

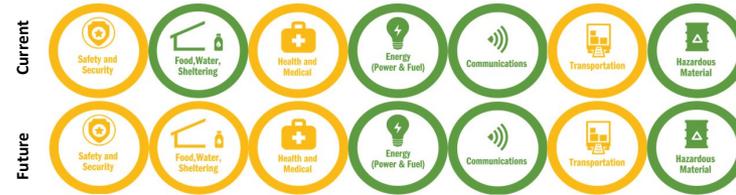


Executive Summary COVID-19 Response April 20, 2020 (1600 EDT)

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

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	
	Future	<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 EMS Office is developing plans for socially distanced EMS training.
Food, Water, Sheltering	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.
	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, completed the FEMA request for Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). Three tractor trailers, totaling 75,000 meals, were delivered on 4/18 to Food Bank locations in Barre, Rutland, and Brattleboro. 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. VAAFM is working with dairy cooperatives, processors and the Vermont Foodbank to move milk away from disposal and into products for the Foodbank. Costs and distribution issues are being reviewed this week.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agency of Education released guidance for school construction, is finalizing a family FAQ, and is working on additional continuity of learning guidance.
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 4/20/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 816 Total tests conducted: 12,981 Deaths: 38 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 24 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 25 <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.</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, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 4/19, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 1) emphasized existing requirements for nursing homes to notify the local health department of suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 2) previewed upcoming requirements to also inform their residents and the CDC of such information: https://www.cms.gov/files/document/gso-20-26-nh.pdf Over the weekend, VDH sent test kits to a nursing home and a Department of Corrections facility, for widespread testing at those locations. VDH is standing up EMS COVID-19 testing teams. VDH determined that serologic tests are not yet sufficiently reliable for use. 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. In addition to the 4 already in operation, 4 more V-PRO units were received and planning is underway for their distribution. The V-PRO systems are used to sterilize N95 respirators for hospitals and other organizations in the area. The Vermont Department of Health began reporting race and ethnicity data on COVID-19 positive cases. A FEMA RRF for various pharmaceuticals are being filled by the SNS and are en route to Vermont.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<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.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Labor (DOL) has processed an estimated 80,000 initial unemployment insurance claims since March 15th. DOL cleared 32,000 claims over the weekend. The remaining 8,384 Vermonters with unresolved claims will receive a \$1,200 check by Wednesday, and balances will be reconciled. 1,817 registrants signed up to volunteer on the state portal – some have been sent to the Franklin Carriage House and the frozen meat distribution operation at the Marshfield warehouse.