



Incident Name:
COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:
05/11/2020 08:00 AM - 05/11/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:
53

EOC Activation Level:
Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On May 11, 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 Governor announced today that a gradual reopening of the retail sector will begin on May 18th. More details will be announced this Friday.
- The Agency of Commerce and Community Development seeks input on prioritizing high-impact actions for local, regional, and statewide recovery. Share your priorities via a quick survey before Tuesday, May 12: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GG7WAFX>

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/11/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	926
Total tests for COVID-19	20,871
Deaths	53
Total people recovered	785
People being monitored	23
People who have completed monitoring	846
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	5
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	9

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

5/10 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 did not receive any calls related to COVID-19 on 5/10.

Public Information

The Department of Health distributed a press release seeking members of EMS, fire, and police agencies to be tested for COVID-19. The message was forwarded to Department of Public Safety listservs for EMS, fire, and police.

FEMA

- A Major Disaster Declaration has been approved for Vermont: FEMA-4532-DR-VT
 - FEMA is tracking the following Resource Request Forms (RRFs) in progress:
 - Testing materials, including nasal swabs and test tubes
 - HEPA filters
 - PPE including gloves, coveralls, aprons, boot covers, and N95 masks
 - Boxed meals
 - Powered air-purifying respirators (PAPRs)
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Medical Logistics Branch

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update as of Close of Day 5/8/2020:

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	31
Orders Filled	30
Percentage Filled	97%
Total Unfilled Orders	1
Behavioral Health	1
EMS	0
Hospital	0
Long-Term Care	0
Outpatient Care	0
Public Safety	0
Residential Home	0
Other	0

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 Updates:

- The SNS Warehouse and the Agency of Transportation are coordinating a distribution plan for the remaining State inventory of infrared thermometers (the original distribution was delayed to accommodate the addition of masks to the distribution).

Other Updates:

- The SNS Warehouse received its anticipated deliveries of N95 masks, surgical masks, cloth face coverings, and face shields.
- The SNS Warehouse is working on finalizing details of the lease for additional space. There are differing approaches regarding managing the increased capacity requirements of SNS inventory.
- The SNS Warehouse is working on a shipment of Remdesivir from FEMA which will require refrigeration. The shipment was not delivered over the weekend as originally anticipated. The actual delivery date is unknown.
- A portion of the HEPA filters requested from FEMA were received. The branch is looking into what part of the Resource Request Forms this fills to see if the filters should go to UVM or the State.
- The branch is working on products used for inventory and forecasting for PPE items to make the process less manual. This will help with the change in branch responsibilities when military members' orders end.
- The branch is coordinating the PPE delivery from the White House Task Force (WHTF) to nursing homes. It looks like the shipments will be diverted to the SNS Warehouse to allow for quality control of the contents, and then distributed to nursing homes designated by WHTF.

Logistics Branch

- **Resource procurement status:**
 - The assessments of courthouses for plexiglass barriers were completed. The branch is working with the Judiciary on follow up.
 - Oxygen Saturation Devices are due to arrive at UVM Medical Center by Friday, 5/15.
 - 1,500 additional infrared thermometers were ordered by UVM Medical Center. Expected delivery is Friday, 5/15.
 - The branch is working on portable restrooms and a hand washing station for the pop-up testing sites throughout the state.
- **Vermont National Guard (VTNG):**
 - VTNG is supporting the pop-up testing sites across the state.
- **Department of Human Resources (DHR):**

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
 - 60 volunteers, 8 of whom are deployed at 2 locations, including 7 volunteers deployed at Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital.
 - 758 accepted volunteers, 371 since 3/1
- Temporary Employee Activity-
 - Applications received - 390
 - Offers Made - 6
 - Hired - 6
 - Direct Hires - 17
- **SerVermont:**
 - Currently there are 30 volunteers deployed.
 - 2,022 people offered to volunteer

Health & Medical Branch

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Daily summary of hospital bed availability

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized - 5
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital - 1

Hospital resource needs

- **Personnel** - none known at this time, but may require additional personnel for the Offense-minded Testing Strategy.
- **Equipment** - none known at this time, but may require additional equipment for the Offense-minded Testing Strategy.
- **Supplies** - none known at this time, but may require additional supplies for the Offense-minded Testing Strategy.
- The SEOC is working to secure specific resource requests for three all-day, by-appointment-only pop-up testing operations in Bennington on 5/12, in Brattleboro on 5/14, and in White River Junction on 5/16 for all first responders, healthcare workers, and childcare providers. More such testing for the Offense-minded Testing Strategy is planned for the next several weeks.
- The SEOC/HOC are embarking on an aggressive campaign to use the eight Steris V-PRO sterilizers for N-95 respirator sterilization. The hospitals with donated sterilizers are Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Southern Vermont Medical Center, Northeastern Vermont Medical Center, Springfield Hospital, UVM Medical Center, Rutland Regional Medical Center, and North Country Hospital.
- The branch will reinforce the use of KN95 respirators from China to allow for new respiratory protection users and to extend PPE supplies.

Alternate Care Facility Status Report

- No pending resource needs are known at this time for the one COVID-19 positive and four non-COVID-19 positive patients at the Essex Alternate Care Site.

Activation of Crisis Standards of Care

- Personnel measures - none known at this time.
- Equipment/ PPE measures - planning to avoid shortages of nitrile gloves, surgical gloves,

isolation gowns, surgical gowns, and goggles.

Human Services Branch

Gaps in Agency of Human Services (AHS) essential services due to absenteeism: none at this time

Status of Long-Term Care Facilities:

- Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
- Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
- Census as of 5/11/2020: 2,211 (488 available)
- Resource Needs: None
- Current Outbreaks: No known outbreaks at this time

Status of Isolation and Recovery Sites:

- The Harbor Place isolation and recovery site has a 50-bed capacity, with 6 residents as of 5/10.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier as of 5/8: 1,494 rooms; 1,720 adults; 277 children.

Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- The branch supported an MRE distribution on Friday 5/8 at the Allen Brook School in Williston, VT.

Additional Updates:

- 1,217 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form for 1,949 children. 357 Essential Persons requested help for 563 school-aged children, 439 Essential Persons requested help for 619 children under 6, and 163 Essential Persons requested help for 375 children in both age groups. The remaining 258 Essential Persons representing 391 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- The Agency of Education is working on guidance on family engagement and student recognition for end-of-year activities.

Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

Infrastructure - No disruptions or shortages.

Emergency Services- No reported major active incidents or issues.

Department /Agencies Reports

Vermont State Police (VSP)/Wilderness Search and Rescue -

- No report of incidents or issues.

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

- DFS is working with VDH to develop guidance for how and when the fire service should resume non-emergency operations. The Fire Academy is fielding calls on this topic.

Public Service Department (PSD)-



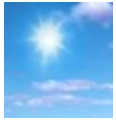


- Power outages within the normal daily limits.

Agency of Digital Services (ADS)-

- No outages reported.

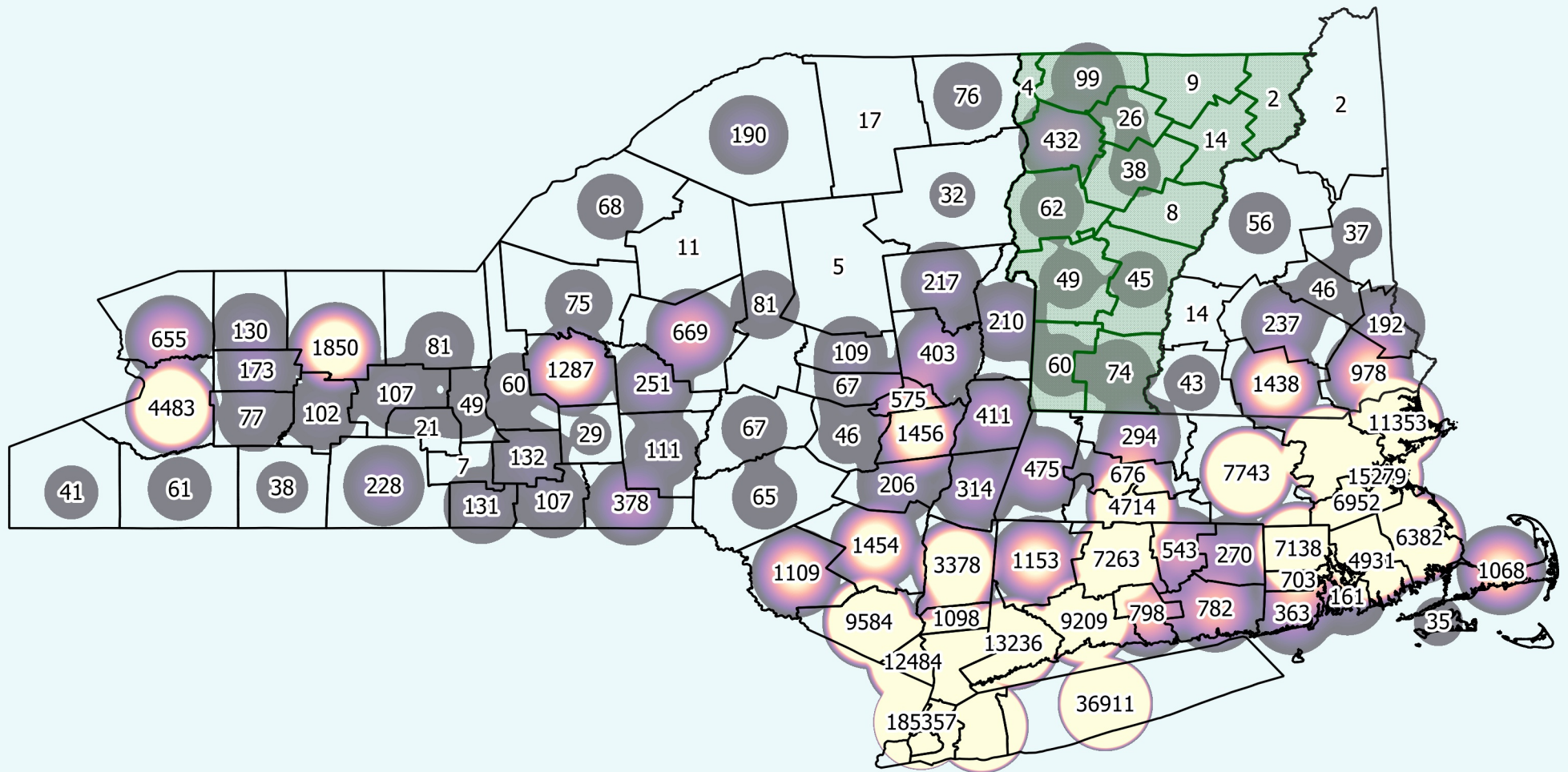
Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Definitely Rain Showers	Clear	Clear	Chance of Rain Showers	Chance of Rain Showers
53 F / 11 C 32 F / 0 C	45 F / 7 C 28 F / -2 C	52 F / 11 C 31 F / 0 C	60 F / 15 C 41 F / 5 C	64 F / 17 C 46 F / 7 C

- **Tonight:** Showers likely, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Northwest wind 8 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.
- **Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 47. Northwest wind 10 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.
- **Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. West wind 6 to 10 mph.

Northeast Cases by County Heatmap



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Updated 5/11/20 - Lee Dorf



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

May 11, 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"> Vermont's Stay Home / Stay Safe order is in effect through May 15th as some restrictions have been lifted in a phased approach to open the economy. Assistance to Firefighters COVID-19 Supplemental competitive grant program is accepting applications through May 15th. The Office of EMS is developing procedures and guidelines for the reopening of EMS psycho-motor education and testing.
	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.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday, 5/8, the Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard distributed 3,312 cases (or 52,992 meals) of MREs at the Allen Brook School in Williston. All the Vermont-based food distribution businesses that applied to the USDA were awarded grants to support the Coronavirus Emergency Food Assistance Program. These awards will be to create food boxes for the Vermont Foodbank to disseminate to Vermonters from May through the fall. VAAFM and the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing have pooled available resources to release a \$20,000 request for proposal for showcasing Vermont food and beverage products via social media. Bids are due on May 15th.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelf-stable boxed meal distributions are being scheduled starting the second week of May. Distributions will occur at 8 sites across 8 counties over a two week period. Dates will be confirmed once supply delivery dates are finalized.
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>
Key Information	<p>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/11/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 926 Total tests conducted: 20,871 Deaths: 53 Total people recovered: 785 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 5 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 9 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Governor announced today that a gradual reopening of the retail sector will begin on May 18th. More details will be announced this Friday. Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force Survey Released – ACCD seeks input on prioritizing high-impact actions for local, regional, and statewide recovery. Share your priorities via a quick survey before Tuesday, May 12: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GG7WVFX <p>Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.</p> <p>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported): Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charleston, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pittsfield, 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"> One Alternate Care Site is currently operable in Chittenden County with three other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site has one COVID-19 positive patient, and four non-COVID-19 patients. Beginning the week of 5/11, the branch will reinforce the use of the eight Steris V-PRO units among healthcare workers and first responders around the hospitals, to further conserve the supply of already scarce N-95 respirators. HOC/VDH is setting up pop-up COVID-19 testing sites for healthcare workers, first responders, and childcare providers on Tuesday in Bennington, on Thursday in Brattleboro, and on Saturday in White River Junction. Registration is required. More such testing for the Offense-minded Testing Strategy is planned for the next several weeks.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An offense-minded testing strategy focused on health care staff and certain patients was announced 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. The Medical Logistics Branch and the SNS Warehouse are in the process of coordinating PPE and equipment support for the new pop-up testing sites scheduled to take place in the coming weeks. Additional guidance will be forthcoming later this week to allow for some additional healthcare providers such as physical therapists and chiropractors to resume operations in a limited capacity.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCD is working with the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce and attorneys of Downs Rachlin Martin to host a webinar that will discuss how to plan a successful return-to-work strategy. The webinar is designed to help Vermont businesses think through the process and present strategies to consider. The Agency of Education is working on guidance on family engagement and student recognition for end-of-year activities.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No anticipated service interruptions.