



# Executive Summary

## COVID-19 Response

### May 20, 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"> <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. Yesterday the site at Bromley Mountain in Peru, VT, distributed 1,000 CFAP perishable household sets (including Chicken, produce, dairy and milk, an additional 660 gallons of milk, and 1.926 cases of non-perishable meals.</li> <li>As of 2pm today, the Middlebury site distributed 1,000 CFAP perishable household sets and 1,848 non-perishable box meals. (# not final count)</li> <li>The next meal distribution sites will be held tomorrow, Thursday, May 21th, 10am-2pm at Thetford Academy in Thetford and on Friday, May 22, 10am-2pm at Lamoille Union High School in Hyde Park.</li> <li>The Child Development Division (CDD) is developing a state-wide distribution plan for masks intended for childcare providers and early childhood prevention and intervention providers.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Trump announced a \$19 billion coronavirus food assistance program to support farmers and ranchers, with \$16 billion going directly to them to maintain health food supply chain. (Authorized by the CARES Act.) Farmers and ranchers can begin signing up on May 26th. The remaining \$3 billion will go to support the USDA "Family Box Meal" program (CFAP).</li> <li>The Child Development Division (CDD) is developing plans for increasing childcare capacity this summer and fall as needed.</li> <li>ACCD has <a href="#">updated guidance</a> on the loosening of restrictions on restaurant operations for outdoor dining. This guidance includes requiring reservations or call ahead seating, and limiting total outdoor restaurant capacity to 50 or the maximum seating capacity, whichever is less, while maintaining a minimum of 10 feet of space between tables. (See link for full list of requirements.)</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>
Key Information	<p><b>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/20/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive test results: 944</li> <li>Total tests conducted: 25,058</li> <li>Deaths: 54</li> <li>Total people recovered: 824</li> <li>Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 3</li> <li>Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 12</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Today, Governor Scott proposed a \$400 million <a href="#">economic relief and recovery package</a>, using funds from the \$1.25 billion the State received from the Federal CARES Act. The two-phase proposal will start with \$310 million for immediate relief to the most impacted sectors and businesses. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Governor will now work with the legislature towards passage of this relief package. The Phase 1 relief package will involve four areas of action. They include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Financial assistance:</b> Emergency Action Grants for food and accommodation services, retail, and agriculture, Vermont Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Grant program, and small business focused Vermont Restart loans and grants. (\$250MM)</li> <li><b>Housing assistance:</b> Rental Housing Stabilization Fund for property owners and a Re-Housing Recovery Fund to address homeless need. (\$50MM)</li> <li><b>Technical assistance:</b> Restart Vermont Recovery Guides, and Employee Assistance Program to support the mental health and wellbeing of business owners and their families. (\$5MM)</li> <li><b>Marketing support:</b> Promotional marketing campaign to promote Vermont to Vermonters and deliver a toolkit of creative assets to be used by local communities, and regional marketing and consumer stimulus grants to encourage local spending, with implementation strategies to be proposed by local entities. (\$5MM)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Local State of Emergency:</b> Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.</p> <p><b>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported):</b> 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"> <li>One Alternate Care Site is currently operating in Chittenden County with three other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site has no COVID-19 positive patients, and two non-COVID-19 patients.</li> <li>Tomorrow, there will be a pop-up testing site for asymptomatic members of the public in Newport. 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 EMS Office is beginning program reviews for the Hybrid EMT Course Project.</li> <li>The EMS Office is drafting a proposal for portfolio competency evaluation in licensure programs.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SEOC Medical Logistics Branch completed data collection for its PPE Usage Survey. A presentation of the findings is scheduled for 6/2.</li> <li>The governor said today that additional guidance will be forthcoming on Friday to allow for 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>Additional guidance on the opening of State Parks, pools, beaches, and swimming facilities, as well as the operation of yard and garage sales has been posted on the <a href="#">ACCD website</a>.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No service disruptions reported at this time.</li> </ul>