



# Executive Summary

## COVID-19 Response

April 27, 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



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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 4/23, the SEOC sent guidance to healthcare workers and first responders on the protocol for decontaminating used N95 masks at local hospitals.</li> <li>Canada and the US are extending border restrictions for another 30 days. Nearly 200,000 people cross that border daily in normal times.</li> <li>The EMS Office is developing plans for socially distanced EMS training, and is preparing an RFP to support a hybrid education program.</li> <li>VOSHA has released the mandatory Health and Safety Training required of all businesses, non-profit and government entities. The training can be found on the <a href="#">VOSHA website</a> and must be completed by May 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EMS Office plans to roll out the 2020 EMS protocol update on May 15<sup>th</sup>, with all accompanying training available online.</li> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last week, the Vermont National Guard has distributed a total of 168,192 meals at distribution sites in Swanton and Clarendon. The demand continues to be much higher than anticipated. On Wednesday 4/29, VTNG will distribute MREs at the Hartness State Airport in Springfield.</li> <li>ACCD continues to work in close contact with the Vermont Retail Grocers' Association to monitor supply chain issues. As of 4/22, the supply chain is in good shape outside of bread, sugar, bath tissue, sanitizer, and cleaning products which remain strained.</li> <li>Farmers markets will be allowed to reopen May 1, additional guidance was released 4/24 by the Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets.</li> <li>Beginning today, nurseries, garden centers, and greenhouses, may resume in-person operations in accordance with strict health and safety requirements.</li> <li>VAAFM is working with dairy cooperatives, processors and the Vermont Foodbank to move milk away from disposal and into products for the Foodbank.</li> <li>AHS has begun planning efforts with VHD to develop a strategy to transition homeless Vermonters out of hotels &amp; motels.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency of Education is working on guidance regarding school nutrition, financial tracking, and FEMA Public Assistance.</li> </ul>
Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bus route modifications can be found at: <a href="https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/">https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/</a></li> <li>Vermont Translines suspended their bus service through May 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Governor Scott suspended Amtrak service to Vermont indefinitely.</li> </ul>

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 largest number of cases in the United States. The disease the virus causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").
Key Information	<p><b>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/27/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive test results: 855</li> <li>Total tests conducted: 15,073</li> <li>Deaths: 47</li> <li>Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 11</li> <li>Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 22</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Updates:</b></p> <p>The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard distributed food to those in need in Rutland County on Friday. A total of 125,952 meals were distributed. Dates of distribution for the Springfield, Bennington, and Newport locations have been pushed back. Next distribution will be on Wednesday. All dates and locations can be found at <a href="http://vem.vermont.gov/pods">vem.vermont.gov/pods</a>.</p> <p><b>Executive Order Measures:</b></p> <p>Today, Governor Scott announced Addendum 11 expanding on Addendum 10, which outlined a phased reopening of businesses in Vermont, to include: outdoor businesses, construction operations and recreation maintenance work with a maximum of five total workers per location, effective April 27. Subject to mandatory health and safety requirements, the following operations will be allowed to restart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manufacturing and distribution operations, and interior construction of uninhabited structures, may resume operations with a maximum of five employees in one location. Employees must maintain a minimum of 6ft distance.</li> <li>Outdoor retail space, previously restricted to curbside or delivery service, can allow in-person shopping with a maximum of 10 total people.</li> <li>All employers shall provide training and a written copy of standard operating procedures to be developed by the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Agency.</li> <li>Farmers Markets may open May 1 with strict alterations that focus on food distribution and prevent congregating.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local State of Emergency:</b> Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.</p> <p><b>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported):</b> 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"> <li>The state is only delivering medical gowns to hospitals with COVID-19 positive patients, due to a gown shortage. The SEOC Logistics Branch is working on establishing a laundry service for reusable gowns.</li> <li>Starting on 4/23, VDH is analyzing test kits collected from multiple nursing homes and a Department of Corrections facility, to gain a broad understanding of viral spread at those locations.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>In addition to the 4 already in operation, 4 more V-PRO units are set to arrive 5/2 and a plan has been approved for their distribution. The V-PRO systems are used to sterilize N95 respirators for hospitals and other organizations in the area. A letter to skilled nursing facilities (among others) shared the points of contact for these hospitals.</li> <li>VDH is finalizing contracts for augmenting COVID-19 testing staffing with EMS practitioners.</li> <li>22 Vermont companies currently making cloth face coverings: <a href="https://vem.vermont.gov/covid19/facecovering">https://vem.vermont.gov/covid19/facecovering</a></li> <li>The Federal government distributed cloth face coverings to all states. Vermont will be receiving an allocation this week.</li> <li>One Alternate Care Site is currently operable in Chittenden County with four other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site has six COVID-19 positive patients, and two non-covid-19 patients.</li> <li>An aggressive testing strategy focused on health care staff and certain patients is planned for this week.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. No sites are being demobilized at this time.</li> </ul>
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOL received 6,598 new unemployment insurance claims in the week ending on April 18<sup>th</sup>, which is down from 9,662 claims the week prior.</li> <li>1,971 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 Plainfield warehouse. A list of local volunteers is being sent to Upper Valley Strong.</li> <li>Paycheck Protection Program applications will be accepted from participating lenders as of 1030 today, 4/27.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SBA Vermont District Office is hosting a <a href="#">free daily webinar</a> from 9-1000 (Mon – Fri) to discuss the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Advance.</li> </ul>