

Stay Home, Stay Safe

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Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

04/28/2020 08:00 AM - 04/28/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

44

EOC Activation Level:

Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On April 28, 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)
- Friday, May 1 - Folsom Education Center (South Hero)

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/28/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	862
Total tests for COVID-19	15,215
Deaths	47
People being monitored	16
People who have completed monitoring	831
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	12
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	17

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

4/27 Call Statistics from 211:

- On 4/27, 211 received 44 calls, the vast majority from the general public (42 calls).
- The most common call topics were the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (21 calls), work (13 calls), and financial stimulus (11 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

Public Information

- Gathered resources from ACCD to share with the public regarding restart of the economy in order to cut down on calls to Health and other call centers:
 - Updated Sector Guidance: <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance>
 - ACCD chat bot that answers questions: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/ask-a-question>
 - ACCD form for folks needing additional assistance: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q5O0IK26PEOcAnDtzhVZxpZpCEHOHkZNmCwXH5xH5cIURUZRTFRVQ0NMVDZWRINDVEc0RjdNSzNJVS4u>
 - For all other inquiries, dedicated email address: commerce.covid19@vermont.gov.
- VOSHA Guidance: https://labor.vermont.gov/sites/labor/files/doc_library/Protecting%20the%20Safety%20and%20Health%20of%20Workers%20VOSHA%20COVID_FINAL.pdf
- Updated information on social media about MRE points of distribution to include newly scheduled Folsom Education Center in South Hero.

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:
 - Body Bags (pending signature)
 - 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, and 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.

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update as of Close of Day 4/27/2020:

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	59
Orders Filled	42
Percentage Filled	71%
Total Unfilled Orders	17
Behavioral Health	1
EMS	1
Hospital	0
Long-Term Care	4
Outpatient Care	0
Public Safety	0
Residential Home	0
Other	11

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:

- Infrared thermometers did not arrive yesterday as planned; the new projected delivery date is May 5th.
- The branch is researching specific distribution plans for the incoming infrared thermometers.

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 - no change on this policy to date.
- The SNS Warehouse confirmed their existing Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number assigned to the Department of Health is sufficient for receiving medication at the warehouse. The SNS Warehouse is no longer seeking their own DEA number.
- The SNS Warehouse is expecting a shipment of Midazolam sometime this week or early next week. It is in route.
- Every week in May, the SNS Warehouse expects to receive a shipment of swabs and test materials from FEMA.
- 8,913 cloth face coverings being delivered this week, of a different design than the Portabrace face masks.
- The branch is working with the Essex Surge site to help de-conflict and clarify supply chain. Requests currently being received by both UVM and SNS Warehouse.
- 7,500 gowns are being delivered to the SNS Warehouse from Walsh today.
- The branch is working with DAIL regarding re-usable gown and laundering as a possible solution to the high request levels for gowns from their community.
- The branch is reviewing survey data received from the hospital survey (10 surveys returned, no response from 8 hospitals; the deadline for responding was yesterday).
- The branch is moving forward with increasing burn rate accuracy project via a combined approach of survey and continued education to utilize the CDC Burn Rate calculator. PM assigned for survey portion and kick off meeting set up for today to go over scope and timeline. CDC Burn Rate calculator facility education already in place and will continue.

Health & Medical Branch

Hospitals:

- Bed availability statewide (as of 0900 on 4/28/2020):
 - 643 total beds
 - 61 ICU beds
 - 306 medical/surgical beds
 - 136 isolation beds

Alternate Care Sites as of 0900 4/28/2020:

- 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 1 non-COVID-19 patient. Total capacity is 400 beds.

Long-Term Care Facilities as of 0900 4/28/2020:

- 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 56 tests on Monday 4/27.
- There are orders in for new specimen collection kits and test kits.
- The VDH Lab is training new staff.
- 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 concluded that no testing is recommended until test reliability improves.

Logistics Branch

• Resource procurement status:

- Four V-PRO units (for sterilizing used N95 masks) were delivered to hospitals. Four additional V-PRO units are scheduled to arrive by 5/2/20 and a 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 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's 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 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: 44 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.
- Assisting with food distribution at state airports. Coordinating with local governments to synchronize sign packages.
- 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, and 1 pandemic unemployment assistance program manager).
- 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: 722
 - Total accepted since 3/1/2020: 336
 - New applicants needing background checks: 799
 - 35 volunteers are deployed at 3 locations:
 - Department of Health epidemiological team (1)
 - 211 call center (28)
 - Marshfield Warehouse food assistance (5)
 - Pending Requests
 - MRC Long-Term Care Deployment Team – 78 MRC volunteers expressed initial interest. MRC is coordinating planning, training, and fit testing.
 - MRC is following up with Central Vermont Medical Center on its volunteer assistance request for patient screening at entrances.
- Temporary Employee Activity:
 - Requested positions: 167
 - Approved & created positions: 165
 - Positions posted in recruitment: 87
 - Applications received: 350
 - 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.
 - Frozen meal distribution – 5 sent to the Plainfield warehouse for assistance.
 - Franklin Carriage House – 1 sent.
- 1,976 people signed up to volunteer.

- Pending requests:
 - Upper Valley Strong will be requesting a list of regional volunteers

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 beds in use as of 4/28.
- The Chittenden Recovery Center (Holiday Inn in South Burlington) has 2 residents as of 4/28.
- General Assistance Motel Summary (4/28/2020): 1,369 rooms; 1,572 adults; 257 children.

Long-Term Care Facility Status:

- Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
- Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
- 4/28 Census: 2,231
- 4/28 Bed Availability: 468

Staffing Status:

- The staffing unit is working with the Department of Corrections (DOC) nursing on staffing needs; current applicants have been sent for DOC review.
- 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 for Children and Families (FSD) 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).

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.
- 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) is developing a plan to re-start childcare for early June. CIS retainer fund applications have been sent to providers with a target disbursement date at the end of May.
- 1,149 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form for 1,837 children. 339 Essential Persons requested help for 534 school-aged children, 412 Essential Persons requested help for 575 children under 6, and 155 Essential Persons requested help for 356 children in both age groups. The remaining 243 Essential Persons representing 372 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- The Agency of Education (AOE) submitted its CARES Act application to the U.S. Department of Education, and is now working on the application for schools.
- AOE is working with partners on the COVID-19 food assistance program and guidance on financial tracking and FEMA Public Assistance.

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

- **Employer Grants and Loans** – The Small Business Administration (SBA) is taking applications again. Applications will be approved on a first come, first served basis. ACCD encourages businesses to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) or Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to help their business during this time. PPP loans are forgivable for up to 8 weeks of payroll based on employee retention. EIDL loans provide an emergency advance of up to \$10,000 and agricultural enterprises are now eligible. Apply now through your local bank or credit union, local SBA office, or VEDA.
- **Free Daily Grant and Loan Webinars, Monday – Friday, 9 AM:** Vermont’s Small Business Administration Office is conducting daily trainings 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.
 - Join by computer – <https://meet.lync.com/sba123/sbmazza6F6N4YK6>
 - Join by phone: (202) 765-1264; access code 470177937#
- 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: 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.
- **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>
- **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>

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. DOL added additional staff to process claims and answer questions. 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 (AAFAM):

- **Grants and Loans for Agricultural Enterprises**– AAFAM has developed guidance on the federal economic relief resources available through the following programs:
 - Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program
 - Paycheck Protection Program
 - Economic Impact Disaster Loan
 - Emergency Economic Injury Grants
- **Farmers' Markets** – Beginning May 1, Farmers' 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 4/27, 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** – AAFAM 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
- **Business Impacts Survey Snapshot (week ending 4/23)** – AAFAM received 183 responses between March 19 and 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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- No reported interruptions of service or other disruptions or shortages.

Department / Agencies Reports:

Emergency Medical Services (VTEMS) –

- VTEMS is finalizing training materials for 2020 EMS Protocols.
- VTEMS is developing plans for an EMS strike team deployment.
- VTEMS is finalize contracts for EMS agencies augmenting COVID-19 testing capability.
- VTEMS is monitoring crew absenteeism impact on EMS operations.
- VTEMS is finalizing standards for a proposed Hybrid EMT class program.
- VTEMS is finalizing its EMS data dashboard.

Public Service Department (PSD) -

- There are currently 19 power outages statewide.

Agency of Digital Services (ADS) -

- No service outages reported.

Vermont State Police (VSP)/Wilderness Search and Rescue (WSAR) –

- WSAR reached out to a local fire chief to answer questions regarding staff-intensive summertime rescues from a local river.
- VSP provided guidance to a local law enforcement agency on submitting a PPE survey to fulfill an identified need within their agency.

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

- No related actions or issues to report.

Judiciary –

- Judiciary continues to work with BGS regarding protective barriers in judiciary buildings.

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				
Clear	Chance of Rain Showers	Likely Rain	Definitely Rain	Chance of Rain Showers
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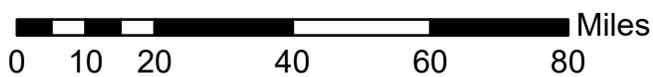
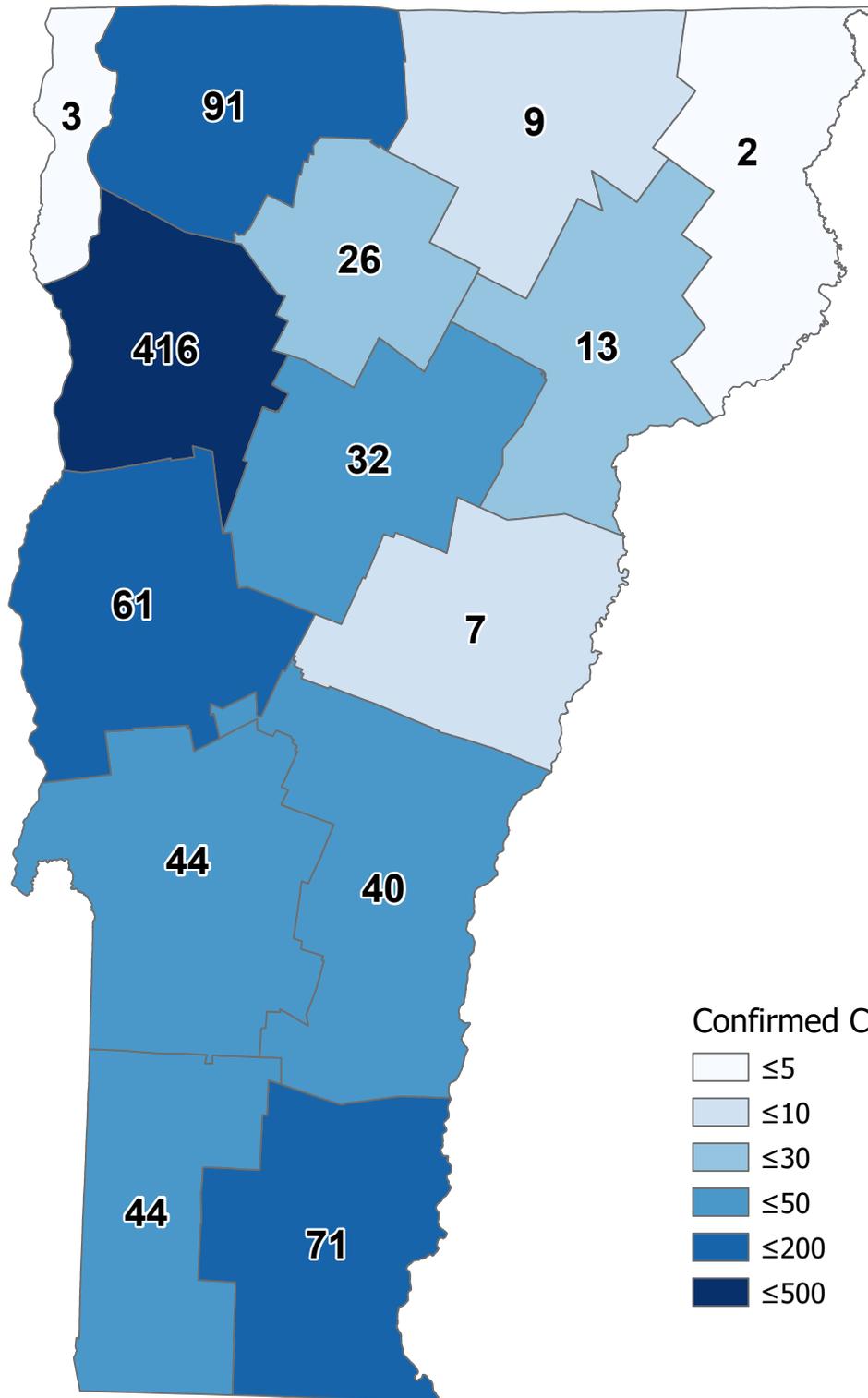
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. Calm wind.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Southeast wind 5 to 14 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers after Midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 39. Southeast wind 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph along the western slopes of the southern Green Mountains.

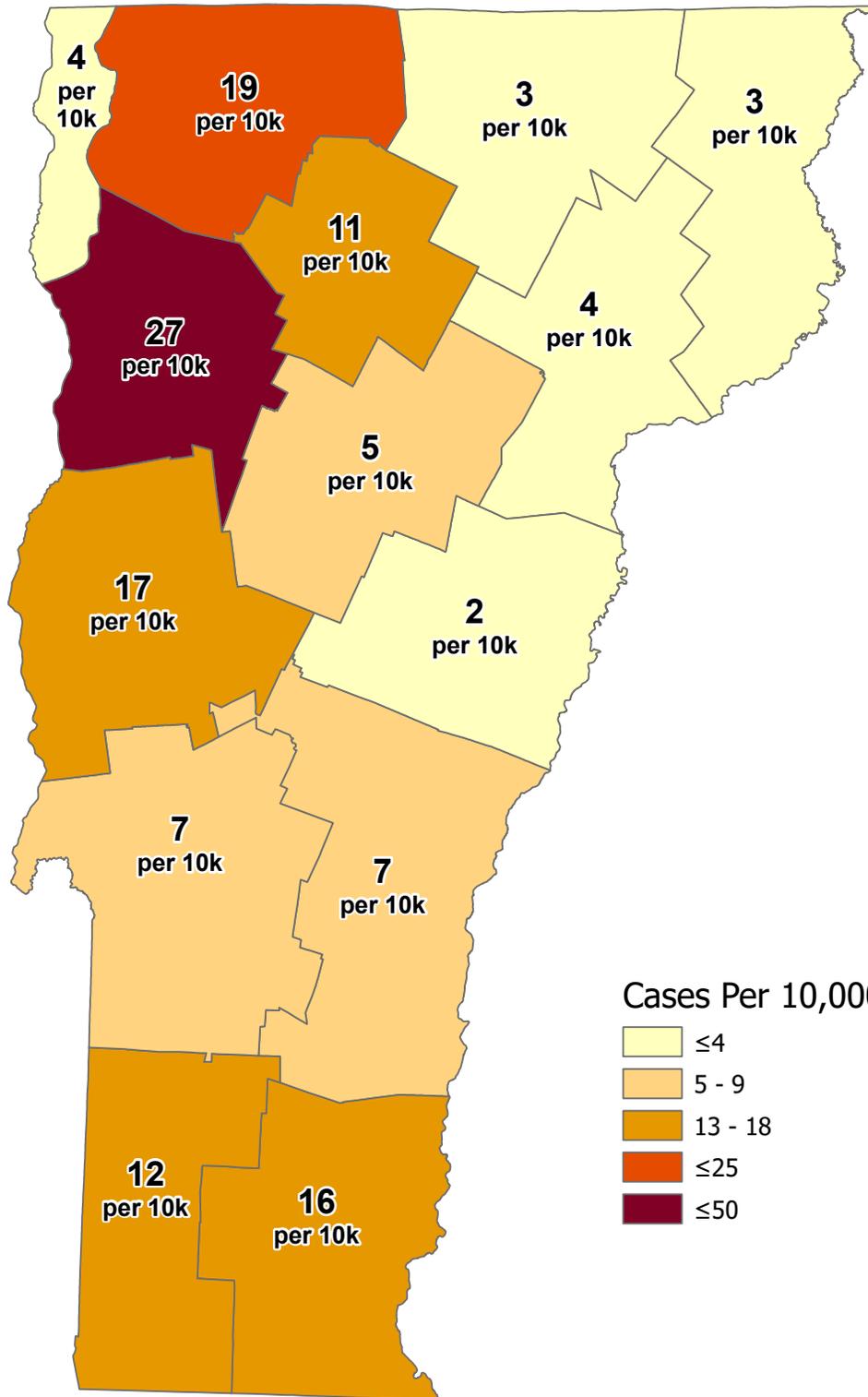
Thursday: Showers likely, especially south. Cloudy, with a high near 51. Breezy, with a southeast wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. New precipitation amounts of less than 1/4 inch possible. Winds along the western slopes of the Green Mountains will be southeast 20 to 30 mph with potential gusts in the 40-45 mph range.

Vermont COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

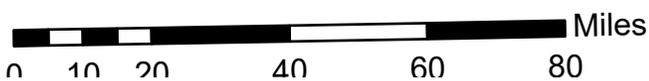
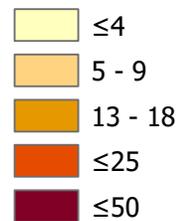


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Vermont COVID-19 Confirmed Cases per 10,000 people

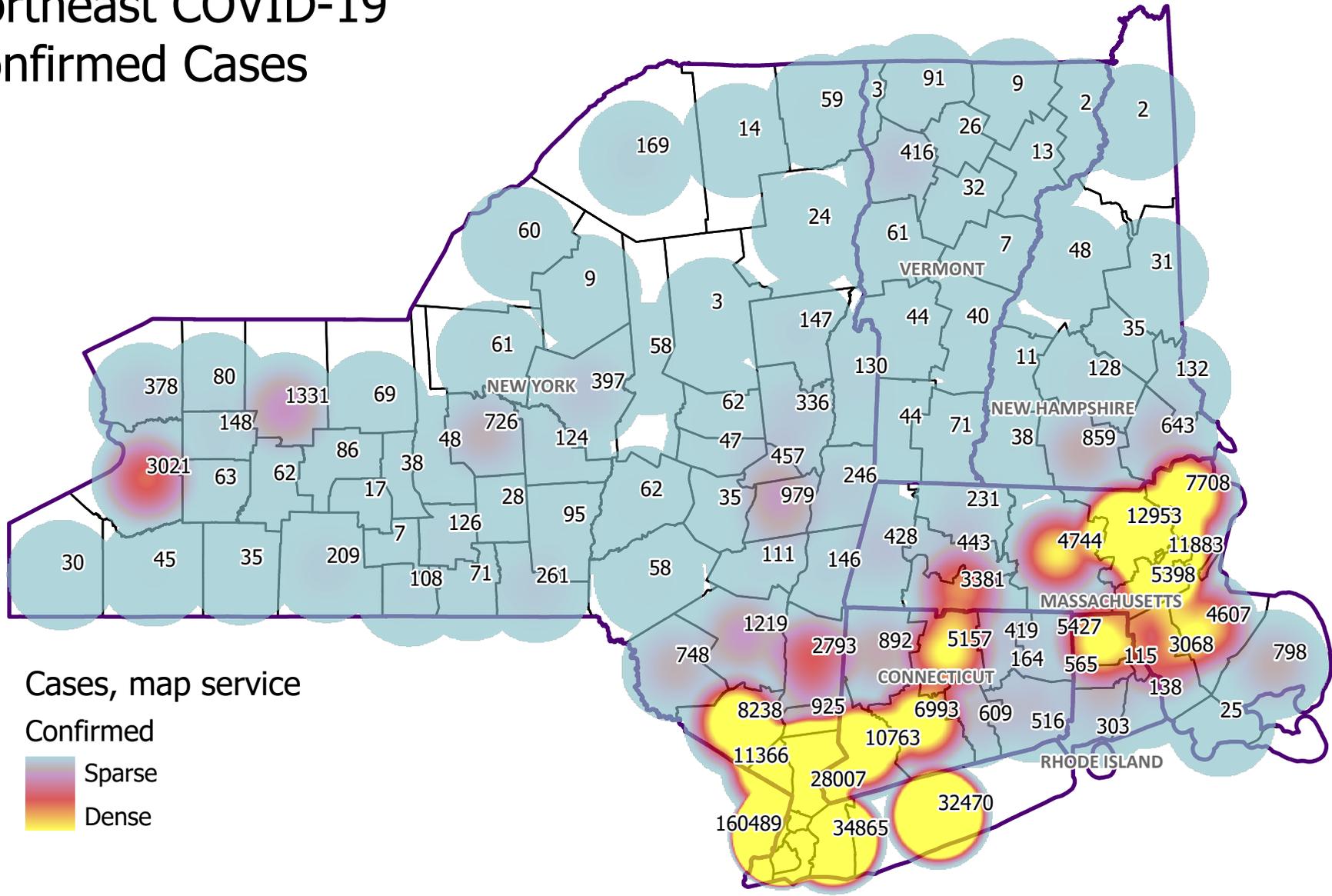


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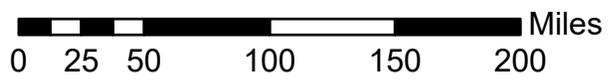
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Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



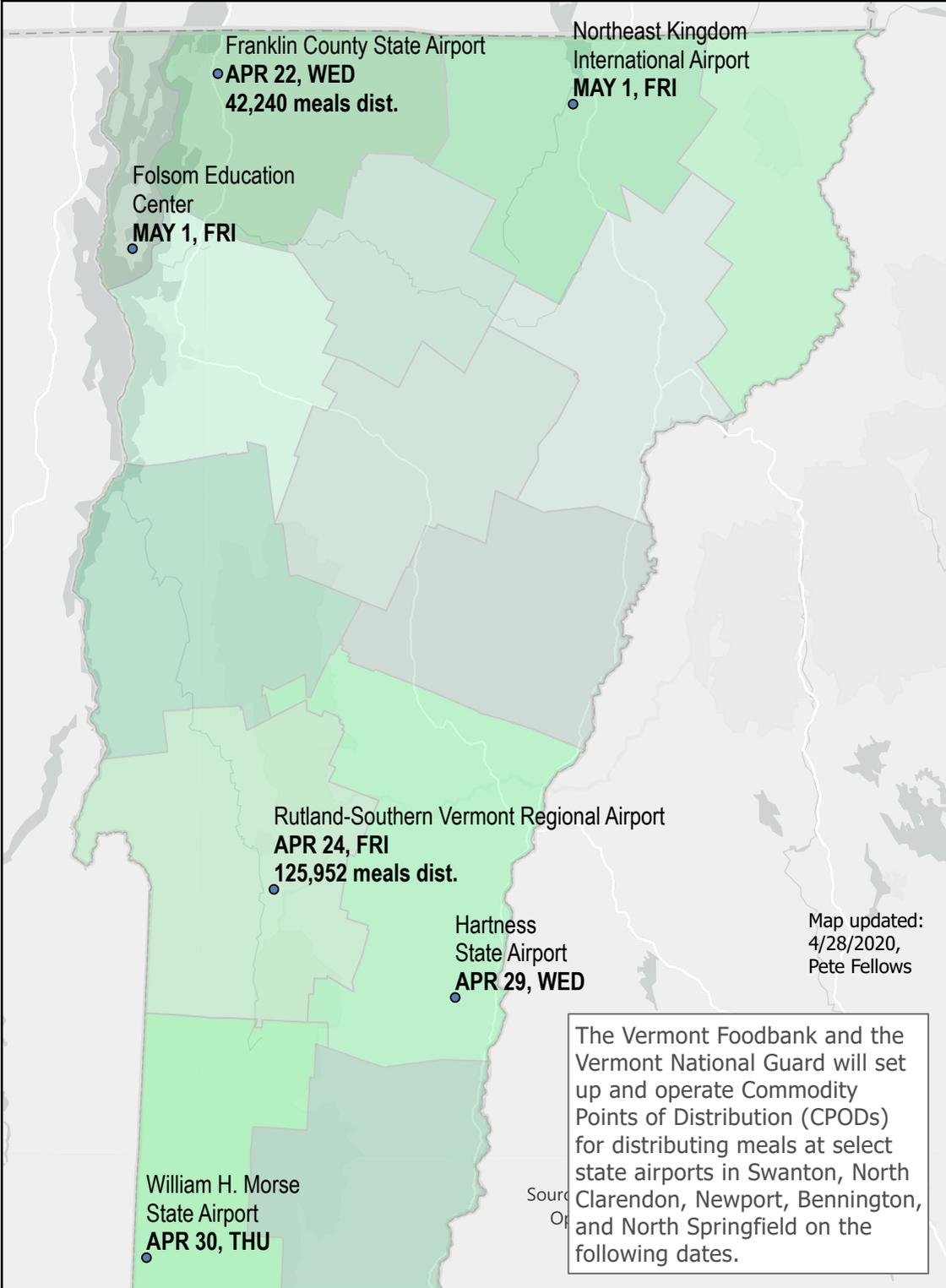
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Commodity Points of Distribution (CPOD) Sites



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

Northeast Kingdom
International Airport
● MAY 1, FRI

Folsom Education
Center
● 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

Map updated:
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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

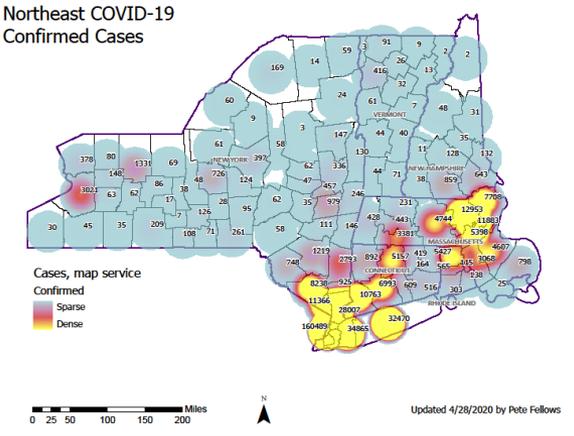
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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vermont State Police, Emergency Management, and the Search and Rescue Coordinator are working on guidance and public messaging regarding congregation at swimming holes. Canada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

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 1st. The next scheduled distribution will be on Wednesday. All dates and locations can be found at 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"> 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. 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 (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 are 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 one 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. 1,976 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. Paycheck Protection Program applications will be accepted from participating lenders as of 4/27.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SBA Vermont District Office is hosting a free daily webinar from 9-10 am (Mon – Fri) to discuss the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Advance. Child Development Division (CDD) is developing a plan to re-start childcare for early June.