



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

April 30, 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

Current							
Future							

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"> Canada and the US are extending border restrictions until May 21. Nearly 200,000 people cross that border daily in normal times.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As states begin to lift their restrictions, travel could become more prevalent and lead to an increased risk of virus transmission. USAR is monitoring the ongoing rain event with the National Weather Service Albany office.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 1345 today, the Vermont National Guard and the Vermont Foodbank distributed a total of 332,544 meals at distribution sites in Swanton, Clarendon, North Springfield, and Bennington. Supply has been increased to meet the anticipated demand. On Friday 5/1, VTNG will distribute MREs at the Northeast Kingdom International Airport in Newport, and the Folsom Educational Center in South Hero. Frozen meal distribution continued at Northern Vermont partner sites today. Distribution concluded today in Central Vermont. The Human Services Branch is working on completing the Mass Feeding Plan to submit to FEMA. Tomorrow, May 1st, Farmers' Markets will be allowed to operate in Vermont following strict social distancing guidelines, have an assigned health and safety officer, vendors will be required to offer online or phone ordering. In-person shopping is discouraged. Further information can be found on the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets website: https://agriculture.vermont.gov/
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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"> 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.

Incident Summary	<p>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").</p>
	<p>Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases</p>
Key Information	<p>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 4/30/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 866 Total tests conducted: 15,652 Deaths: 49 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 10 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 18 <p>Key Updates: As of 1345 today, The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard have distributed around 66,048 meals (4,128 cases) at the William H Morse State Airport in Bennington. Distribution will continue until 6pm today. There are distributions scheduled at two locations Friday. All dates and locations can be found at vem.vermont.gov/pods.</p> <p>Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.</p> <p>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.</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An offensive testing strategy focused on health care staff and certain patients was announced yesterday, 4/29, with an estimated 1,000 tests being performed each day. Additional personnel, equipment, and testing supplies may be needed due to the increase in testing. A FEMA request for body bags has been approved. They will be delivered over two weeks. Orders will be processed through the SNS Warehouse once in stock. VTEMS is reviewing EMS strike team feedback. VTEMS is finalizing contracts and conducting training for EMS testing augmentation. There is a potential to receive additional cloth face masks from the Federal government that is being pursued. More details to come. One Alternate Care Site is currently operable in Chittenden County with four other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site has seven COVID-19 positive patients, and one non-covid-19 patients. The final shipment of four V-PRO Sterilization System units was received on Monday. Planning is underway for their distribution to area hospitals. The demobilization of the 4 temporary mortuaries began today. Demobilization will continue through early next week to remove the National Guard tents prior to the removal of the temporary mortuaries.
	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 5,117 new unemployment insurance claims in the week ending on April 25th, which is down from 6,598 the week prior. ACCD has updated several documents for businesses, including additional details for workplace communal spaces, construction in multi-unit properties and for workers who commute to Vermont from out-of-state. A total of 1,979 people have signed up to volunteer through the State's volunteer portal. Volunteers have been referred to the Northeastern Orange County Consortium, the City of Burlington Response and Recovery Center, and the Green Mountain United Way of Washington and Caledonia Counties.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High winds today resulted in a couple hundred power outages across the western part of the state. Utility crews are actively working to restore power.