

Stay Home, Stay Safe

Together we can help save lives.



Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

04/19/2020 08:00 AM - 04/19/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

37

EOC Activation Level:

Full Activation

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

<p>Sunday</p>  <p>Likely Rain Showers</p> <p>56 F / 13 C 29 F / -1 C</p>	<p>Monday</p>  <p>Clear</p> <p>49 F / 9 C 32 F / 0 C</p>	<p>Tuesday</p>  <p>Definitely Rain Showers</p> <p>49 F / 9 C 25 F / -3 C</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>  <p>Clear</p> <p>38 F / 3 C 25 F / -3 C</p>	<p>Thursday</p>  <p>Chance of Rain Showers</p> <p>49 F / 9 C 32 F / 0 C</p>
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- **Tonight:** A 50 percent chance of showers, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Northwest wind around 10 mph. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
- **Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. North wind 3 to 8 mph.
- **Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph after midnight.



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

April 19, 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

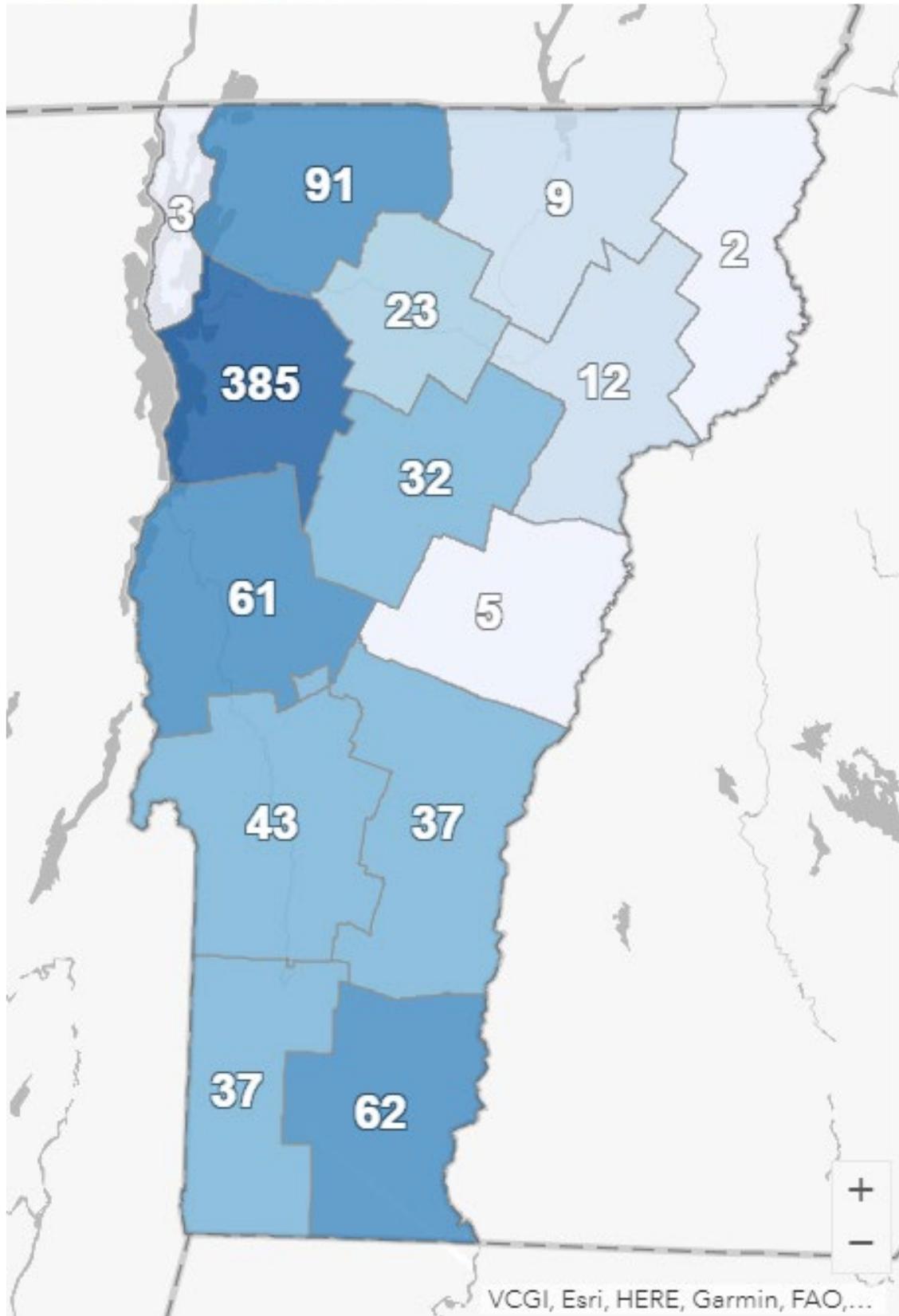
Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request approved for Title 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) authorization – allows for use of VT National Guard on full-time duty orders. Canada and the US are extending border restrictions for another 30 days. Nearly 200,000 people cross that border daily in normal times. The daily predicted fire danger for Vermont today was mostly moderate to low statewide.
	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, Vermont National Guard and Community Action Agencies to finalize a statewide feeding plan. ACCD has updated business FAQs and sector-specific guidance in response to Addendum 10 that allows certain sectors to begin to reopen, in strict accordance with mandatory health and safety requirements. The SEOC working with the VT Food Bank has completed the FEMA request for Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). Three tractor trailers, totaling 80,640 meals, were delivered yesterday to Food Bank locations in Barre, Rutland, and Brattleboro. SEOC will be implementing supplemental food distribution this week in support of the Vermont Foodbank. Several contracts are in place with supervisory unions to expand child nutrition programs and introduce adult nutrition programs. Farmers markets will be allowed to reopen May 1, following guidance currently being drafted by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agency of Education is working on FEMA Public Assistance guidance for Vermont schools and is updating their food service continuity of operations plan.
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.

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Key Information	<p>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/19/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 812 Total tests conducted: 12,726 Deaths: 38 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 27 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 26 <p>Executive Order Measures:</p> <p>On Friday, Governor Scott announced Addendum 10 which outlines a phased reopening of businesses in Vermont, and mandatory health & safety guidance that will be required of all businesses currently operation and those re-starting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mandatory health & safety requirements for all business operations includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employees must observe strict social distancing of 6 feet while on the job (2 people max per work vehicle) Employees must wear non-medical cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth when in the presence of others. Hand hygiene should be required before entering and leaving job sites, as well as frequent cleaning of all common spaces. Customers and the public in general are strongly encouraged to wear cloth face coverings any time they are interacting with others outside their household. Phased opening of businesses not defined as <i>essential</i> will start on Monday April 20th. Subject to the mandatory health and safety requirements stated above the following operations will be allowed to restart: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Businesses & Construction Operations Retail Operations; all orders must occur over the phone; no in-store transactions re allowed at this time. Low- or no-contact professional services such as appraisers, realtors, municipal clerks, attorneys, property managers, pet care operators, and others. <p>Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon. 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, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.</p>

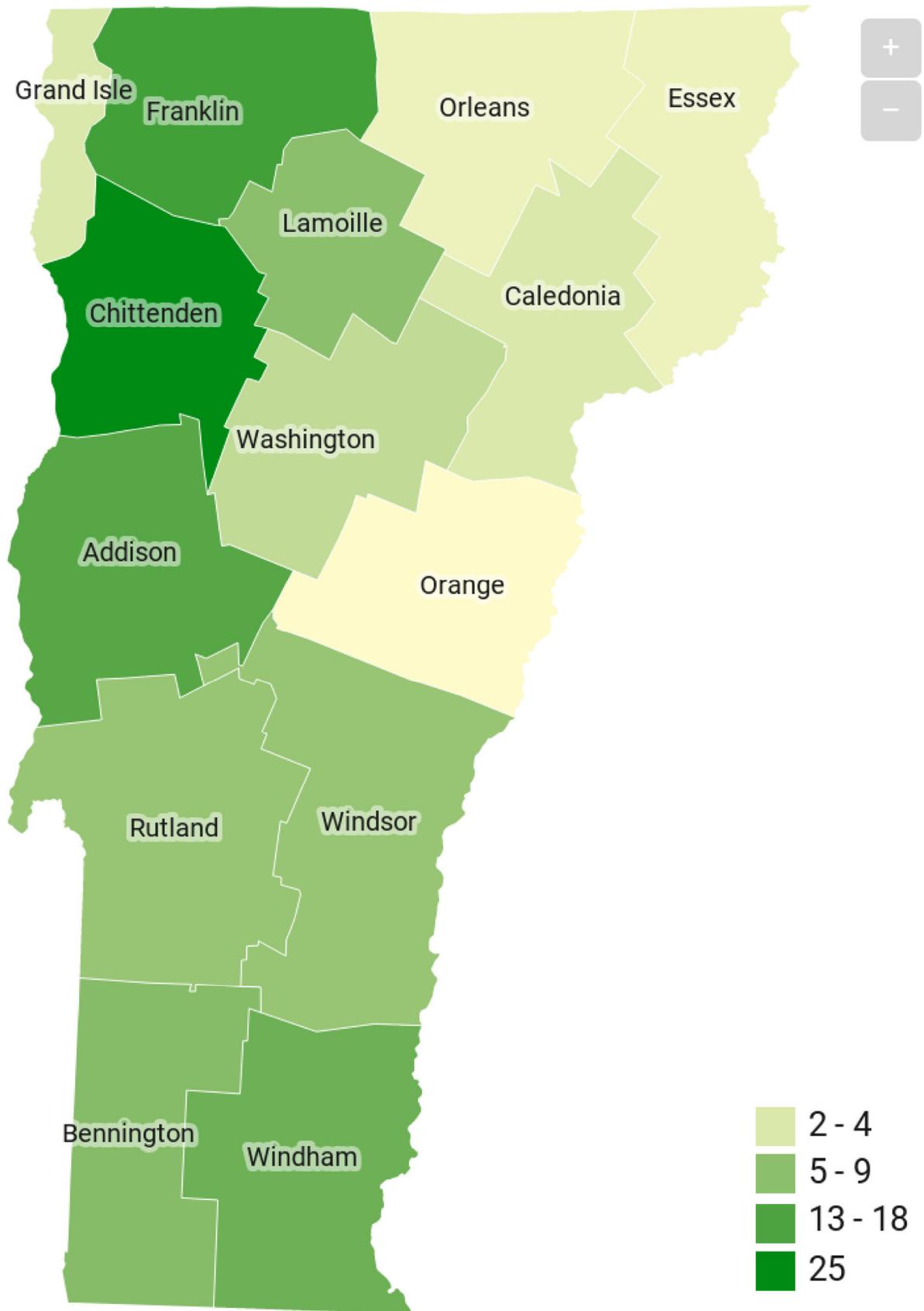
Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VDH is notifying residents and providers at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington and Decker Towers in Burlington of the results of extensive COVID-19 testing at those locations. VDH is standing up EMS COVID-19 testing teams. University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCMC) continues to work on two new COVID-19 testing systems. VDH's Serology Testing Group provided recommendations to Commissioner Levine, which he discussed during the 4/17 press conference. 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. Four additional V-PRO sterilization units are inbound for May 2. The V-PRO systems will be used to sterilize N95 respirators for the hospitals and other organizations in the areas. 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 alternative care facility to support skilled nursing needs. The Vermont Department of Health has begun reporting race and ethnicity data on COVID-19 positive cases. 10 specimens being tested for Long Term Care facility near Springfield. May lead to larger contact investigation, pending results.
	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 (DOL) has processed an estimated 80,000 initial unemployment insurance claims since March 15th. Vermonters not able to receive unemployment processing will still get \$1,200 check by Wednesday, and balances will be reconciled. 1,792 registrants signed up to volunteer on the state portal – with plans to deploy some at the Franklin Carriage House at the VT Food Bank. On April 18, Vermont 211 received 11 Covid-19-related calls. Calls were about the Stay Home Stay Safe Order and the Federal financial stimulus check. There were a few scattered power outages today.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No significant interruptions to service anticipated at this time.

COVID-19 Positive Cases by County

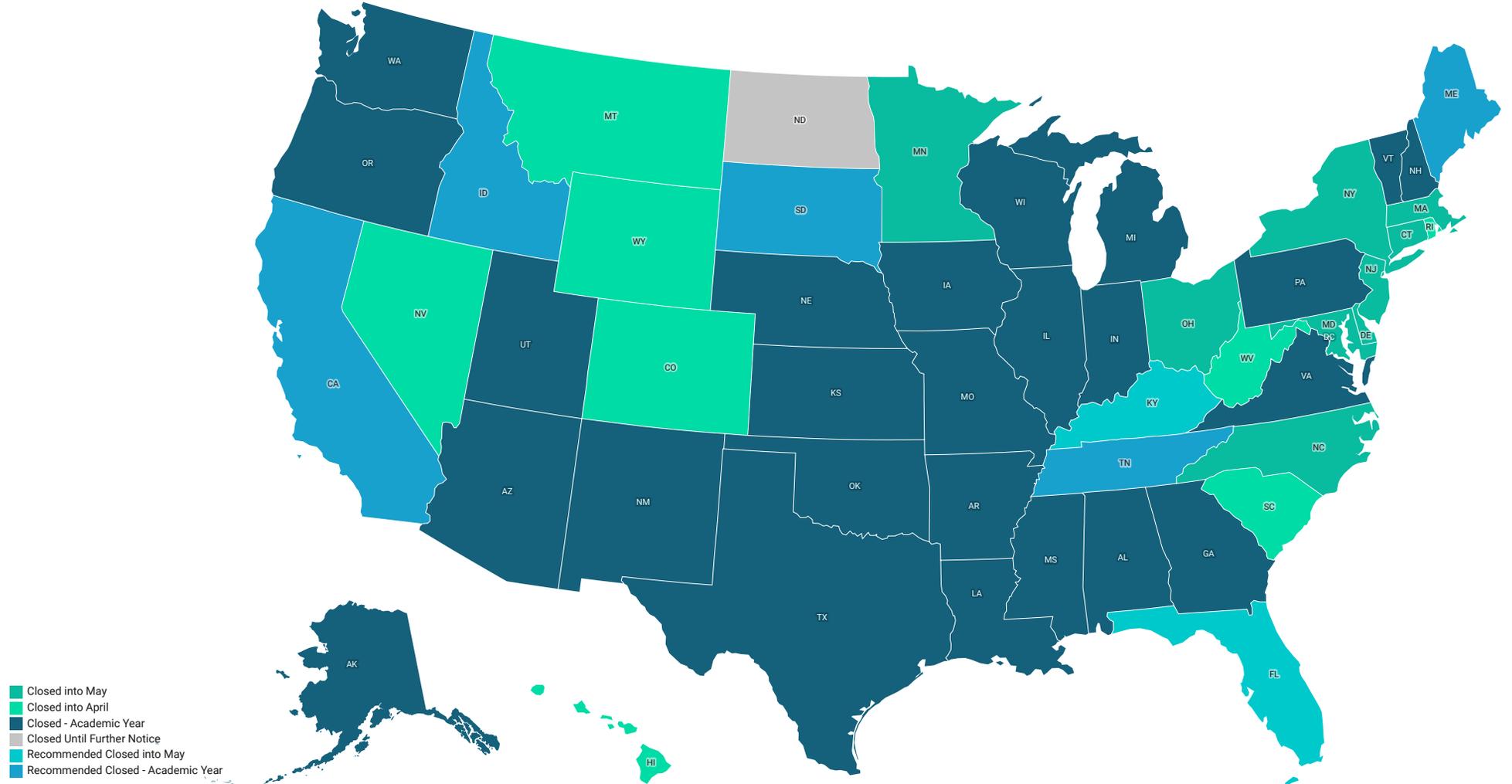


Updated: 4/19/2020
Source: VDH

VT COVID-19 Cases per 10,000 Residents



US School Closures



Updated 4/19/2020
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