

# Stay Home, Stay Safe

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**Incident Name:**

COVID-19 Response

**Reporting Period:**

05/01/2020 08:00 AM - 05/01/2020 04:00 PM

**Situation Report Number:**

47

**EOC Activation Level:**

Full Activation



# Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

## Situation Report

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### *Background / Current Situation*

On May 1, 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.

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#### **Key Updates:**

The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard has operated Commodity Points of Distribution (CPODs) at state airports with final ones occurring today in Newport and South Hero. Dates and locations are listed below (and on the attached map):

- *Friday, May 1 - Northeast Kingdom International Airport (Coventry/Newport)*
  - *Friday, May 1 - Folsom Education Center (South Hero)*
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#### **Executive Order Measures:**

Today, Governor Scott announced Addendum 12, expanding on Addendum 11, which outlined a phased reopening of businesses in Vermont. If able to comply with the outlined safety measures, the following operations will be allowed to operate:

- Crews of 10 or fewer employees per location/job to perform outdoor work and construction work in unoccupied job sites. (Effective May 4)
- Manufacturing and distribution operations may resume with a maximum of 10 employees in any location if they are low-density and ensure employees are always six feet apart. (Effective May 4)
- Manufacturing, construction and distribution operations may restart with as few employees as necessary to permit full operations if they can meet all health and safety requirements, comply with ACCD guidance and develop enhanced training programs that expand on the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Agency (VOSHA) training. (Effective May 11)

Addendum 12 expanded on the mandatory health and safety requirements outlined in previous addenda, including:

- Requiring all businesses to conduct a pre-screening before the start of the work shift to include temperature checks and a health survey to verify each employee has no symptoms of respiratory illness.
- Employers operating with 10 or more employees must now adopt a training program – which can be developed independently, or through industries, trade associations, chambers of commerce or other representative organizations – which must be made available upon request. In most cases, these plans should augment the VOSHA training standards to reflect the unique nature of various workplaces.
- Requiring staff/users of public transit to wear face coverings any time they are using public transportation conveyances.
- Businesses and non-profit and government entities may require customers or clients to wear masks.

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**Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/1/20:**

Total positive test results for COVID-19	879
Total tests for COVID-19	16,233
Deaths	50
People being monitored	20
People who have completed monitoring	833
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	11
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	8

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

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**5/1 Call Statistics from 211:**

- 211 received 47 calls, the vast majority from the general public (41 calls).
- The most common call topics were the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (20 calls), travel (11 calls), and work (9 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

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*Public Information*

- The Joint Information Center (JIC) shared new guidance on Phase 3 of the economic restart of Vermont: <https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order>
- The JIC amplified guidance on social media.
- The Department of Labor issued a press release on returning to work if recalled by an employer: <https://labor.vermont.gov/press-release/press-release-unemployment-claimants-called-back-must-accept-suitable-work>
- The JIC shared weekly COVID-19 modelling data: <https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/modeling>

- A Major Disaster Declaration has been approved for Vermont: FEMA-4532-DR-VT
- FEMA is tracking the following Resource Requests (RRFs) in progress:
  - ◊ Body bags
  - ◊ Testing materials, including swabs and test tubes
  - ◊ HEPA filters for hospital and EMS personnel
  - ◊ PPE including gowns, gloves, coveralls, aprons, and boot covers
  - ◊ MREs/boxed meals
  - ◊ N95 masks

*Medical Logistics Branch*

**Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update as of Close of Day 4/30/2020:**

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	35
Orders Filled	18
Percentage Filled	51%
Total Unfilled Orders	17
Behavioral Health	1
EMS	2
Hospital	0
Long-Term Care	1
Outpatient Care	0
Public Safety	1
Residential Home	1
Other	11

**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

### Other Updates:

- The branch is working with the Vermont National Guard (VTNG) and Medical Surge Sites to communicate that any SNS assets must be accounted for by the SNS Warehouse. Transfers of these assets can only occur with prior coordination with the Department of Health (VDH) or SNS, including transfers between sites.
- It was determined that the PPE Usage Survey is owned by the Medical Logistics Branch, with Tim Stetson as the point of contact. Accompanying communication for the PPE Usage Survey was drafted and should be put forward to Commissioners today for their review/approval.
- The branch is following up with VDH regarding their new protocol for Skilled Nursing Facilities (released 4/27) and what the impact on PPE usage and requests to the SNS Warehouse will be.
- Separate meetings for procurement and policy surrounding PPE usage are being implemented starting next week. Agendas to be released Monday at the latest.
- The branch added a new request to DLAN for 1,500 Thermometers, and is currently working with Buildings and General Services to source.

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### *Logistics Branch*

- **Resource procurement status:**
  - ◊ The demobilization of the temporary mortuaries has begun. Today, two of the four mortuary trailers have been decommissioned. 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.
  - ◊ The branch is working on the installation of the Central Vermont Medical Center radio antenna with an existing contract.
- **National Guard (VTNG) deployment status:**
  - ◊ New Activated/Deployed Resources:
    - VTNG and the Agency of Transportation are finishing the distribution of MRE's at the last two planned sites today.
- **Department of Human Resources (DHR):**
  - ◊ Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
    - 26 volunteers are deployed at 2 locations
    - 743 accepted volunteers, 357 since 3/1/2020.
    - Pending requests:
      - Following up on MRC assisting with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital employees as they arrive to work.
  - ◊ Temporary Employee Activity:
    - DHR had 168 requested positions requested, 358 applications; 11 offers, 3 hired, and made 18 additional direct hires.
- **SerVermont:**
  - ◊ Currently 28 volunteers are deployed.

- ◊ 1,985 people signed up to volunteer.
- ◊ 205 volunteers were referred to Upper Valley Strong (of Orange and Windsor Counties).

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## *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
- 5/1 Census: 2,227
- 5/1 Bed Availability: 472
- 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 2 residents as of 5/1.
- The Chittenden Recovery Center (Holiday Inn in South Burlington) has 1 resident as of 5/1.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier (4/30/2020): 1,338 rooms; 1,587 adults; 260 children.

### **Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:**

- Commodity Points of Distribution (CPOD) occurred today, 5/1/2020, in Newport and South Hero to provide Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs) to local residents in need.

### **Additional Updates:**

- The Child Development Division (CDD) is developing a childcare re-opening 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.
- 1,170 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form for 1,872 children. 347 Essential Persons requested help for 548 school-aged children, 420 Essential Persons requested help for 588 children under 6, and 156 Essential Persons requested help for 358 children in both age groups. The remaining 247 Essential Persons representing 378 children did not indicate a need for child care.

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## **Health & Medical Branch**

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### **Daily summary of hospital bed availability**

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized - 10
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital - 7

### **Hospital resource needs**

- **Personnel** - none known at this time, but may require additional personnel for the Offensive

- Testing Strategy.
- **Equipment** - none known at this time, but may require additional equipment for the Offensive Testing Strategy.
- **Supplies** - none known at this time, but may require additional supplies for the Offensive Testing Strategy.
- The Health & Medical Branch will meet weekly during the Offensive Testing Strategy to evaluate resources the SEOC can provide.

### **Alternate Care Facility status report**

- No pending resource needs known at this time for the nine (9) 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.

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## *Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force*

### **AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):**

**Updated Work Safe Guidance to Business** – 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. Additional details are available here:

- Memorandum to Businesses and Employers: <https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order>
- Restart Vermont Resources to help businesses work towards reopening: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business/restart>

**Training for Manufacturers on Restarting Business Operations May 1, 1:30 - 2:30 PM**– This webinar aims to help Vermont manufacturers of all sizes seeking insight and information on effective, safe practices for resuming operations during the pandemic. Join a live panel of experienced manufacturing and other professionals who will answer questions and share their personal and business operations experience. Join the conversation here: <https://vsc.zoom.us/j/97552113919>

**Weekly COVID-19 Updates for Municipalities** – Every Monday from 2-3 PM, VLCT and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development will offer webinars to ensure local leaders have timely, accurate information they need to protect the health and safety of their employees and residents. The webinar is led by Deputy Secretary Ted Brady who will answer questions and share information about best practices, new tools and resources to help cities and towns navigate these difficult times. Link to the webinar posted later today.

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*Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch*

**Infrastructure** - As of 11:30, there were 6 power outages statewide. Utility crews are working to fix them.

**Emergency Services** - No reported major active incidents at this time.

**Department /Agencies Updates**






**Emergency Medical Services (VTEMS) –**

- VTEMS is beginning training for EMS agencies assisting with COVID-19 testing.
- VTEMS is coordinating the EMS's role in COVID-19 testing with Med tech and Epi.
- VTEMS is gathering feedback on the EMS strike team concept.
- VTEMS is publishing weekly district and absenteeism data.

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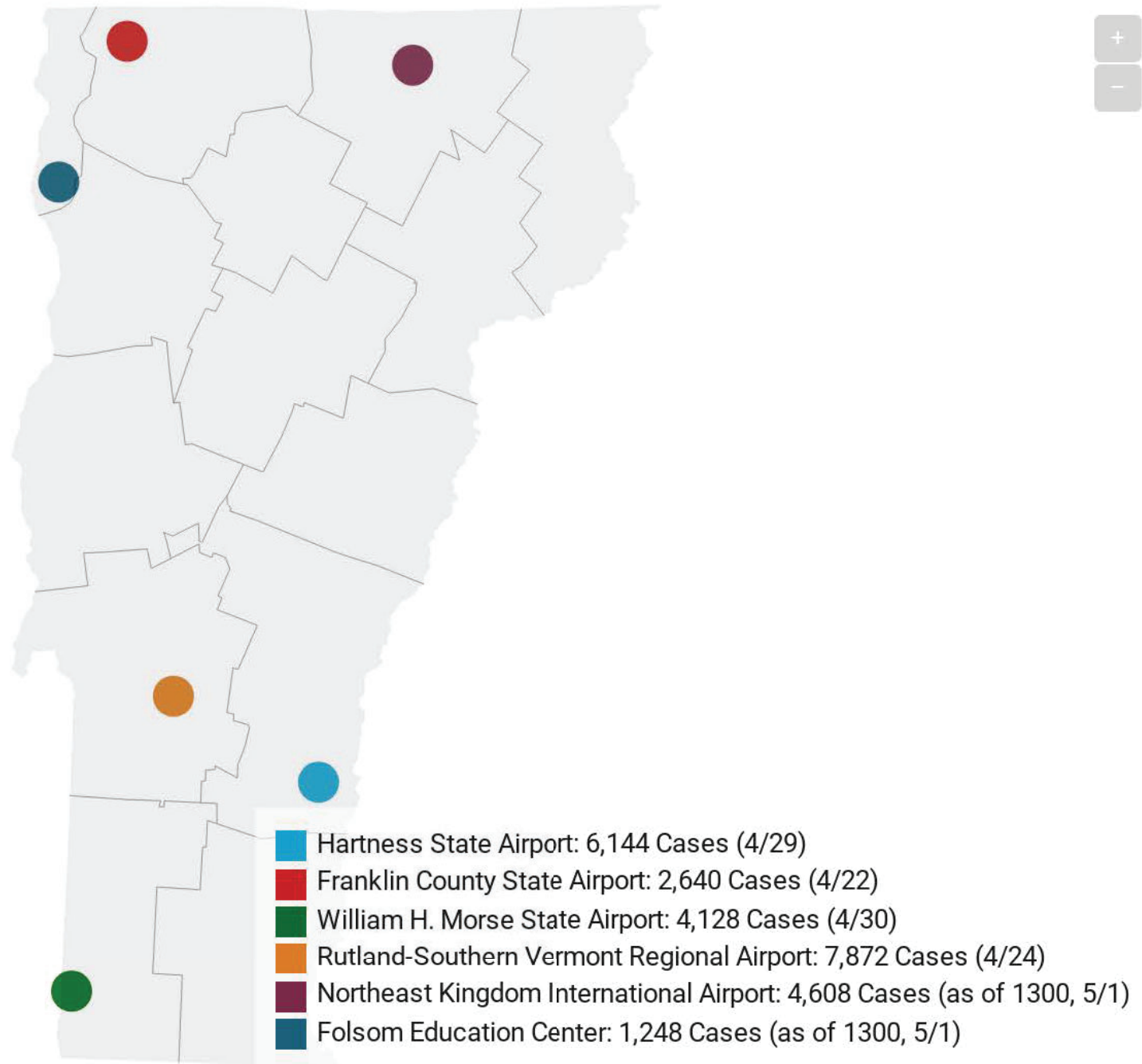
*Weather*

**Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
				
Scattered Rain Showers	Chance of Rain Showers	Chance of Rain Showers	Likely Rain Showers	Clear
56 F / 13 C 38 F / 3 C	60 F / 15 C 41 F / 5 C	67 F / 19 C 43 F / 6 C	53 F / 11 C 36 F / 2 C	52 F / 11 C 32 F / 0 C

- **Tonight:** Scattered showers, mainly before midnight. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Northwest wind 10 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
- **Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. Northwest wind 7 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
- **Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers after 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Calm wind.
- **Sunday:** A 30 percent chance of showers before 10am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.
- **Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Calm wind.
- **Monday:** Showers likely, mainly after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. Calm wind becoming west 5 to 7 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

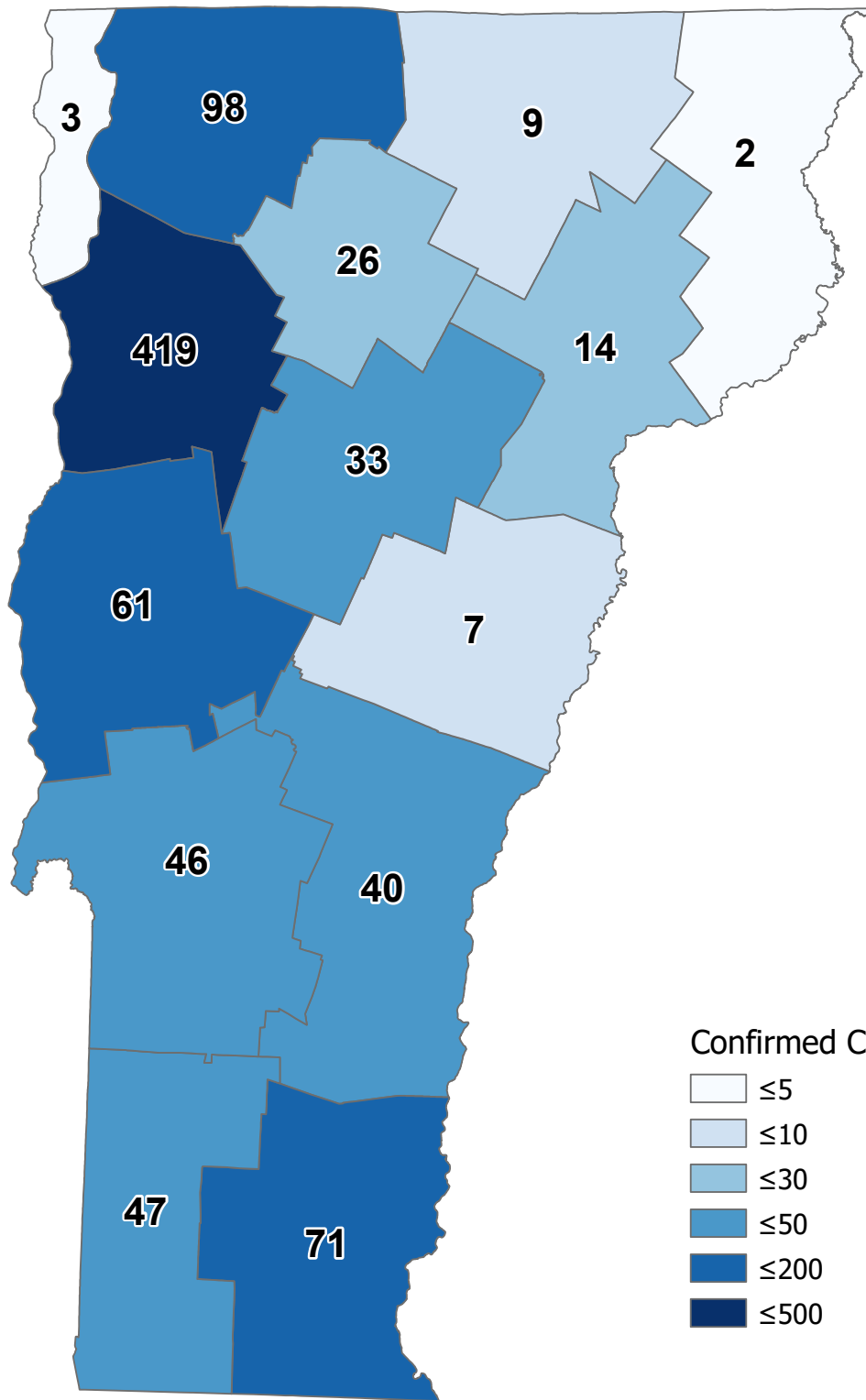
# Commodity Points of Distribution (CPOD) Sites - Cases Distributed



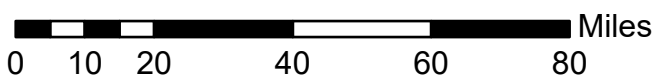
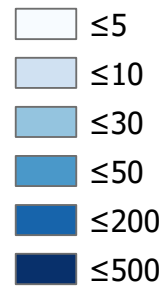
NOTE: one case per person, 16 meals per case. (Updated 5/1/20)

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# Vermont COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



Confirmed Cases by County



Updated 5/1/20



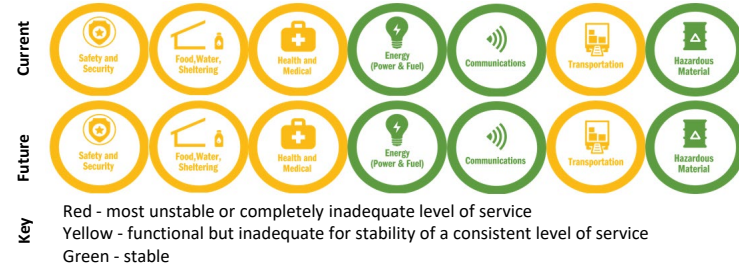


# Executive Summary COVID-19 Response May 1, 2020 (1600 EDT)

**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



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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Office of EMS is gathering feedback on its EMS strike team concept, in which designated EMS agencies backfill areas in need.</li> <li>Canada and the US are extending border restrictions until May 21. Nearly 200,000 people cross that border daily in normal times.</li> <li>Vermont's Stay Home / Stay Safe order is in effect through May 15<sup>th</sup> as some restrictions have been lifted in a phased approach to open the economy.</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>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.</li> <li>Today, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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: <a href="https://agriculture.vermont.gov/">https://agriculture.vermont.gov/</a></li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</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	<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><b>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/1/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive test results: 879</li> <li>Total tests conducted: 16,233</li> <li>Deaths: 50</li> <li>Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 11</li> <li>Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 8</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Updates:</b></p> <p>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 <a href="http://vem.vermont.gov/pods">vem.vermont.gov/pods</a>.</p> <p><b>Executive Order Measures:</b></p> <p>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"> <li>Requiring all businesses to conduct a pre-screening before the start of the work shift to include temperature checks and a health survey.</li> <li>Requiring employers operating with 10 or more employees to adopt a health and training program to augment the required VOSHA training prior to reopening.</li> <li>Requiring staff/users of public transit to wear face coverings any time they are using public transportation conveyances.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local State of Emergency:</b> Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.</p> <p><b>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported):</b> 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"> <li>VTEMS is beginning training for EMS agencies assisting with COVID-19 testing.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No anticipated service disruptions of energy and communication sectors.</li> </ul>