



# Executive Summary

## COVID-19 Response

April 29, 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"> <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> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As states begin to lift their restrictions, travel could become more prevalent and lead to an increased risk of virus transmission.</li> <li>USAR is monitoring the upcoming rain event with the National Weather Service Albany office.</li> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of 1415 today, the Vermont National Guard and the Vermont Foodbank distributed a total of 248,192 meals at distribution sites in Swanton, Clarendon, and North Springfield. The demand continues to be much higher than anticipated. On Thursday 4/30, VTNG will distribute MREs at the William H Morse State Airport in Bennington.</li> <li>Frozen meal distribution continued at Northern Vermont partner sites today. Distribution concludes tomorrow in Central Vermont.</li> <li>ACCD continues to work in close contact with the Vermont Retail Grocers' Association to monitor supply chain issues. As of 4/29, the supply chain is in good shape outside of bread, sugar, bath tissue, sanitizer, and cleaning products which remain strained.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern is rising over the impact of meat plant closures on the beef, pork, and chicken supply chain. Supply is plentiful for now, but distributors are looking towards alternative sources to plan for future shortages.</li> <li>VAAFM are working to explore a Vermont-based proposal to the recently launched USDA Farmers to Families Food Box program.</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>Public transportation is not running under normal operations, and it is unclear when this would return to standard conditions. As industries begin to open up the current social distancing protocols may prove to be challenging on bus routes.</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").

**Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases**

Cases, map service  
 Confirmed  
 Sparse  
 Dense

0 25 50 100 150 200 Miles

Updated 4/29/2020 by Pam DeAndrea

**Key Information**

**Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/29/20:**

- Positive test results: 862
- Total tests conducted: 15,215
- Deaths: 47
- Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 11
- Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 15

**Key Updates:**

As of 1415 today, The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard have distributed around 80,000 meals (5,000 cases) at the Hartness State Airport in North Springfield. Distribution will continue until 6pm today. There are distributions scheduled at three locations around the state for Thursday and Friday this week. 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>An aggressive testing strategy focused on health care staff and certain patients was announced today, 4/29, with an estimated 1,000 tests being performed each day.</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>The SEOC Logistic Branch procured a laundry service for reusable gowns for hospitals and long-term care facilities.</li> <li>A FEMA request for gowns has been approved. Two deliveries of gowns are expected in May.</li> <li>VT EMS is finalizing its plan for an EMS strike team.</li> <li>VT EMS is finalizing the review process for its hybrid EMT course.</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>The SEOC has place an order for 7 million nitrile gloves. 4.5 million gloves are expected in early July. The Department of Buildings and Services (BGS) and UVM are looking for other sources with faster delivery capability.</li> <li>The SEOC delivered donated KN95 masks to the State of New York today.</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>The Human Services staffing unit is working with the Child Development Division (CDD) to investigate staffing support for the growing demand for childcare.</li> <li>The Agency of Education (AOE) is working on additional CARES ACT applications to the U.S. Department of Education, and is continuing work on the application for schools.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDD is developing a childcare re-opening plan, which will include input from childcare providers as part of the plan's development process.</li> </ul>