



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

May 29, 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

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.
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"> The combined FEMA Food Box / Farmers to Families food distribution sites began at the beginning of May. Yesterday the site at the Franklin County Airport in Highgate/Swanton distributed 1,000 CFAP perishable household sets (including chicken, produce, dairy and milk), and 2,280 boxes (of 15 box-meals) of non-perishable meals. As of 2pm today, the Lyndonville site estimates it will distribute 1,000 perishable household sets and over 4,000 non-perishable boxes. (# not final count) The next meal distribution sites will be held, Monday, June 1st, 10am-2pm at the Rutland Regional Airport in North Clarendon. The June 1 through June 5 sites will distribute all remaining emergency non-perishable box food ordered in April. ACCD continues to work in close contact with the Vermont Retail Grocers' Association to monitor supply chain issues. As of 5/28, the supply chain is in good shape outside of flour and yeast, sugar, cleaning supplies, meat, pasta, canned vegetables, and box prepared products. AHS, ACCD, VAAFM, and DPS are working with other state, local, and non-profit partners to stand up a new program to serve meals to those in need, beginning in the Brattleboro area. Within the next few weeks, the Brattleboro program aims to provide 600 meals, 4 days per week for one month. Efforts are underway to expand this model to provide healthy, local food in other parts of the state.
Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Development Division (CDD) is participating in a multi-agency, statewide distribution on June 1st and 2nd of cloth facial coverings, soap, and thermometers to CDD providers, summer day camps, Office of Economic Opportunity shelter staff, and state employees. The Agency of Education is working on finalizing guidance to schools on maximizing use of federal funds and identifying cloth mask / other PPE needs from schools.
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 5/29/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 975 Total tests conducted: 31,885 Deaths: 55 Total people recovered: 859 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 1 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 13 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today, Governor Scott introduced addendum 16 to the executive order, allowing for limited resumption of close contact businesses such as gymnasiums, fitness centers, nail salons, spas, and tattoo parlors, effective June 1st. The addendum also allows for social gatherings of up to 25 people in any confined indoor or outdoor spaces (also effective June 1st) but does not change the occupancy limits previously established for businesses, non-profits, and government entities. Today, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development updated its reopening guidance, provided health measures are followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized outdoor markets, such as flea markets, can resume. Pick-your-own agricultural produces can resume. Overnight summer camps and limited residential summer college programming can operate. Starting June 7th, out-of-state participants at such camps and programs can follow a modified version of the travel quarantine restrictions. Libraries; galleries; museums; theaters; and other indoor arts, culture, and entertainment organizations may allow customers starting June 1st. <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"> The Department of Financial Regulation has released new modeling to help guide policy decisions. This update includes some dynamic maps that highlight the risk of exposure to COVID-19 increases as you travel outside of Vermont. This concludes that 41% of all COVID-19 cases in the US are within a 5-hour drive time from Vermont's borders. The Vermont National Guard has completed demobilization of the Barre Alternative Care Site. One Alternate Care Site is currently operating in Chittenden County with two other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site currently has no COVID-19 positive patients nor non-COVID-19 patients. Tomorrow, there will be pop-up testing sites for asymptomatic members of the public in Barre and Essex. More such testing sites for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy are currently planned through June 5th. Available appointments at pop-up testing clinics are filling quickly.
Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 5/28, a Health Alert Network Advisory was disseminated to health care providers to let them know how to use and request the state's allotment of Remdesivir, which is a drug under an Emergency Use Authorization from the federal Food and Drug Administration to treat COVID-19.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vermont Arts Council opened an additional round of Artist Development Grants to help artists as they adapt and respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Grants can fund activities that enhance mastery of an artist's craft or skills; or activities that increase the viability of an artist's business. Grants are due July 13, 2020. Hair salons and barber shops may reopen today with limited operations and following mandatory health and safety requirements.
Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong to severe showers and thunderstorms are expected tonight and could produce gusty winds and locally heavy rains. There is the potential for thunderstorms to move over the same region in a short period of time (also known as training) which could result in localized minor flash flooding.