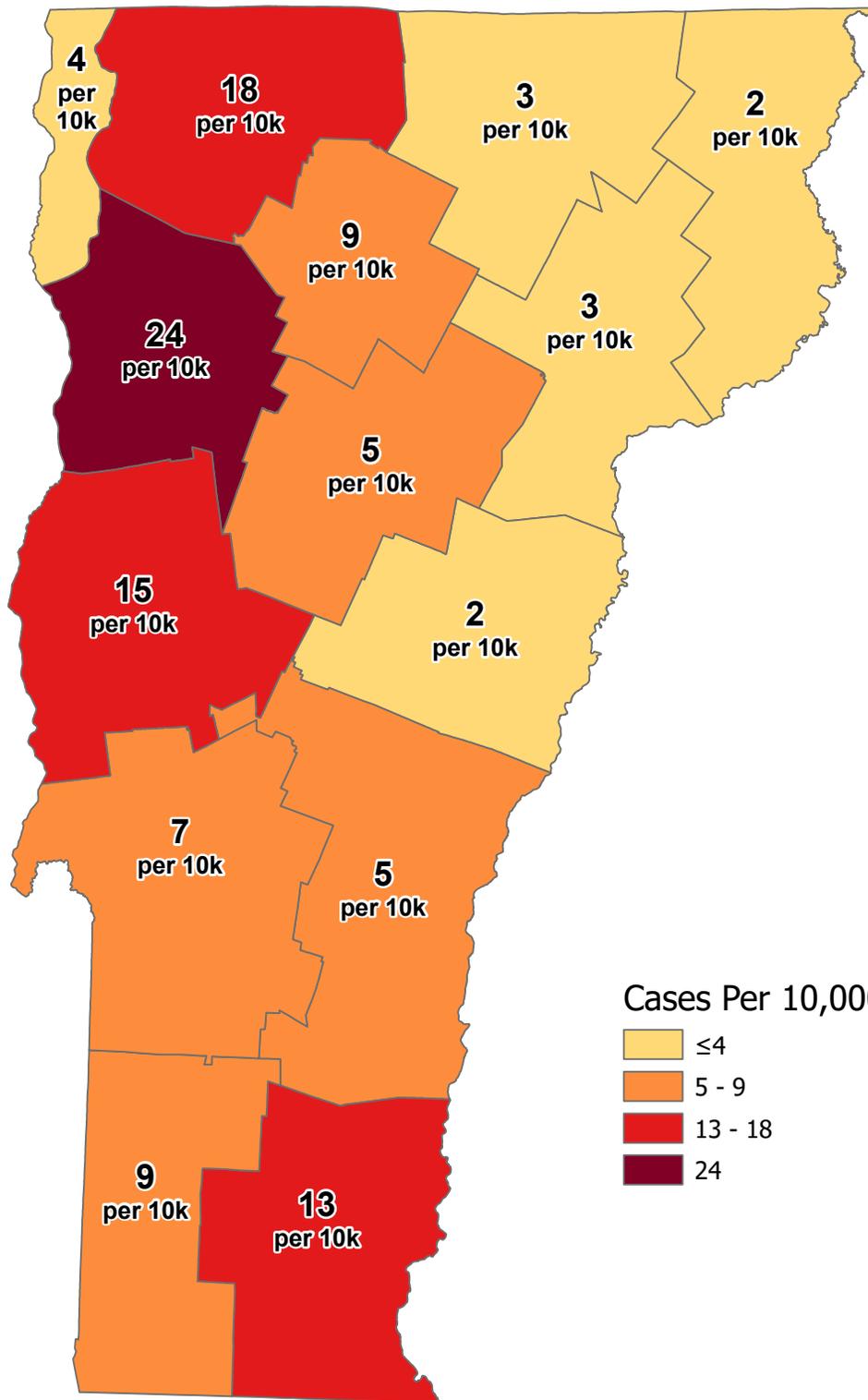


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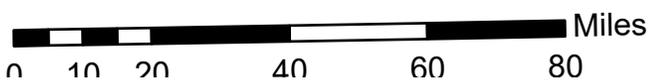
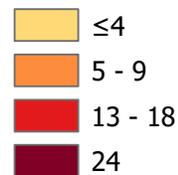
Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



Vermont COVID-19 Confirmed Cases per 10,000 people

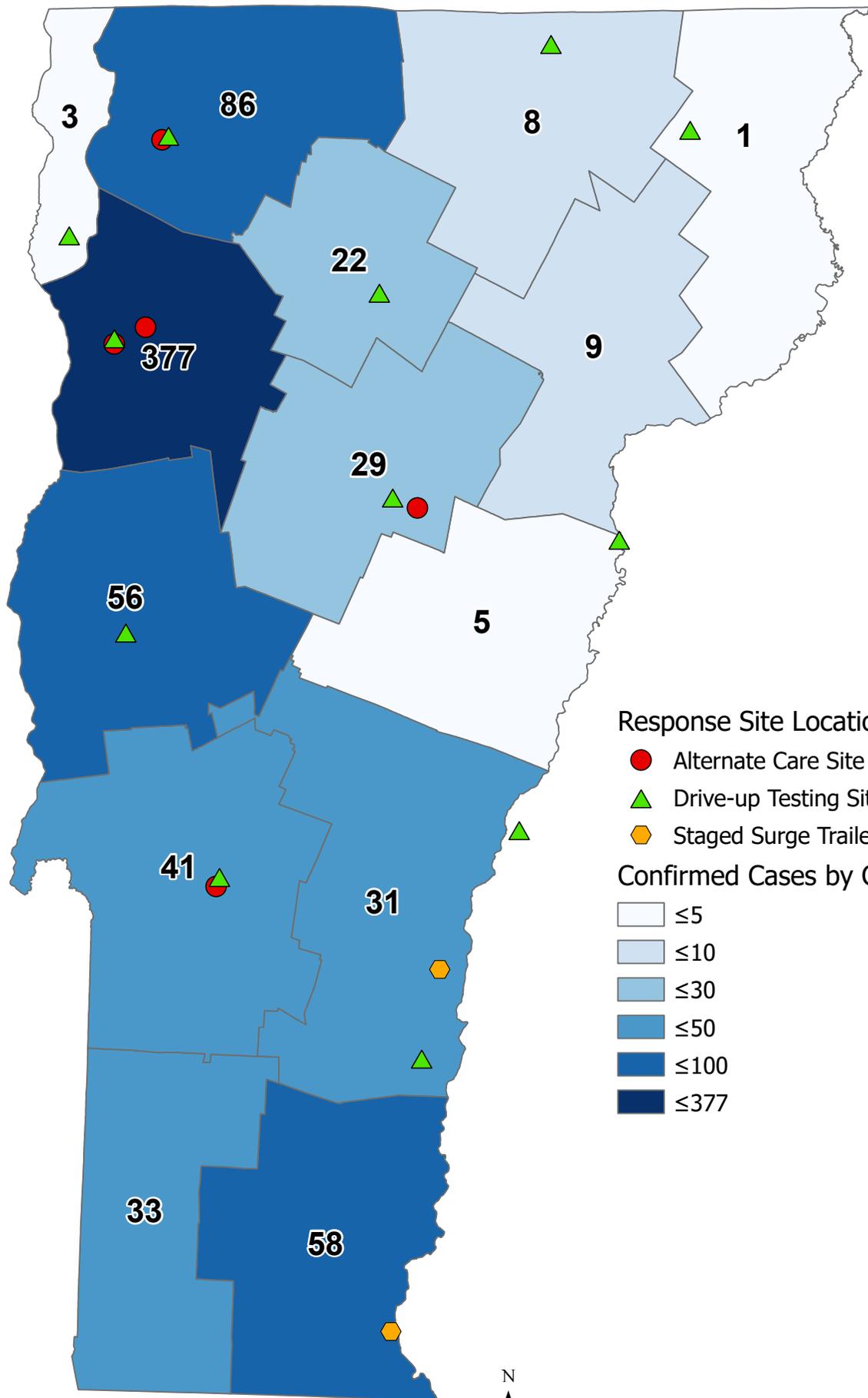


Cases Per 10,000 People



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Vermont COVID-19 Confirmed Cases & Response Sites

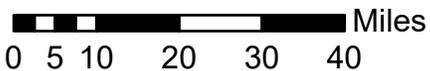


Response Site Location

- Alternate Care Site
- ▲ Drive-up Testing Site
- ⬡ Staged Surge Trailer

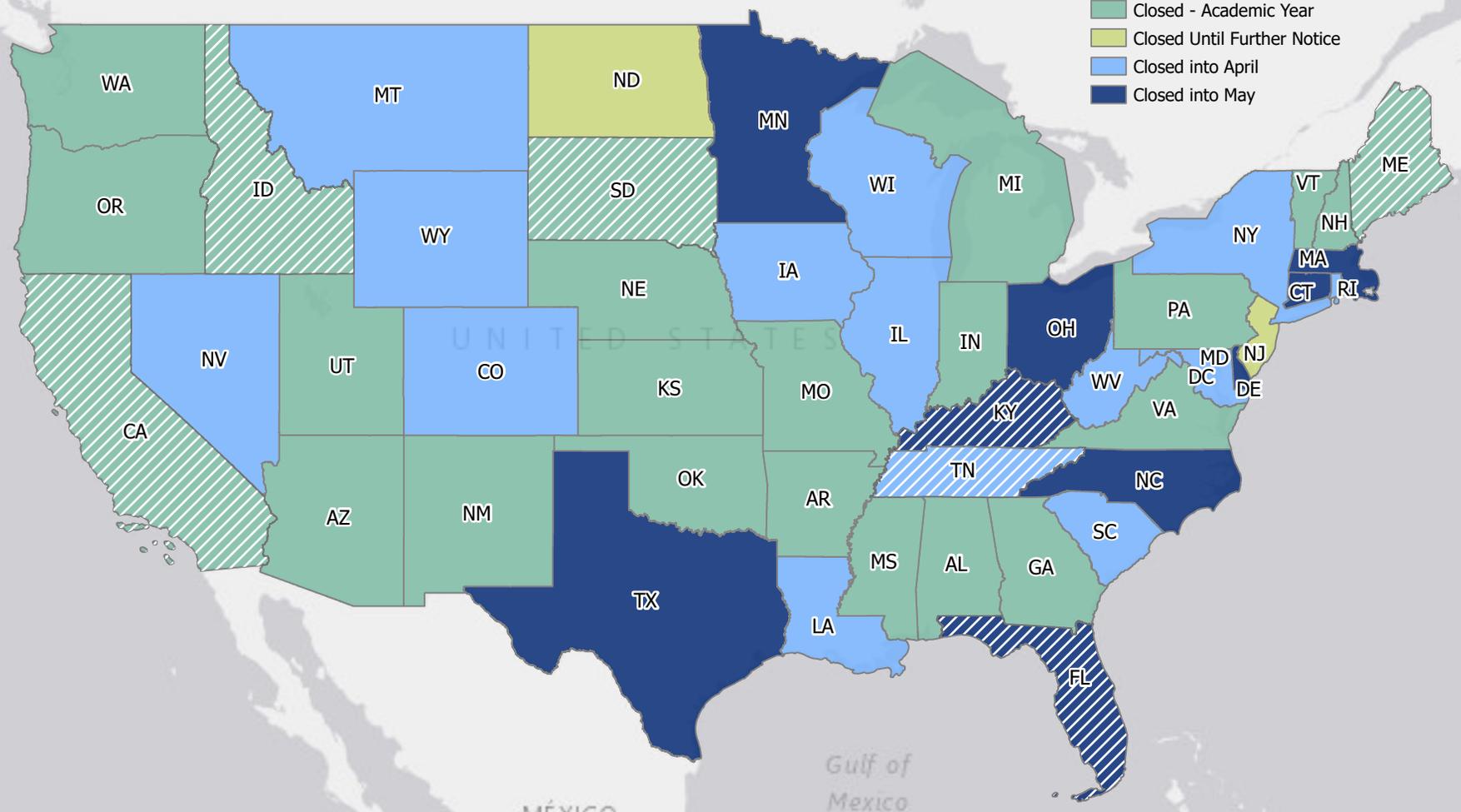
Confirmed Cases by County

- ≤5
- ≤10
- ≤30
- ≤50
- ≤100
- ≤377



United States School Closures

- Recommended Closed
- State Recommended Closure
 - Academic Year
 - Into April
 - Into May
- Closed
- State Closure Status
 - Closed - Academic Year
 - Closed Until Further Notice
 - Closed into April
 - Closed into May





Executive Summary COVID-19 Response April 16, 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



Red - most unstable or completely inadequate level of service
Yellow - functional but inadequate for stability of a consistent level of service
Green - stable

Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VT EMS expanded provisional licensure eligibility to practitioners whose license expired in 2016 and 2017 upon completion of online protocol update education. 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 extended 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. The Human Services Branch is working with the Area Agencies on Aging on a distribution plan for 20,000 frozen meals.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agency of Education is working on CARES Act and FEMA Public Assistance guidance for Vermont schools and is 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). Three tractor trailers, totaling 80,640 meals, are scheduled to be delivered on 3/17 to Food Bank locations. BGS has developed a list with hotels for potentially exposed health care workers and first responders if the need arises. The SEOC can assist with finding and securing housing for jurisdictions, agencies, or critical private non-profits such as hospitals if their ability to do so has been exceeded. The cost of such housing remains the responsibility of the requesting entity.
Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<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>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/16/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 768 Total tests conducted: 11,507 Deaths: 35 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 33 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 25 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program ran out of funding after approving \$843 million in loans to 4,896 Vermont businesses. Yesterday the Commissioner of Health reported that we are cautiously optimistic that Vermont's mitigation strategies seem to have an effect as we see Vermont's cases plateau. This is not a time to let up these measures, but rather to continue to be vigilant with social distancing measures. <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, Vernon.</p> <p>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported): Bethel, Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charlestown, 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"> VDH is standing up EMS COVID-19 testing teams. University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCC) continues to work on two new COVID-19 testing systems. VDH's Serology Testing Group provided recommendations to Commissioner Levine on 4/16. Serologic (i.e., antibody) testing reveals not only current but also past COVID-19 infections. Governor Scott and the Department of Financial Regulation announced a requirement for health insurers to waive patient costs associated with diagnosing and treating COVID-19. 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. UVMCC has received four VPro Decon units, allowing for the decontamination of N95 masks in-state. Four more units are inbound as soon as 4/18. The units will be installed at hospitals for healthcare and first responder use. The state continues to pursue the out-of-state Battelle system as a back-up. 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.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Alternate Care Site demobilization planning is underway. This will not be implemented as of yet, but ready to go when applicable.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Labor unofficially estimates unemployment in Vermont to be above 20%. 1,647 registrants signed up to volunteer on the state portal - with plans to deploy some at the Franklin Carriage House at the VT Food Bank. The Agency of Agriculture is helping producers and retailers reduce the need to dispose of milk and 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 Department of Corrections introduced a new web form to answer questions from inmates' friends and family.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Labor predicts that unemployment in the state could rise to 30%.