



# Executive Summary

## COVID-19 Response

### May 18, 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							
Key	<p>Red - most unstable or completely inadequate level of service          Yellow - functional but inadequate for stability of a consistent level of service          Green - stable</p>						

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The Vermont Supreme Court has extended the judicial emergency through September 1<sup>st</sup>. All jury trials in criminal cases are suspended until September 1<sup>st</sup> and in all civil cases until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.</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> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The combined FEMA Food Box / CFAP food box distribution sites began last week. The next meal distribution site will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19th, 10am-2pm at Bromley Mountain, 3984 VT Route 11, Peru, VT.</li> <li>The Child Development Division is sending out the Department of Children and Families' Restart program guidance and application today to childcare providers.</li> <li>The Agency of Education is working on summer food service planning and a plan to expand school food service to reach under-served communities.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</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 Cases by County Heatmap**

Updated 5/18/20 - Lee Dorf  
Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

**Key Information**

**Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/18/20:**

- Positive test results: 940
- Total tests conducted: 23,825
- Deaths: 54
- Total people recovered: 815
- Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 3
- Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 19

**Key Updates:**

- Today, the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation announced that while there is a plan to open and operate state parks this summer, the VT State Parks will not be able to offer camping at least through June 25, 2020 and will be canceling all reservations prior to that date. Refunds will be issued automatically in the form of a gift certificate. Residents and non-residents coming to Vermont will need to quarantine at home for 14 days prior to visiting a Vermont State Park.

**Local State of Emergency:** Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.

**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.

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State data and <a href="#">modeling</a> indicates spread of COVID-19 continues to slow and Vermont now has the lowest 3-day and 7-day growth rates in the country.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Tomorrow, there will be a pop-up testing site for asymptomatic members of the public in Barre. Registration for the site is full. More such testing sites for the Offense-minded Testing Strategy are planned through May 23rd. <a href="#">Available appointments</a> at pop-up testing clinics are filling quickly.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The Medical Logistics Branch is compiling a list of suitable PPE substitutes to enable a quicker response and turnaround time for FEMA RRFs when specifically requested items are unavailable. This will decrease response time when FEMA has questions about suitable PPE alternatives.</li> <li>VDH is in the process of developing a letter reinforcing N-95 shortage mitigation strategies. The letter will be disseminated by 5/20.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional guidance will be forthcoming this week to allow for some additional healthcare providers such as dentists, physical therapists and chiropractors to resume operations in a limited capacity.</li> </ul>
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCD updated its guidance for non-essential retail and drive-in operations last week. This guidance, developed with the Department of Health and Department of Public Safety, goes into effect today, May 18th and allows for reopening retail operations in a limited capacity with mandatory health and safety requirements.</li> <li>SerVermont reports that 28 AmeriCorps, 25 MRC volunteers and 1 spontaneous volunteer are deployed to 211, filling 15-18 shifts a day to support surge operations.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No service disruptions reported at this time.</li> </ul>