



Executive Summary COVID-19 Response May 1, 2020 (1600 EDT)

SEOC Activation Status: Full
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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



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Safety and Security	Current Situation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Office of EMS is gathering feedback on its EMS strike team concept, in which designated EMS agencies backfill areas in need. Canada and the US are extending border restrictions until May 21. Nearly 200,000 people cross that border daily in normal times. 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.
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"> As of 1300 today, the Vermont National Guard and the Vermont Foodbank distributed a total of 426,240 meals at distribution sites in Swanton, Clarendon, North Springfield, Bennington, Newport, and South Hero. Supply has been increased to meet the anticipated demand. Today, May 1st, Farmers' Markets were 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>
Key Information
<p>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/1/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 879 Total tests conducted: 16,233 Deaths: 50 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 11 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 8 <p>Key Updates: As of 1300 today, The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard have distributed more than 93,696 meals (5,856 cases) at the Northeast Kingdom International Airport in Newport, and the Folsom Educational Center in South Hero. Distribution will continue until 6pm today. There are no additional distributions scheduled at this time, but future distribution will be established next week. All details, dates and locations can be found at vem.vermont.gov/pods.</p> <p>Executive Order Measures: Today, Governor Scott announced Addendum 12 which outlined a phased reopening of businesses in Vermont. Addendum 12 expands on the mandatory health and safety requirements that businesses reopening must comply with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requiring all businesses to conduct a pre-screening before the start of the work shift to include temperature checks and a health survey. Requiring employers operating with 10 or more employees to adopt a health and training program to augment the required VOSHA training prior to reopening. Requiring staff/users of public transit to wear face coverings any time they are using public transportation conveyances. Allows for manufacturing, distribution, and construction businesses to work in crews of no more than 10 people in outdoor or unoccupied spaces effective 5/4. Allows for the above sectors to restart with as few employees as necessary if they can meet all health requirements and develop enhanced training programs effective 5/11. <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"> VTEMS is beginning training for EMS agencies assisting with COVID-19 testing. One Alternate Care Site is currently operable in Chittenden County with three other sites on standby, and one currently being demobilized. The Chittenden County site has six COVID-19 positive patients, and three non-covid-19 patients. The demobilization of the 4 temporary mortuaries began yesterday. Demobilization will continue through early next week to remove the National Guard tents prior to the removal of the temporary mortuaries. The Alternate Care Site at Collins Perley Sport Complex in St. Albans was demobilized today. The medical surge trailer has returned to staging at the Northwestern Medical Center.
Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An offensive 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.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCD has updated its sector guidance to include mandatory health and safety guidelines for the continued phased restart of business, including outdoor businesses, construction, manufacturing, and distribution operations. ACCD and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns will begin hosting weekly webinars starting next week Monday to share best practices and tools to help cities and towns navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. A link to the webinar can be found on the ACCD website. The Child Development Division (CDD) is developing a childcare reopening plan, which will include input from childcare providers as part of the plan's development process, and a plan for CIS in-person delivery of services. A total of 1,985 people have signed up to volunteer through the State's volunteer portal. There are currently 28 volunteers deployed. 205 volunteers were referred to the Upper Valley Strong (of Orange and Windsor Counties).
Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No anticipated service disruptions of energy and communication sectors.