

Stay Home, Stay Safe

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Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

04/27/2020 08:00 AM - 04/27/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

43

EOC Activation Level:

Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On April 27, 2020 the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was fully activated from 0800 to 1600, using a completely virtual structure. The SEOC will be fully activated during the week and partially activated through the weekend until further notice.

Key Updates:

The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard will set up and operate Commodity Points of Distribution (CPODs) 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 are listed below (and on the attached map):

- Wednesday, April 29 - Hartness State Airport (Weathersfield/Springfield)
- Thursday, April 30 - William H Morse State Airport (Bennington)
- Friday, May 1 - Northeast Kingdom International Airport (Coventry/Newport)

Executive Order Measures:

On April 24, 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 today.

- Manufacturing and distribution operations, and interior construction of uninhabited structures, may resume operations with a maximum of five employees in one location, if they are low-density and ensure employees are always six feet apart. Workers from out of state must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival; lodging properties remain closed to guests, except those previously exempted such as essential workers.
- Outdoor retail space, previously restricted to curbside or delivery service, can allow in-person shopping with a maximum of 10 total people.
- Farmers Markets may open May 1 with strict alterations that focus on food distribution and prevent congregating. They must meet the same health and safety requirements of all other operations and are directed to use a pre-order/pick-up model whenever possible.
- All employers shall provide training and a written copy of standard operating procedures to be developed by the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Agency (VOSHA), in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health (VDH).
- Customers, and the public in general, are encouraged to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth any time they are interacting with others from outside their households.

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/27/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	855
Total tests for COVID-19	15,073
Deaths	47
People being monitored	13
People who have completed monitoring	830
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	11
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	22

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

4/25-4/26 Call Statistics from 211:

- Over the weekend 211 received 15 calls, the vast majority from the general public (14 calls).
- The most common call topics were work (4 calls) and the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (4 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

Public Information

- Promoted phase 2 of the state's economic re-start:
 - Agency of Commerce and Community Development social media material and website: <https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order>.
 - The Department of Labor link to the mandatory safety training tied to re-opening industry: <https://labor.vermont.gov/VOSHA>.
 - Farmers Market
Guidance: https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/Farmers%20Market%20Guidance%2004.24.20.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1NWCAu_IA931pG0NsCgkp-3CBcCA9Sj0zSjRsp-bNF7pDQbSKAA8QBPKA
 - Department of Libraries curbside pickup: <https://libraries.vermont.gov/covid19/curbsideguidelines?fbclid=IwAR1kXKUTTCxG2uTNTVMDIN6NLGfDnde3Buer2XFcyF7au-OL-1mqdweaq7Q>

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) - partially filled, awaiting availability of remaining products
 - Testing materials, including swabs and test tubes (potentially will need to be filled by CDC International Reagent Resource (IRR))
 - HEPA filters for hospital and EMS personnel
 - PPE including gowns, gloves, coveralls, aprons, boot covers
 - MREs to Rutland and Berlin Armories
 - Boxed Meals
- 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.

Medical Logistics Branch

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update as of Close of Day 4/24/2020:

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	38
Orders Filled	24
Percentage Filled	63%
Total Unfilled Orders	14
Behavioral Health	0
EMS	2
Hospital	3
Long-Term Care	7

Outpatient Care	0
Public Safety	0
Residential Home	0
Other	2

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 branch is expecting an update from the University of Vermont (UVM) regarding an infrared thermometer order that was supposed to arrive today.

Other Updates:

- Due to a shortage of gowns, orders for gowns continue to only be filled for facilities dealing with COVID-19 positive patients until the supply is replenished.
- The SNS Warehouse is applying for an emergency Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number as they will no longer accept the DEA number assigned to the Department of Health. Each reception site must have its own number. The branch will have to apply each time there is a pharmaceutical order.
- There is an updated Fit Test request in DLAN to include 15 more 4oz bottles of solution to cover incoming requests.
- An RRF for Nitrile gloves (sizes XL, M, and S) was submitted today.
- The branch is working with FEMA to resolve questions regarding HEPA filter RRFs and RFI.
- The branch put together a proposal for improving burn rate data from facilities. Branch leadership is reviewing the proposal.
- A small order of gowns is coming in this week. The branch hopes to get an update from UVM this week regarding a larger order for SNS re-supply.
- The branch is working with BGS to source gloves, goggles, and sanitizing wipes.
- The branch is reviewing survey data received from the hospital survey (only 5 surveys returned so far).

Logistics Branch

- **Resource procurement status:**
 - Four V-PRO units (for sterilizing used N95 masks) are installed and operational. Four additional V-PRO units are scheduled to arrive by 5/2/20 and plan has been approved for their distribution.
 - The 4 temporary mortuary sites are set up, if needed.
 - Work continues to identify potential locations and potential costs for a fixed mortuary facility along the OCME preferred route, if needed.
 - The branch is working with the Vermont Department of Health on a facility disinfection plan as part of a statewide procedure for demobilizing sites.
 - The branch procured the service of a trucking company to distribute frozen meals from Plainfield on 4/27, 4/28, and 4/29.
 - The Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS) is working on a list of hotels for potentially exposed health care workers and first responders if the need arises.
 - The branch is sourcing additional Fit Test solution for several organizations in need.
 - 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 submitted an RRF to FEMA for gowns, gloves, and goggles.
 - BGS ordered 6 fans for emergency dental hubs.
 - The branch is working on a laundry service for medical gowns through an existing contract.
 - The branch is working on locations for temporary storage of Essex Alternate Care Site components.
 - The branch is determining a vendor for portable oxygen devices.
- **National Guard (VTNG) deployment status:**
 - Activated/Deployed Resources:
 - Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse Support: 10 personnel
 - Medical Logistics Planners: 1 personnel and 1 support for the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)
 - Medical/Logistics Planners (alternate care site): 5 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
 - Logistical support to food shelves and mass feeding plan at the CPOD sites: 41 personnel
 - 6 Tractor trailers of MREs were delivered to the Army Reserve Center in Rutland for distribution at the CPOD site.
 - 15 Tractor trailers of MREs were delivered to the Berlin National Guard Armory for distribution at CPOD sites.
 - 85,000 boxed meals were delivered to the Berlin National Guard Armory for future distribution.
- **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 41 high-priority border crossings across the state.
 - AOT staff is working on logistics and making signs for the Commodity Points of Distribution at State airports.
 - AOT deployed 34 employees in support of the Department of Labor (31 at a call center, 1 as a finance manager, 1 call center/customer service program manager, 1 pandemic unemployment assistance program manager).
 - AOT is conducting staff training and coaching on structuring ICS for community partners: Capstone Community Action and Lamoille Regional Response Command Center.
 - AOT is supporting BGS with monitoring rest areas & welcome centers daily and providing trash removal or notification of facility vandalism.
 - **Department of Human Resources (DHR):**
 - Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
 - Total accepted volunteers: 712
 - Total accepted since 3/1/2020: 326
 - New applicants needing background checks: 800
 - 35 volunteers are deployed at 3 locations:
 - Department of Health epidemiological team (1)
 - 211 call center (28)
 - Marshfield Warehouse food assistance (5)
 - Temporary Employee Activity:
 - Requested positions: 167
 - Approved & created positions: 165
 - Positions posted in recruitment: 87
 - Applications received: 343
 - Offers made: 10
 - Hired: 3
 - Direct hires: 13
 - State employee “re-deployments”:
 - The Department of Labor received 12 employees from the Department of Taxes, 18 from the Department of Motor Vehicles, 13 from other AOT departments, 4 from the Department of Vermont Health Access, and 20 from the Department of Financial Regulation.
 - The Department of Health received 2 employees from the Department of Human Resources.
 - **SerVermont:**
 - Currently 35 volunteers are deployed.
 - There are 28 AmeriCorps volunteers and 1 spontaneous assigned to the 211 call center.
 - 1,971 people signed up to volunteer.
 - Pending requests:
 - Franklin Carriage House – 1 sent.
 - Frozen meal distribution – 5 sent to the Plainfield warehouse for assistance.
 - Upper Valley Strong - will be requesting a list of regional volunteers.

Health & Medical Branch

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Hospitals:

- Bed availability statewide (as of 0900 on 4/27/2020):
 - 660 total beds
 - 72 ICU beds
 - 304 medical/surgical beds
 - 136 isolation beds

Alternate Care Sites as of 0900 4/27/2020:

- One site is currently operable in Chittenden County with two additional sites on standby in Rutland County and Washington County.
 - The Chittenden County site has 6 COVID-19 positive patients and 2 non-COVID-19 patients. Total capacity is 400 beds.

Long-Term Care Facilities as of 0900 4/27/2020:

- 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.
- Fit-testing capabilities are being provided for up to 1,100 people who may need it for N-95 respirator use.
- N-95 sterilization capabilities are extended to health care-oriented facilities by local hospitals that received new Steris V-PRO systems from the state. A letter to skilled nursing facilities (among others) shared the points of contact for these hospitals.

Testing:

- The VDH Lab performed 116 tests Saturday and 42 Sunday.
- Testing continues at multiple nursing homes and a Department of Corrections facility.
- An aggressive testing strategy focused on health care staff and certain patients is planned for this week.
- The lab is evaluating a test using a less uncomfortable nasal swab collection process to expand testing in the future.
- The VDH Lab is evaluating stockpiles for testing in summer and fall.
- The VDH Serology Testing Work Group from epidemiology, the labs, and infectious disease providers made recommendations to Commissioner Levine on April 16. No testing is recommended until test reliability improves.

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 2 bed(s) in use as of 4/24.
- The Chittenden Recovery Center (Holiday Inn in South Burlington) has 2 resident(s) as of 4/24.
- General Assistance Motel Summary (4/24/2020): 1,351 rooms; 1,550 adults; 254 children.

Long-Term Care Facility Status:

- Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
- Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
- 4/27 Census: 2,196
- 4/27 Bed Availability: 503

Staffing Status:

- The Middlesex Adolescent Program is experiencing staffing shortages due to COVID-19 and is working with the SEOC staffing unit to fill 7 full-time-equivalent positions (the staffing gaps are currently being filled by staff on overtime).
- Department of Children and Families (DCF) has staff committed to working the Chittenden Recovery Center in the event that youth need isolation/recovery placement.
- Hiring for temporary positions, for which interviews were 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. One contract was already issued in Washington County.
- Commodity Points of Distribution have been set up for this week and next. The first opened 4/22 in Swanton and served over 2,600 cases of food (42,240 meals). The second was in Rutland County 4/24, and over 7,800 cases of food (125,952 meals) had been distributed.
- 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 executing a distribution plan for 20,000 frozen meals.

Additional Updates:

- Agency of Human Services (AHS) finance staff began recovery planning efforts pertaining to the COVID-19 response.
- Planning efforts regarding the transition of homeless Vermonters out of hotels & motels have begun. Technical Assistance from the Department of Health has been requested.

- Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) continues to provide support to partner agencies, including establishment of skilled nursing sites.
- Child Development Division (CDD) rapid response invoice processing team completed initial processing of all childcare provider invoices that have been received, approximately 1700 invoices, with more than \$1 million in approved payments. Clean-up work is continuing.
- 1,142 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form for 1,825 children. 336 Essential Persons requested help for 530 school-aged children, 409 Essential Persons requested help for 570 children under 6, and 155 workers requested help for 356 Essential Persons in both age groups. The remaining 242 Essential Persons representing 369 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- The Agency of Education (AOE) is submitting its CARES Act application to the U.S. Department of Education.
- AOE is also working on guidance regarding school nutrition, financial tracking, and FEMA Public Assistance.

Economic Development Branch

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

- **Guidance to Business and Communities** – ACCD has updated its sector guidance in accordance with Addendum 11: <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance>
- **Virtual Town Hall Schedule:**
 - **Free Daily Grant and Loan Webinars, Monday – Friday, 9 AM:** Vermont’s Small Business Administration Office is conducting daily training to discuss SBA’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) programs. Learn about what PPP and EIDL are, how they work, and the difference between them.
- Arts and humanities organizations in Vermont facing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic now have additional resources and funding tools available to aid in recovery:
 - **Cultural Relief Grant Program** – Grants do not require a match and range between \$5,000 and \$10,000, based on organization size. Complete details here: www.vermontartscouncil.org/culturalrelief
 - **Rapid Response Artist Relief** – Grants of up to \$500 to Vermont artists in need. The application deadline is May 13, 2020. Complete details here: <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/artists/rapid-response-artist-relief>
 - **Arts Recovery** – In May, the Vermont Community Foundation will offer grants to support individual artists and cultural organizations that are experiencing financial distress due COVID-19.
- **Documenting Economic Impacts** – ACCD wants to hear from all Vermont businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This information will help us paint a complete picture as we work toward solutions. Please share information via the ACCD Business Impact Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vtccovid19>

VERMONT RETAIL AND GROCERS' ASSOCIATION (VRGA):

Supply Chain (updated 4/22):

- **Bread** – Supply is available, but in limited varieties. It will likely take 3-4 weeks for the supply to fully recover.
- **Flour** – There is plenty of wheat, but milling capacity is limited and supplies are catching up with an Easter surge.
- **Sugar** – The milling capacity is being stretched, with a poor sugar beet crop also impacting supply.
- **Milk** – There is ample supply.
- **Eggs** – The supply improving, and the price has 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 in pre-pandemic weeks. Demand continues to be high but the supply is increasing.
- **Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Isopropyl Alcohol** – The supply of sanitizer is improving but still struggles to meet increased demand.
- **Meat** – The supply is okay for now but will be constrained due to processing shutdowns. Longer-term supply will depend on how fast plants recover. The standard assortment has (and is) challenged, but an extended network of suppliers is meeting the increased demand. Vermont processors are operating at capacity with higher demand for services. Many slaughter facilities are booked out eight weeks.
- **Produce, Deli, Bakery** – There is ample supply.
- **Pasta/Canned Veggies/Box Prepared Products** – Supply is coming in regularly and should be improving.

Link to stores providing designated store hours and alternative shopping methods: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b859U4ovN_JD-00c_8HQwu6n1cYi0NZcEro6CQGd388/edit#gid=0

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL)

- **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Program Launched** – This program provides unemployment benefits to self-employed, sole proprietors, and independent contractors. More information about the application process and eligibility here: <https://labor.vermont.gov/pua>
- **UI Claims Overview, April 12 - April 18 (updated every Thursday)**
 - Continued Claims: 64,313 (up from 31,204)
 - New Claims: 6,598 (down from 9,662)
 - Revised Estimated Initial Claims Processed since March 15: 70,911
 - Payments: over \$21 Million paid last week (compared to \$8 million the previous week)
 - Trust Fund Balance: remains over \$500 million
 - Estimated Unemployment (unofficial): Greater than 20%, could rise to 30%
 - The Full March 2020 Unemployment Report, published on 4/17, shows only a modest rise in the number of unemployed Vermonters, from 8,045 in March 2019 to 11,024 in March 2020. However, the situation deteriorated rapidly in April. The full April report will be out in May.

VERMONT OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AGENCY (VOSHA)

- **Required Training to Protect the Health and Safety of Workers** – VOSHA developed training and other materials on appropriate safety measures necessary to return to work amid the COVID-19 pandemic. All businesses and non-profit and government entities in operation must complete and document mandatory health and safety training by May 4, 2020. Certificates of completion will be sent to employers to document their compliance. Training materials are here: <https://labor.vermont.gov/VOSHA>

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND MARKETS (AAFM):

- **Farmers Markets** – Beginning May 1, Farmer's Markets may open with limited in-person operations that meet the specific requirements outlined in the Governor's Home, Stay Safe Order and the farmers market guidance's here: <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/Farmers%20Market%20Guidance%2004.24.20.pdf>
- **Nurseries, Greenhouses and Garden Centers** – Beginning today, these businesses may resume in-person sales of seeds, annuals, vegetable seedlings, perennials, herbs, shrubs, trees, and other landscaping and gardening materials if their operations meet strict health and safety requirements. Details are here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance>
- **Guidance to help Vermont Food Producers Adapt to a Changing Marketplace** – AAFM developed a new FAQ to ensure licensing and labeling requirements and food safety requirements to help producers sell more product via direct marketing and retail channels: <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/document/adapt-and-shift-markets-during-covid-19>
- **Cheese Maker Survey** – Vermont producers have indicated approximately 900,000 pounds of product (about 7.5 million pounds of milk) that is either going unsold or not being made based on regular production schedules.
- **Dairy Update (as of 4/23):**
 - Price/hundredweight - \$12.00 (May-June)
 - Average cost of production/hundredweight in VT - \$19.00
 - Prices are not forecast to recover above \$16.00/ hundredweight through 2020
 - USDA will provide \$2.9 billion to Dairy Farmers. The estimated payments:
 - 100 cow dairy - \$15,600
 - 200 cow dairy - \$31,400
- **Milk Dumping** – AAFM has connected dairy cooperatives, dairy processors, and the Vermont Foodbank together to find ways to minimize milk disposal.
- **Business Impacts Survey Snapshot (week ending 4/23)** – AAFM received 183 responses between March 19-April 23, up from 140 responses one week ago.
 - Of those 183 responses, 16% reported closing their business, 47% reported being partially open, and 36% reported being fully operational. These percentages remain relatively unchanged from one week ago.
 - Businesses reported their estimated economic losses totaling \$16,499,900 over 157 (of 183) responses, up \$2.8 million from last week. The median loss of \$18,000 per business dropped by 5% from last week.
 - 36% of responses reported losing employees, down from 39% last week. These businesses averaged a loss of 71% of their employees, up 2% from last week.
 - 58% reported no change in number of employees, down 1% from last week.
 - Businesses with gains in employees represented 6% of responses, up from 4% last week. Percent of employees gained per

- response averages 49%, up 12% from last week.
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Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

Infrastructure -- There were a few power outages this morning in southern Vermont -- most were repaired by noon.

Emergency Services-- Emergency services had a busy weekend, however, there are currently no reported major active incidents or issues.

Department /Agencies Reports

Vermont State Police/Wilderness Search and Rescue -

- VSP was requested to coordinate with local law enforcement in Springfield, Bennington, and Newport (City) to coordinate CPOD check-ins similar to the ones VSP did in Rutland on Friday.

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

- DFS issued updated fire safety inspection guidance, as amended per the Governor's Executive Order Addendum.

Public Service Department (PSD) -

- Almost all power outages resolved.

Agency of Digital Services (ADS) -

- No reported interruptions in service.

Judiciary -

- Working to clarify the exact types and locations of protective barriers that should be included for courtrooms, clerks, and any other interaction points within judiciary buildings.

Emergency Medical Services (VTEMS) -

- VTEMS is finalizing training materials for the 2020 EMS Protocols.
- VTEMS is finalizing contracts for EMS agencies augmenting COVID-19 testing capability.
- VTEMS is creating and distributing a weekly absenteeism summary.
- VTEMS is collating and distributing a weekly district survey summary.
- VTEMS is finalizing standards for a proposed Hybrid EMT program.
- VTEMS is finalizing an EMS data dashboard.

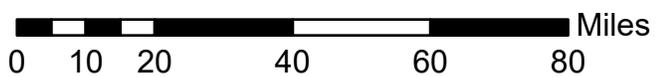
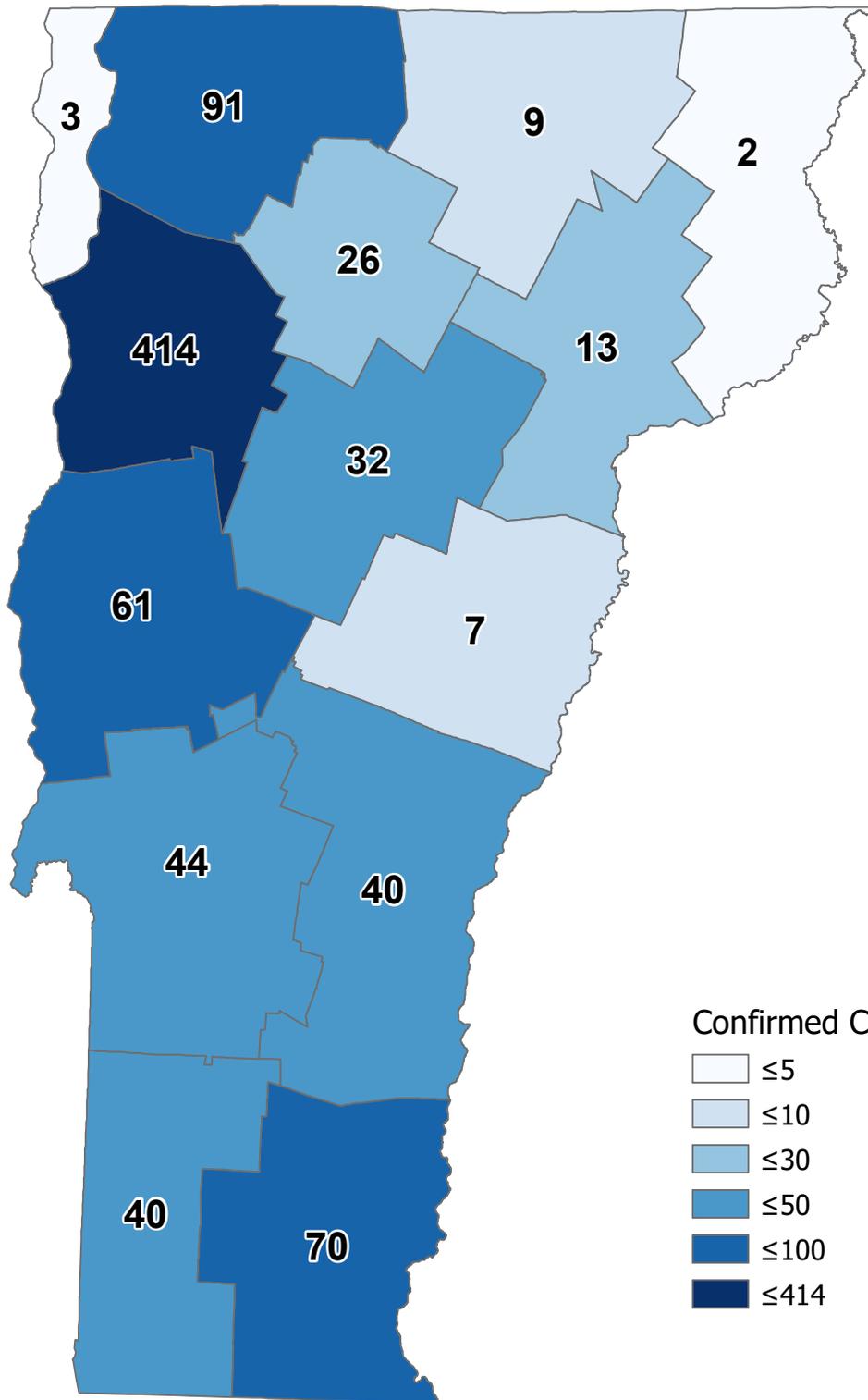
Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
60%		60%	90%	80%
Likely Rain	Clear	Likely Rain Showers	Definitely Rain Showers	Definitely Rain Showers
44 F / 6 C	49 F / 9 C	57 F / 13 C	49 F / 9 C	56 F / 13 C
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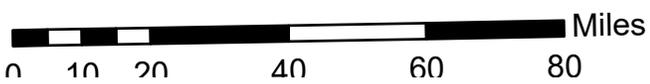
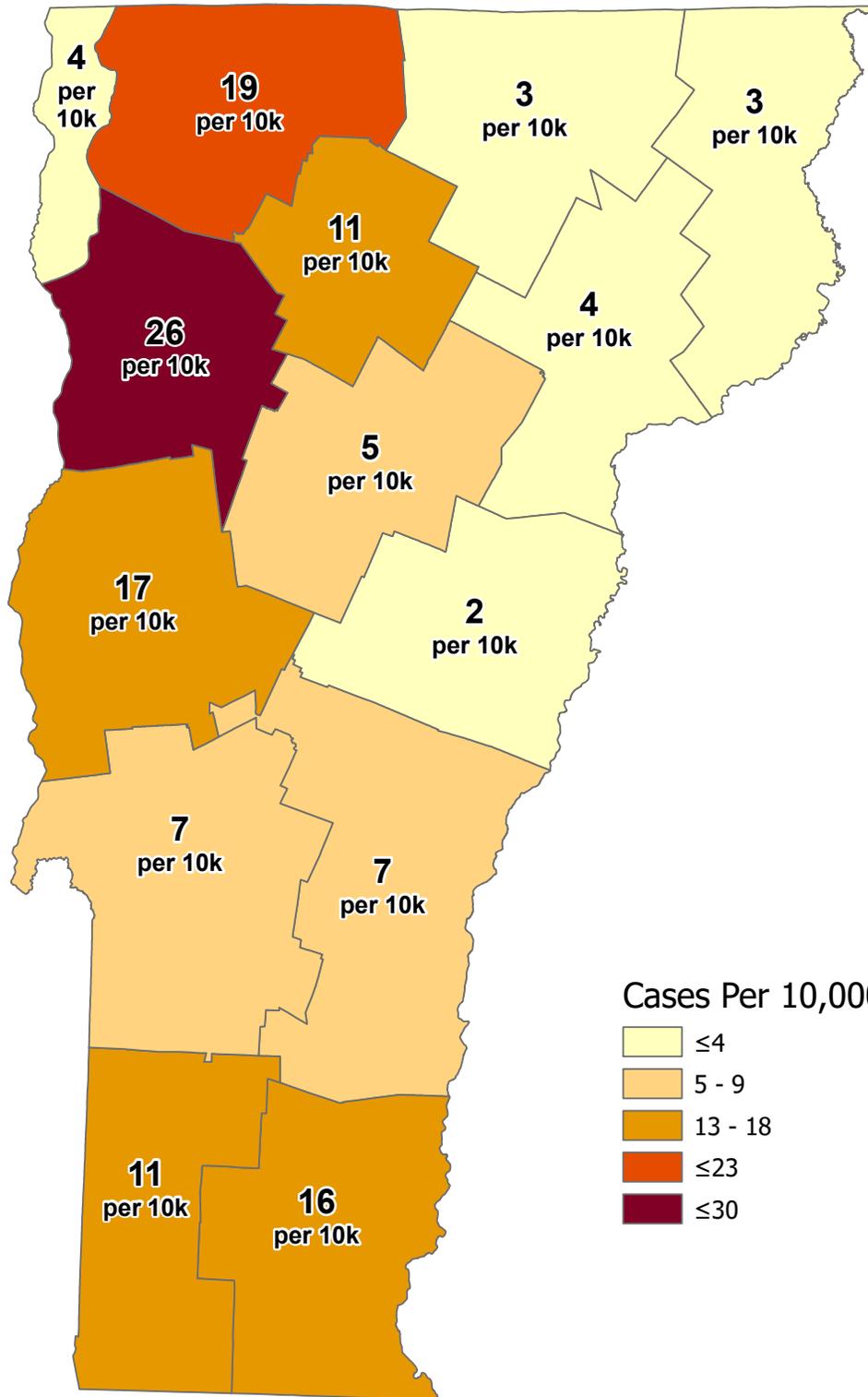
- Tonight:** A chance of rain and snow showers before 2am, then a slight chance of rain and snow showers after 4am. Cloudy, with a low around 34. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 30%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.
- Tuesday:** A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 9am, then a slight chance of rain showers between 9am and 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 51. Light north wind. Chance of precipitation is 20%.
- Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Calm wind.

Vermont COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

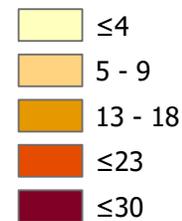


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Vermont COVID-19 Confirmed Cases per 10,000 people

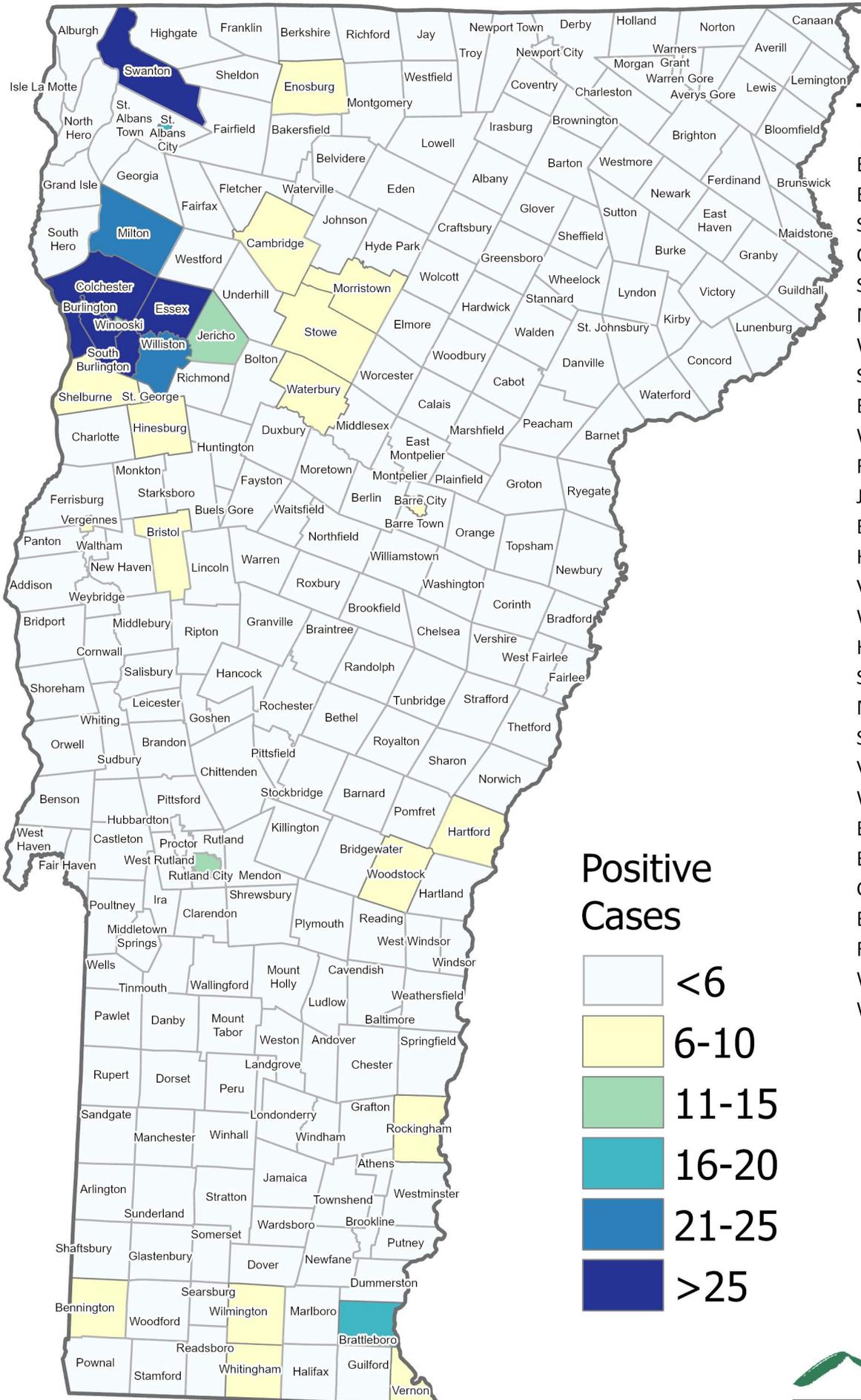


Cases Per 10,000 People



Vermonters Who Have Tested Positive for COVID-19 by Town

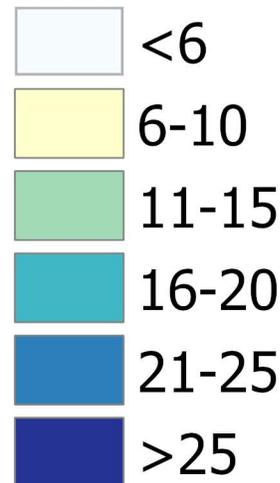
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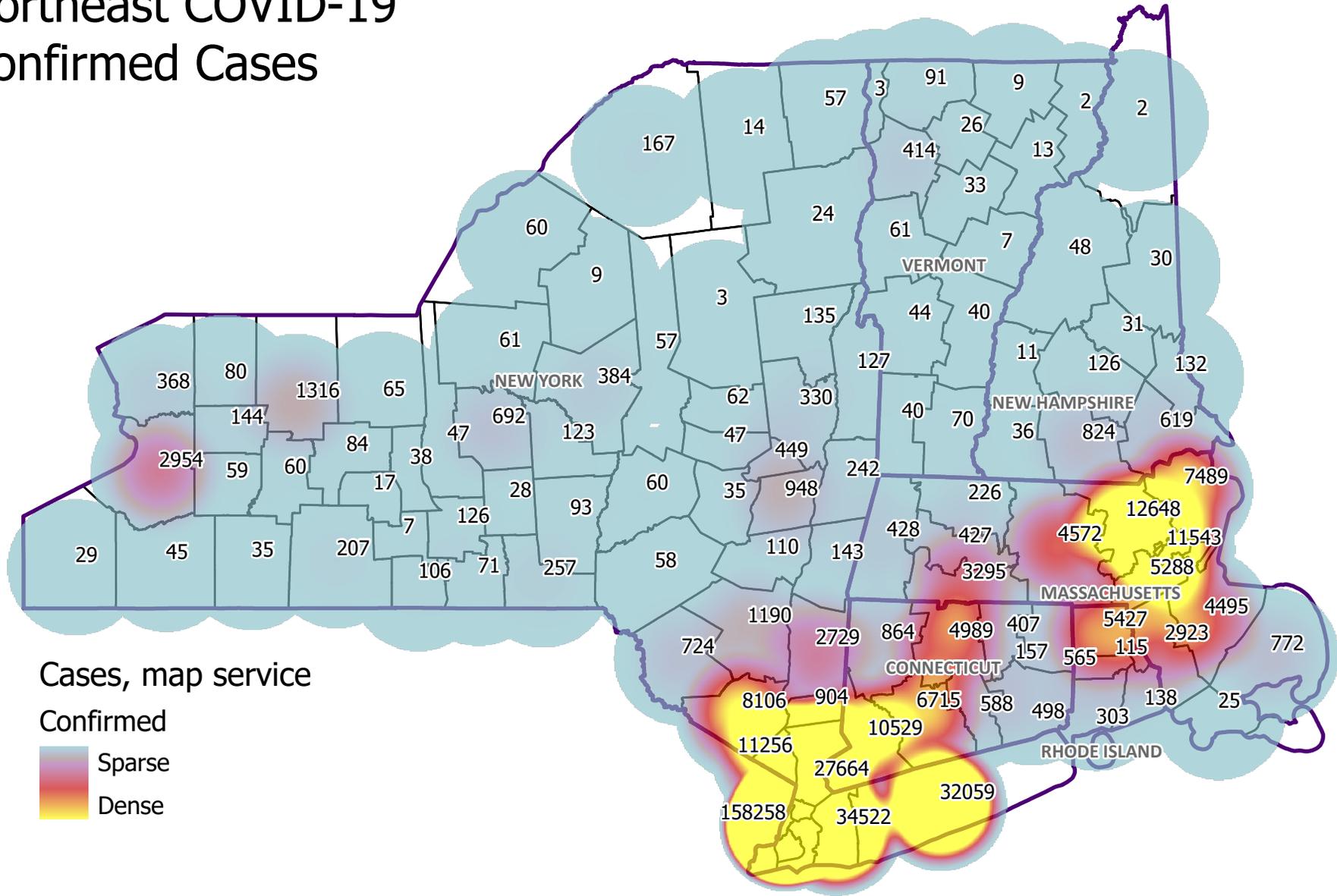
Town Counts

BURLINGTON	157
ESSEX	47
SWANTON	44
COLCHESTER	38
SOUTH BURLINGTON	37
MILTON	24
WILLISTON	23
ST. ALBANS CITY	19
BRATTLEBORO	16
WINOOSKI	14
RUTLAND CITY	13
JERICO	11
BENNINGTON	10
HARTFORD	10
VERGENNES	10
WILMINGTON	10
HINESBURG	9
STOWE	8
MORRISTOWN	7
SHELBURNE	7
VERNON	7
WOODSTOCK	7
BARRE CITY	6
BRISTOL	6
CAMBRIDGE	6
ENOSBURG	6
ROCKINGHAM	6
WATERBURY	6
WHITINGHAM	6

Positive Cases

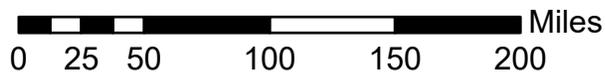


Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



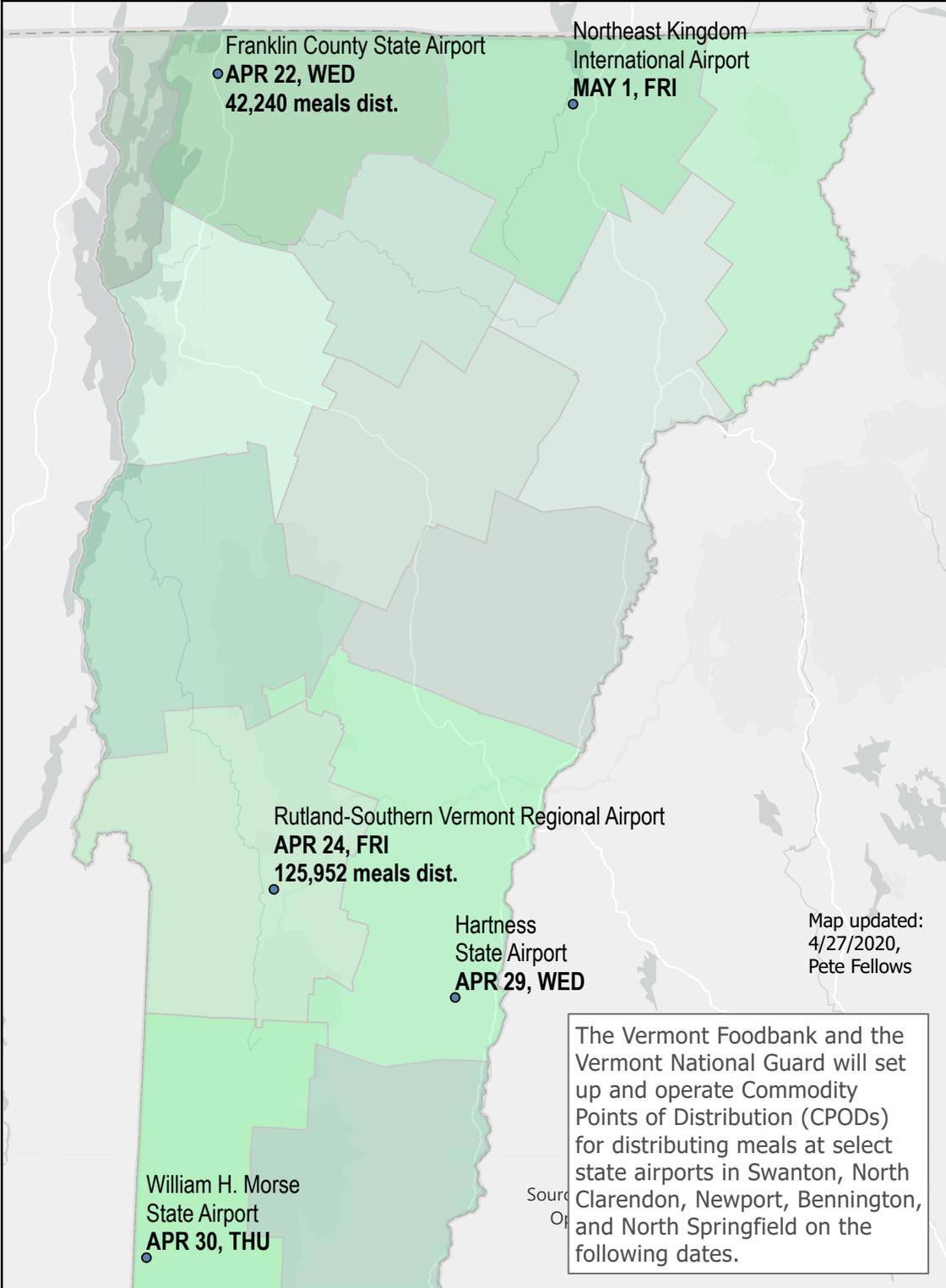
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Confirmed



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Commodity Points of Distribution (CPOD) Sites



Franklin County State Airport
● APR 22, WED
42,240 meals dist.

Northeast Kingdom
International Airport
● MAY 1, FRI

Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport
● APR 24, FRI
125,952 meals dist.

Hartness
State Airport
● APR 29, WED

William H. Morse
State Airport
● APR 30, THU

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The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard will set up and operate Commodity Points of Distribution (CPODs) for distributing meals at select state airports in Swanton, North Clarendon, Newport, Bennington, and North Springfield on the following dates.



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



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"> On 4/23, the SEOC sent guidance to healthcare workers and first responders on the protocol for decontaminating used N95 masks at local hospitals. 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. 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 VOSHA website and must be completed by May 4th.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EMS Office plans to roll out the 2020 EMS protocol update on May 15th, with all accompanying training available online.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. Farmers markets will be allowed to reopen May 1, additional guidance was released 4/24 by the Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets. Beginning today, nurseries, garden centers, and greenhouses, may resume in-person operations in accordance with strict health and safety requirements. VAAFM is working with dairy cooperatives, processors and the Vermont Foodbank to move milk away from disposal and into products for the Foodbank. AHS has begun planning efforts with VHD to develop a strategy to transition homeless Vermonters out of hotels & motels.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agency of Education is working on guidance regarding school nutrition, financial tracking, and FEMA Public Assistance.
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 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>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/27/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 855 Total tests conducted: 15,073 Deaths: 47 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 11 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 22 <p>Key Updates:</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 vem.vermont.gov/pods.</p> <p>Executive Order Measures:</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"> 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. Outdoor retail space, previously restricted to curbside or delivery service, can allow in-person shopping with a maximum of 10 total people. All employers shall provide training and a written copy of standard operating procedures to be developed by the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Agency. Farmers Markets may open May 1 with strict alterations that focus on food distribution and prevent congregating. <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"> 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. 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. 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. 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. VDH is finalizing contracts for augmenting COVID-19 testing staffing with EMS practitioners. 22 Vermont companies currently making cloth face coverings: https://vem.vermont.gov/covid19/facecovering The Federal government distributed cloth face coverings to all states. Vermont will be receiving an allocation this week. 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. An aggressive testing strategy focused on health care staff and certain patients is planned for this week.
	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. No sites are being demobilized at this time.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOL received 6,598 new unemployment insurance claims in the week ending on April 18th, which is down from 9,662 claims the week prior. 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. Paycheck Protection Program applications will be accepted from participating lenders as of 1030 today, 4/27.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SBA Vermont District Office is hosting a free daily webinar from 9-1000 (Mon – Fri) to discuss the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Advance.