

Stay Home, Stay Safe

Together we can help save lives.



Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

04/20/2020 08:00 AM - 04/20/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

38

EOC Activation Level:

Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On April 20, 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.

Executive Order Measures:

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:

- The mandatory health & safety requirements for all business operations includes the following:
 - Not reporting to work if sick
 - Employees must observe strict social distancing of 6 feet while on the job
 - Employees must wear non-medical cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth when in the presence of others.
 - There must be easy and frequent access to soap and water or hand sanitizer during the duration of work, and hand hygiene should be required before entering and leaving job sites.
 - Frequent cleaning/disinfecting of all common spaces.
 - No more than two people shall occupy one vehicle when conducting work
 - Customers and the public in general are strongly encouraged to wear cloth face coverings any time they are interacting with others outside their household.
 - Business operations deemed “essential” may continue to operate under pre-existing guidance with the addition of the mandatory health and safety requirements for all business operations outlined above.
- Phased opening of businesses not defined as essential will started today. The business reopening is a phased process that is being driven by ACCD, VDH, and DPS as directed by Governor Scott. Subject to the mandatory health and safety requirements stated above and with some additional guidance, the following operations were allowed to restart today:
 - 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.
- Farmers markets will be allowed to reopen May 1, following guidance currently being drafted by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.
- Additional information and specific guidance for the phased reopening can be found on ACCD's website.

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

Total positive test results for COVID-19	816
Total tests for COVID-19	12,981
Deaths	38
People being monitored	28
People who have completed monitoring	813
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	24
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	25

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

4/19 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 9 calls, all from the general public.
- The most common call topics were the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (3 calls), transmission (2 calls), and testing (2 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

Public Information

- The Joint Information Center (JIC) drafted a press release and talking points about food distribution.
- The JIC shared new guidance for apartment and long-term care facility owners on preventing COVID-19:
 - Guidance for Managers and Owners: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Apartment Complexes: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-Prevention-Apartment-Complexes-final.pdf>
 - Guidance for Managers and Owners: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Senior Living Communities: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-Prevention-Senior-Living-final.pdf>

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) - some medicine reportedly ordered and shipped.
 - Testing materials, including swabs and test tubes (potentially will need to be filled by CDC International Reagent Resource (IRR)) - swabs beginning to be shipped.
 - 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 5 beds in use as of 4/19/2020.
- The Chittenden Recovery Center (Holiday Inn in South Burlington) has 2 adult residents (out of 160 beds).
- General Assistance Motel Summary (4/19/2020): 1,251 rooms; 1,428 adults; 245 children

Long-Term Care Facility Status:

- Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
- Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
- 4/20/2020 Census: 2,242
- 4/20/2020 bed availability: 457

Staffing Status:

- Temporary positions that were posted and interviews conducted are on hold (for RN, LPN, case management, and mental health specialist positions).
- 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, 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 and unloaded on 4/18 to Food Bank locations in Barre, Rutland, and Brattleboro.

- 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 began 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) reports that an identified gap in Addison County childcare has been closed: all Essential Persons in Addison County appear to have found childcare.
- CDD reports instances of successful “Point of Need Childcare” where childcare providers have chosen to deploy teachers to homes of Essential Persons, instead of utilizing a facility, to address capacity needs.
- 1,109 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form for 1,777 children. 328 Essential Persons requested help for 517 school-aged children, 392 Essential Persons requested help for 548 children under 6, and 151 Essential Persons requested help for 347 children in both age groups. The remaining 238 Essential Persons representing 365 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- The Agency of Education released guidance for school construction, is finalizing a family FAQ, and is working on additional continuity of learning guidance.

Health & Medical Branch

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Hospitals:

- Bed availability statewide (as of 0900 on 4/20/2020):
 - 752 total beds
 - 52 ICU beds
 - 379 medical surge beds
 - 145 isolation beds

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.
- 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.
- N-95 sterilization capabilities are extended to health care-oriented facilities by local hospitals that received new Steris V-Pro systems from the state.

Testing:

- 225 specimens were tested over the weekend at the Department of Health (VDH) Lab.
- Over the weekend, test kits were distributed for testing at a nursing home and a Department of Corrections site.

- The VDH Serology Testing Work Group from epidemiology, the labs, and infectious disease providers made recommendations to Commissioner Levine on April 16, and he shared them with the public on April 17. No specific testing is planned until a highly valid test is available.
- The University of Vermont Medical Center Lab continues to test new systems today (one internal design and one Cepheid).

Logistics Branch

- Resource procurement status:
 - 4 VPro units (for decontaminating used N95 masks) are installed and operational. A further 4 VPro units have been received and planning is underway for their distribution.
 - The contracts are complete for providing ramps and security for the 4 temporary mortuary sites.
 - Work continues to identify potential locations for a fixed mortuary facility along the preferred route if needed.
 - Rutland Regional and St. Albans Alternate Care Sites have requested some supplies, which are being sourced through Buildings and General Services (BGS) contracts and the University of Vermont Medical Center.
 - 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 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 the Judiciary on plans for barriers in courthouses.
 - The branch is working with Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living staff for fit testing of protective masks.
 - The branch is working on procuring HEPA filters for mask ventilation.
- 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): 150 personnel.
 - SEOC liaisons - 3 personnel
 - Joint Operations Center Augmentation- 12 personnel
 - Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse Support: 10 personnel
 - Logistical support to food shelves and mass feeding plan at the CPOD site.
 - Provided mask fitting for Holiday Inn Isolation site.
- The Agency of Transportation (AOT):
 - AOT continues to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) warehouse.
 - AOT is collecting, delivering, and storing donated PPE. The donated PPE will be inspected for SNS distribution 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: 673
- New applicants needing background checks - 819
- 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: 285
 - Positions posted in recruitment: 87
 - Applications received: 299
 - Offers made: 10
 - Direct hires: 13
- SerVermont
 - There are 29 volunteers assigned to the 211 call center.
 - 1,817 people signed up to volunteer
 - Pending requests:
 - Franklin Carriage House – 1 sent.
 - Frozen meal distribution – 5 sent to the Marshfield warehouse for assistance.
 - 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 4/17/2020:

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	38
Orders Filled	25
Percentage Filled	66%
Total Unfilled Orders	13
Behavioral Health	0
EMS	1
Hospital	0
Long-Term Care	3
Outpatient Care	3
Public Safety	1
Residential Home	0

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 is scheduled to receive a shipment of 500 thermometers this afternoon. If the order is received as scheduled, the plan for distribution will come out after tomorrow's Status of Orders meeting.
- The branch is still awaiting the 2nd order of 500 thermometers. As of 4/17, the order is expected to arrive on 4/27.

Other Updates:

- Pharmaceutical FEMA request: UVM acknowledged FEMA's resource request form (RRF) (the original RRF was denied on 4/7). FEMA is now aiding UVMMC in sourcing medication requested, as UVMMC and the State cannot get an account with the pharmaceutical manufacturers.
- UVMMC and VDH both requested HEPA filters, to be sourced by BGS. UVMMC confirmed they cannot source these filters.
- The branch is waiting to receive a Vermont National Guard PPE request through the order survey. This request is in support of the distribution of food (including MREs) for those in need across the state.
- Another order of Caledonia Spirit hand sanitizer is expected to be delivered to the SNS warehouse today.
- The SNS warehouse has a surplus of cloth coveralls, which are taking up too much space in the warehouse and need to be moved; they will be returned to the donation warehouse.
- The branch is working with the Department of Corrections on PPE requests and how best to meet their needs.
- The branch ordered a Fit Test Solution today from the ATC Group, a local company.
- The branch ordered Fit Test kits from MES today, but is still waiting for an estimated delivery date - 3M has a back log of orders. The initial delivery window is 3-10 weeks.

Economic Development Branch

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

- **New Stay Home, Stay Safe Guidance**— Starting today, Addendum 10 allows certain sectors to begin to reopen, in strict accordance with mandatory health and safety requirements. The changes affect outdoor businesses, construction operations, retail operations, and low- or no-contact

professional services such as appraisers, attorneys, realtors, and others.

- **Updated Sector Guidance:** <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance>
- **Updated Business FAQs:** <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19-guidance/stay-home-stay-safe-business-faqs>
- **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>
- **Chat bot** – The tool quickly searches Home, Stay Safe guidance to answer questions. The top questions are about unemployment, campgrounds, municipal road crews, and whether people can rent out apartments. The chat bot is here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/ask-a-question>
- **Employer Grants and Loans** – Congressional negotiators are close to a deal that will add \$310 billion to the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and \$60 billion to the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EDIL) program. Professional advisors are standing by to provide free and confidential counseling to any business considering applying to these programs. Contact information for business assistance is here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business/assistance>. Paid social media ads are running to increase the reach of this ask.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL):

- **Unemployment Claims Backlog** – DOL cleared 32,000 claims over the weekend. The remaining 8,384 Vermonters with unresolved claims issues were mailed \$1,200 payments.
- **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)** – DOL aims to launch a new application portal on Tuesday for self-employed workers and independent contractors to claim unemployment benefits. More information is available here: https://labor.vermont.gov/CARESact_Vermont/SelfEmployed
- **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>
- **UI Claims Overview, April 5 - April 11 (published April 16, updated every Thursday)**
 - Continued Claims: 31,204
 - New Claims: 9,662
 - Estimated Initial Claims Processed since March 15: 80,000
 - Payments: \$8 million paid last week
 - Trust Fund Balance: over \$500 million
 - Estimated Unemployment (unofficial): Greater than 20%, could rise to 30%

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND MARKETS (VAAFAM):

- **Farmers Markets** – AAFM is developing guidance to enable their safe operation by May 1.
- **Documenting Economic Impacts** – AAFM's Business Impacts Survey received 140 responses between March 19 and April 16. Updated snapshot of impacts:
 - Of those 140 businesses, 16% reported closing their business (doubling from 8% last week), 47% reported being partially open, and 37% reported being fully operational.
 - The average loss of employees per business was 26%. Five businesses indicated they are hiring additional employees.
 - Estimated economic losses total \$13,629,900 from the 120 (of 140) reporting businesses, with a median of \$19,000 per business (increase of \$3,000 per business over last week).
- **Milk Dumping** – Contact has been made with dairy cooperatives, dairy processors and Vermont Foodbank of moving milk away from disposal and into products for the Foodbank. Costs and distribution issues are being reviewed this week.
- **Meat Processing** – Vermont processors are operating at capacity with higher demand for

services. Many slaughter facilities are booked out eight weeks. Nationally, meat and poultry facilities are facing shutdowns due to COVID-19.

VERMONT RETAIL AND GROCERS' ASSOCIATION (VRGA):

Supply Chain (updated every Tuesday)

- **Bread** – There is available supply, but with limited varieties.
- **Milk** – There is ample supply.
- **Eggs** – The supply is improving, and prices have dropped.
- **Cheese** – The supply is improving.
- **Paper & Bath Tissue** – The supply of paper towels 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; it's still a struggle to get a 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.
- **Produce, Deli, Bakery** – There is ample supply.
- **Pasta/Canned Veggies/Box Prepared Products** – Supply is coming in regularly; however, manufacturers' allocations are not meeting demand.

Link to stores providing designated store hours and alternative shopping methods: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b859U4ovN_JD-O0c_8HQwu6n1cYi0NZcEro6CQGd388/edit#gid=0

Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

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

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

Department / Agencies Reports:

Emergency Medical Services (VTEMS) -

- VTEMS is meeting with the State EMS Advisory Committee to discuss a COVID-19 response education plan.
- VTEMS is updating and distributing its weekly EMS District survey.
- VTEMS is finalizing the 2020 protocol updates.
- VTEMS is finalizing contracts for EMS testing agencies.

Public Service Department (PSD) -

- No infrastructure issues or disruptions in service.

Agency of Digital Services (ADS) -

- No outages reported.

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

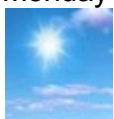




- No disruptions in service.

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

- 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/1OGeqb0>. Data and reports from the Weekly Fire Department Capabilities Survey are on this dashboard.
- Predicted fire danger for Vermont on Monday, April 20, 2020 is MODERATE.

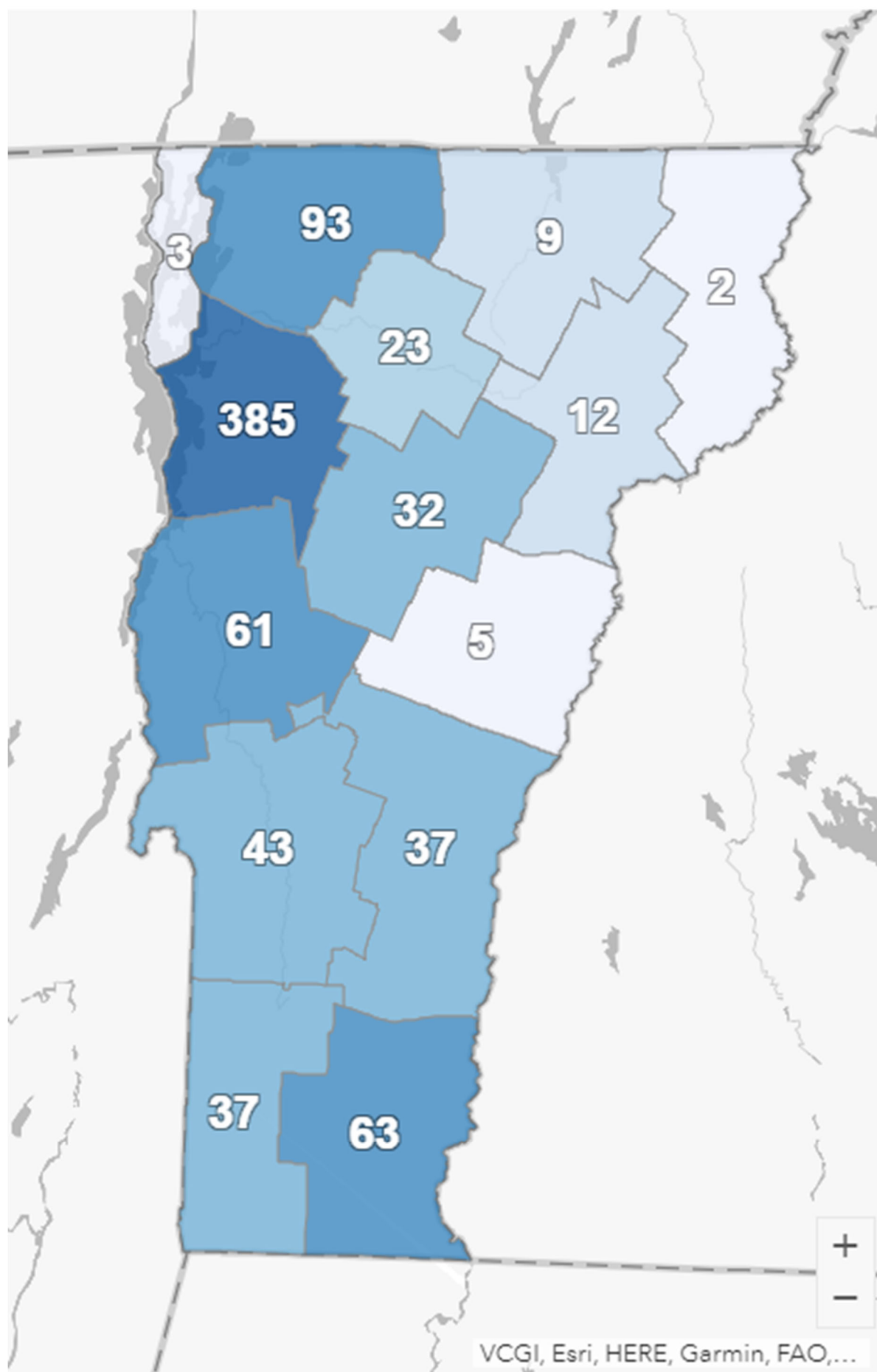
Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

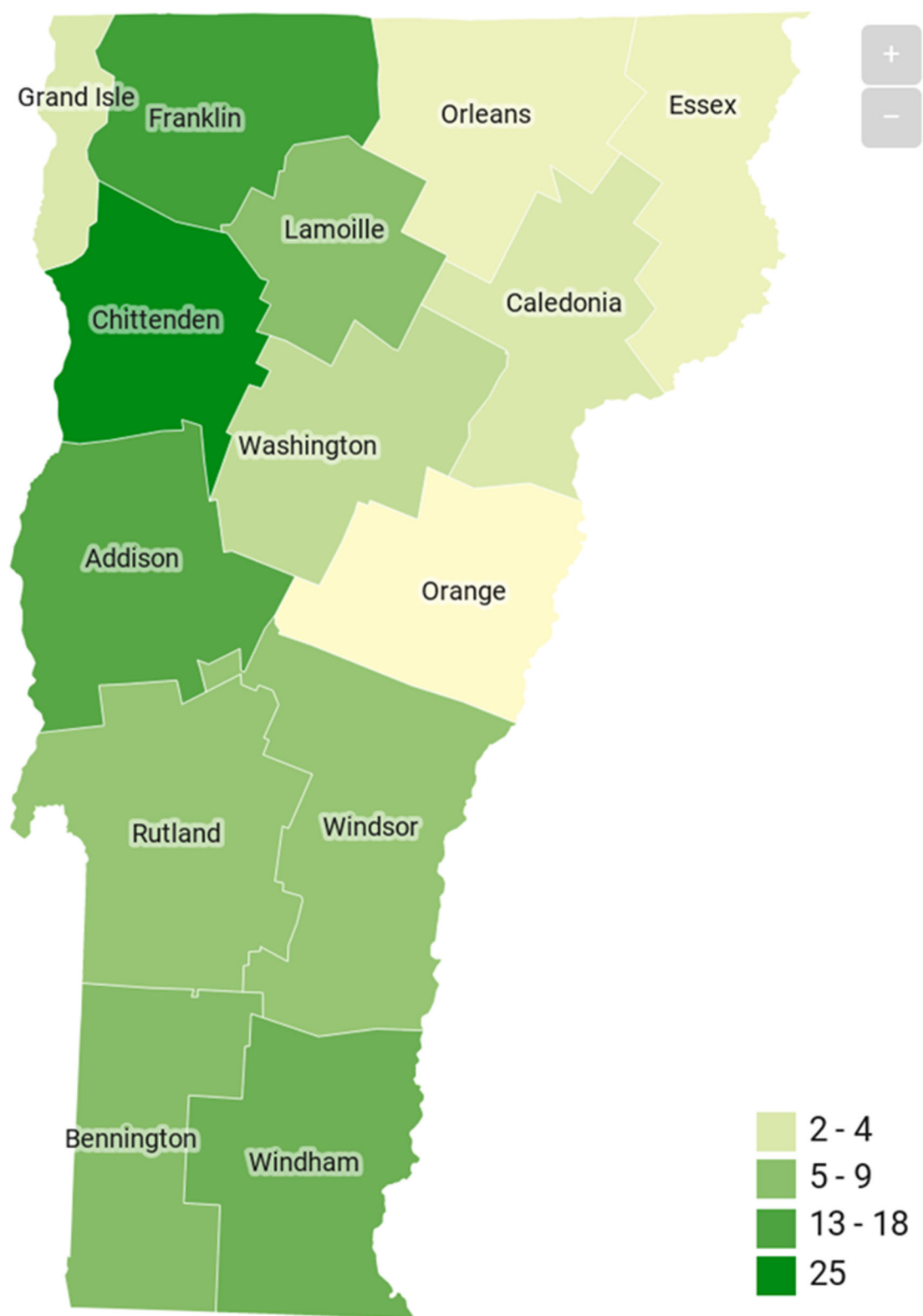
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Clear	Definitely Rain Showers	Chance of Snow Showers	Chance of Snow	Chance of Snow
48 F / 8 C 29 F / -1 C	49 F / 9 C 24 F / -4 C	37 F / 2 C 21 F / -6 C	48 F / 8 C 28 F / -2 C	51 F / 10 C 31 F / 0 C

- **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 30. Light and variable wind.
- **Tuesday:** A chance of showers, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after 1pm. High near 51. Southeast wind 7 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 32 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.
- **Tuesday Night:** A chance of rain showers before 9pm, then rain and snow showers likely between 9pm and 10pm, then snow showers likely after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. West wind 9 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

COVID-19 Positive Cases by County

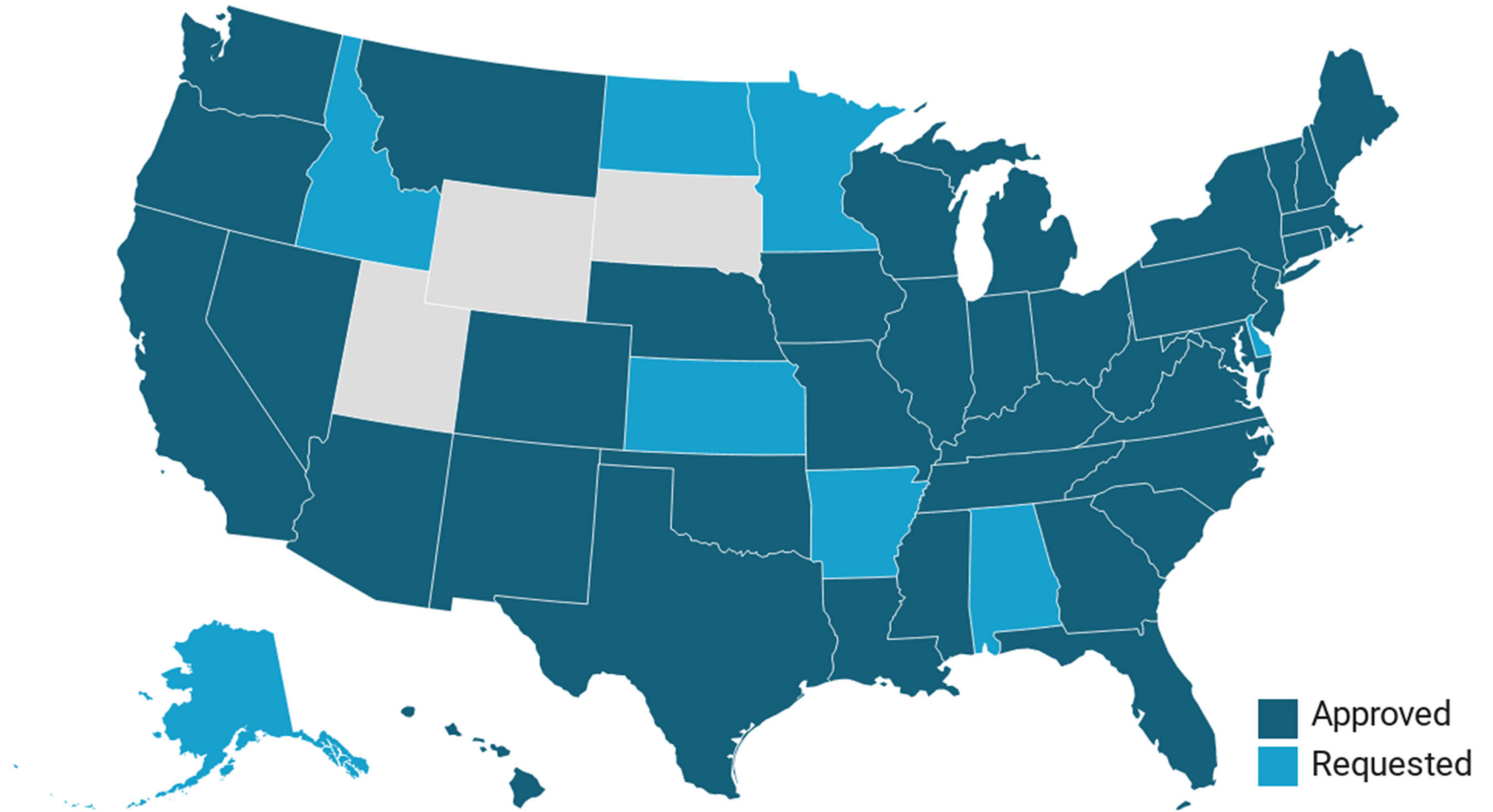


VT COVID-19 Cases per 10,000 Residents



Map: Lee Dorf • Source: VDH • Created with Datawrapper

Title 32 Orders



Updated 4/20/2020 by Tory Littlefield

Map: Brett Pierce • Source: FEMA NRCC • Created with Datawrapper



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

Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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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 EMS Office is developing plans for socially distanced EMS training.
	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, 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), Charleston, 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"> 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.
	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. 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 meal distribution operation at the Marshfield warehouse.
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