



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

May 15, 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

Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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Safety and Security	Current Situation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VSP is working with local police departments, the Department of Buildings and General Services, and a sheriff's department on traffic control and security at food distribution sites. The Vermont Supreme Court has extended the judicial emergency through September 1st. All jury trials in criminal cases are suspended until September 1st and in all civil cases until January 1st, 2021. 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"> The combined FEMA Food Box / CEFAP food box distribution sites began today at the Edward F. Knapp State Airport in Berlin, VT. A total of 800 boxes of cheese/butter, 2,000 boxes of chicken, 1,000 boxes of produce, and 2,000 gallons of milk were distributed. The National Guard expects to distribute approximately 4,000 boxes of non-perishable food by the end of today. The next meal distribution site will be held on Tuesday, May 19th, 10am-2pm at Bromley Mountain, 3984 VT Route 11, Peru, VT. All lodging properties must remain closed per existing orders (including relevant exemptions) and should cancel reservations booked between May 15, 2020 and May 22, 2020. The Child Development Division is sending out the Department of Children and Families' Restart program guidance and application today to childcare providers. The Agency of Education is working on summer food service planning and a plan to expand school food service to reach under-served communities.
Transportation	Future
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The USDA announced it will be making direct payments to farmers and ranchers under CFAP. The USDA is not accepting applications yet, but farmers and ranchers will be able to apply through their local Farm Service Agency office. VAAFM is continuing to track the increasing cost of meal at retail at a national level. VAAFM is receiving reports that retailer costs have doubled over the past four weeks and will continue to increase. This is not a price-gouging issue, but is due to a supply chain challenge with a limited workforce in processing plants, which has created a bottleneck in getting meat processed and to distributors/retailers.
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 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 5/15/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 933 Total tests conducted: 23,205 Deaths: 53 Total people recovered: 796 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 3 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 14 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today, Governor Scott issued Addendum 14 to Executive Order 01-20, Be Smart, Stay Safe. This Amendment extends the State of Emergency for Vermont and all previous addenda through midnight on June 15, 2020. The Addendum loosens restrictions on where Vermonters can travel, to include for in-state stays at available lodging, campground and marina facilities. The Addendum also allows the limited resumption of lodging operations, parks for recreational vehicles and campgrounds, and marinas. On-line reservations may resume as of 5/15 for stays beginning on May 22nd. Lodging may be provided for the following purposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing vulnerable populations (emergency shelter for homeless individuals) as arranged through the state; Providing accommodations for health care workers, other workers deemed necessary to support public health, public safety or critical infrastructure and workers entering the state for authorized work; Use of lodging properties as quarantine facilities as arranged by the state; and Lodging for Vermont residents and others who certify self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days prior to lodging overnight in Vermont. Addendum 14 allows the legislative body of each municipality to enact more strict local requirements regarding mask use than what is set forth in Addendum 14. <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"> State data and modeling indicates spread of COVID-19 continues to slow and Vermont now has one of the lowest 3-day and 7-day growth rates in the country. One Alternate Care Site is currently operating in Chittenden County with three other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site has one COVID-19 positive patient, and three non-COVID-19 patients. On Saturday, there will be pop-up testing sites for asymptomatic members of the public in Colchester and Hartford. Registration for both sites is full. More such testing sites for the Offense-minded Testing Strategy are planned through May 23rd. Available appointments at pop-up testing clinics are filling quickly. The Medical Logistics Branch and the SNS Warehouse are coordinating PPE and equipment support for the pop-up testing sites scheduled for the month of May. The Medical Logistics Branch and the Vermont Department of Health are working on developing a high-level PPE distribution policy for the State.
Other Lifelines	Future
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional guidance will be forthcoming next week to allow for some additional healthcare providers such as dentists, physical therapists and chiropractors to resume operations in a limited capacity.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCD updated its guidance for non-essential retail and drive-in operations. This guidance, developed with the Department of Health and Department of Public Safety, goes into effect May 18th and allows for reopening retail operations in a limited capacity with mandatory health and safety requirements. ACCD reports that 204 businesses completed the Business Impact Form during the 4/22-5/15 timeframe. The estimated monthly revenue loss is \$9,200,674 with a 61% reduction in employment reported. Consolidated Communications issued an outage notification this morning with fiber and cable down in the area Burlington and Williston. It is not clear at this time how many dial-tones are affected. Verizon is reporting seven cellular towers out of service in Sheldon, Richford, Enosburg, Alburgh, Swanton, and South Burlington, likely due to the same issue. The fiber cut is being repaired now and is expected to be back in service later tonight.
Other Lifelines	Future
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widespread rainfall is expected Friday through Tuesday with precipitation amounts ranging from 1-3 inches with higher totals across southern Vermont. Impacts are expected to be low at this time.