

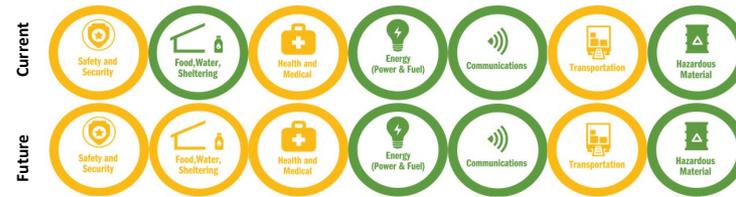


Executive Summary COVID-19 Response April 21, 2020 (1600 EDT)

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	<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, and is preparing an RFP to support a hybrid education program.
	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. 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 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, additional guidance is 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 is working on FEMA PA guidance for schools (currently awaiting a FEMA update), updating continuity of operations for school nutrition directors, finalizing a family FAQ, and 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	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 4/21/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 818 Total tests conducted: 13,111 Deaths: 40 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 21 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 20 <p>Key Updates: The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard announced today that food will be distributed to those in need at five locations around the state starting 4/22. The National Guard will set up and operate Points of Distribution (PODs) at state airports in Swanton, North Clarendon, Newport, Bennington, and North Springfield on separate days over the next two weeks. Those in need of food can go to these locations on the appointed days and receive a seven-day supply of Meals Ready-to-Eat (MRE) for each member of their household. Dates and locations can be found at vem.vermont.gov/pods.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phased opening of businesses not defined as <i>essential</i> started yesterday. Subject to mandatory health and safety requirements, 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 4/21, VDH sent test kits to a nursing home and a Department of Corrections facility, for widespread testing at those locations. 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. VDH is finalizing contracts for augmenting COVID-19 testing staffing with EMS practitioners. 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
	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 yet, but is ready to go.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many Vermont businesses are eligible for a \$5,000 grant from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. More information at https://savesmallbusiness.com/ 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.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOL aims to launch a new application portal by Wednesday for self-employed workers and independent contractors to claim unemployment benefits.