



# Executive Summary

## COVID-19 Response

April 28, 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

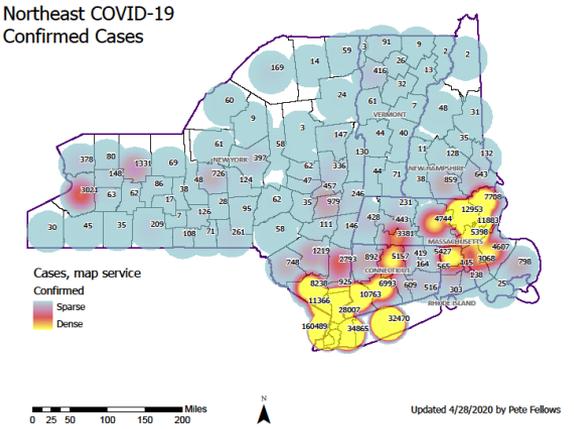
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Key	Red - most unstable or completely inadequate level of service Yellow - functional but inadequate for stability of a consistent level of service Green - stable						

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Vermont State Police, Emergency Management, and the Search and Rescue Coordinator are working on guidance and public messaging regarding congregation at swimming holes.</li> <li>Canada and the US are extending border restrictions until May 21. Nearly 200,000 people cross that border daily in normal times.</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> <li>As states begin to lift their restrictions, travel could become more prevalent and lead to an increased risk of virus transmission.</li> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last week, the Vermont National Guard 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>Yesterday, nurseries, garden centers, and greenhouses, could 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 VDH to develop a strategy to transition homeless Vermonters out of hotels &amp; motels.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AOE is working with partners on the COVID-19 food assistance program and guidance on 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. For more info: <a href="https://vtrans.vermont.gov/vtransparency">https://vtrans.vermont.gov/vtransparency</a></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**  
**Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/28/20:**

- Positive test results: 862
- Total tests conducted: 15,215
- Deaths: 47
- Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 12
- Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 17

**Key Updates:**  
 The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard have added an additional food distribution site in South Hero at the Folsom Educational Center. Distribution at that site will take place on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The next scheduled distribution will be on Wednesday. All dates and locations can be found at [vem.vermont.gov/pods](http://vem.vermont.gov/pods).

**Local State of Emergency:** Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.

**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.

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 and Medical Logistics Branches are working on establishing a laundry service for reusable gowns for hospitals and long-term care facilities.</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 (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 are 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 one 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>1,976 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 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 9-10 am (Mon – Fri) to discuss the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Advance.</li> <li>Child Development Division (CDD) is developing a plan to re-start childcare for early June.</li> </ul>