



Executive Summary COVID-19 Response May 4, 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"> The Office of EMS is assessing system capacity for deployment of EMS strike teams, which are designated EMS agencies that backfill areas in need. 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"> By the end of the day Friday, May 1, the Vermont National Guard and the Vermont Foodbank distributed a total of 30,000 cases of meals at distribution sites in Swanton, Clarendon, North Springfield, Bennington, Newport, and South Hero to Vermonters in need. Planning continues to support the transition of those in the hotel / motel voucher program into other housing recovery options.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning is underway for additional meal distribution sites to be established in the next couple of weeks. All details, dates and locations will be updated at www.vermont.gov/pods, once available.
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 Addendum 12 required that the traveling and commuting public shall wear face coverings over their nose and mouth any time they are using public transportation conveyances, including busses, trains and ride services and when in a mass transportation station or terminal, including airports.
	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>
	<p>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/4/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 902 Total tests conducted: 17,332 Deaths: 52 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 8 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 7 <p>Executive Order Measures: Today, Governor Scott amended Addendum 3 of his Executive Order, allowing healthcare providers to begin non-essential outpatient clinic visits, diagnostic imaging, and outpatient surgeries and procedures. As a prerequisite for this expansion of services, providers must demonstrate that they are adhering to physical distancing and relevant CDC guidelines regarding infection control and prevention to maintain a safe environment for patients and staff. The amendment details the specific measures that are required.</p> <p>Today, several parts of Addendum 12 to Governor Scott's executive order took effect as part of 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"> Crews of 10 or fewer employees per location/job to perform outdoor work and construction work in unoccupied job sites. 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. Requiring employers operating with 10 or more employees to adopt a health and training program to augment the required VOSHA training prior to reopening. Required VOSHA training was to be completed by close of business today. <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, Rutland, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.</p>
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Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Office of EMS is coordinating a plan to increase first responder testing. The Office of EMS is conducting training for EMS agencies assisting with the COVID-19 rapid response testing project. One Alternate Care Site is currently operable in Chittenden County with three other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site has four COVID-19 positive patients, and four non-covid-19 patients. The demobilization of the 4 temporary mortuaries is underway. Demobilization is expected to be complete by Tuesday, 5/5. The Chittenden Recovery Center in South Burlington was demobilized yesterday, 5/3. The SEOC is working with the University of Vermont Medical Center on the purchase of 1,500 additional thermometers for distribution to meet the planned need to get employees back to work safely. Under the direction of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the Nation. The mission will supplement existing efforts to ensure nursing homes across the country have PPE during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. FEMA will ship PPE to Medicaid- and Medicare-certified nursing homes based on input from the American Health Care Association to serve as a bridge between other PPE shipments. This will include approximately 35 facilities in Vermont. The first of two seven-day supply shipments are expected to be begin the first week of May.
	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. Planning for crisis counseling continues. A kickoff meeting for the new SEOC disaster mental health group is scheduled for 5/5.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCD 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. On 5/4, ACCD and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns hosted their first weekly webinar to share best practices and tools to help cities and towns navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. A link to the webinars can be found on the ACCD website. A total of 1,984 people have signed up to volunteer through the State's volunteer portal. There are currently 28 volunteers deployed.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No anticipated service disruptions of energy and communication sectors.