

# Stay Home, Stay Safe

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**Incident Name:**

COVID-19 Response

**Reporting Period:**

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

**Situation Report Number:**

48

**EOC Activation Level:**

Full Activation



# Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

## Situation Report

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### *Background / Current Situation*

On May 4, 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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#### **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.

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:

- 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.

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#### **Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/4/20:**

Total positive test results for COVID-19	902
Total tests for COVID-19	17,332
Deaths	52

People being monitored	12
People who have completed monitoring	841
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	8
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	7

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

### 5/2-5/3 Call Statistics from 211:

- Over the weekend, 211 received 9 calls related to COVID-19, the vast majority from the general public (8 calls).
- The most common call topic was the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (3 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

### *Public Information*

- The Joint Information Center (JIC) created two graphics for social media in support of the Governor's economic restart, one on phase 3 general provisions and the other on guidance for garden centers and similar establishments.
- Other JIC social media posts covered:
  - ◊ Mental health services
  - ◊ Food services
  - ◊ Distancing in the outdoors
  - ◊ Face covering guidance and locations where they can be purchased
- Outdated pages were deleted from Vermont Emergency Management's COVID-19 website.

### *FEMA*

- 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
  - ◊ Boxed meals
  - ◊ N95 masks
- 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.
  - ◊ Each nursing home will receive two shipments with a combined total of 14 days' worth of PPE.

- Shipments of the first seven-day supply are expected to begin the first week of May.
- Shipments of an additional seven-day supply will begin in early June.
- This will include approximately 35 facilities in Vermont.

*Medical Logistics Branch*

**Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update as of Close of Day 5/1/2020:**

<b>Daily Workflow Status</b>	
<b>Orders Received</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Orders Filled</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Percentage Filled</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Total Unfilled Orders</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Behavioral Health</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>EMS</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hospital</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Long-Term Care</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Outpatient Care</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Residential Home</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>4</b>

**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:**

- 15-18 pallets of KN95 and procedure masks from C2 are scheduled for delivery to the SNS warehouse today.
- 11 pallets of face shields were sent to the SNS warehouse from the University of Vermont, in multiple deliveries spanning Friday and today.
- The PPE Usage Survey and accompanying communication were approved by the Joint Information Center today. The goal is for the survey to go live tomorrow.

- The branch is anticipating a shipment of cloth face coverings from FEMA today, though the exact quantity is unknown at this time.
- The state-purchased cloth masks have been separated from the general stock to ensure they are not mixed up in the other SNS inventory available for distribution.
- The Agency of Transportation (AOT) delivered requested PPE to its Burlington location, and plans to make the remaining deliveries for AOT across the state today.
- A thermometer order is currently pending in Canada at Customs. The order is waiting for a backlog to resolve prior to delivery to the SNS warehouse.

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## *Logistics Branch*

- **Resource procurement status:**

- The demobilization of the temporary mortuaries has started. Demobilization should be completed by 5/5.
- 2,000 oxygen saturation devices were ordered at the request of the Department of Health to provide to patients being monitored at home.
- The branch is working on installation of a replacement radio antenna for Central Vermont Medical Center.
- The branch is working on acquiring spray bottles for a request from the Division of Fire Safety.
- The branch 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.

- **Department of Human Resources (DHR):**

- There is a new mandatory VOSHA/VDH training for state employees, which must be completed by 5/4: <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/content/new-mandatory-voshavdh-training-state-employees-complete-5-4-20>
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
  - 26 volunteers are deployed at 2 locations
  - 749 accepted volunteers, 362 since 3/1/2020.
  - Pending requests:
    - Assisting with screening Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital employees as they arrive to work starting on 5/7 through 5/14.
- Temporary Employee Activity:
  - DHR had 168 requested positions requested, 361 applications; 11 offers, 3 hired, and made 18 additional direct hires.

- **SerVermont:**

- Currently 28 volunteers are deployed.
- 1,984 people signed up to volunteer.

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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 - 6

## 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 four (4) COVID-19 positive and four (4) non-COVID-19 positive patients at the Essex Alternate Care Site. One patient was discharged over the weekend.

## 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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## *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
- 5/4 Census: 2,216
- 5/4 Bed Availability: 483
- Resource Needs: None
- Current Outbreaks: No known outbreaks at this time

## Status of Isolation and Recovery Sites:

- The Harbor Place isolation and recovery site had a 50-bed capacity, with 4 residents as of 5/3. The Chittenden Recovery Center (Holiday Inn in South Burlington) had 0 residents as of 5/1 and was demobilized yesterday, 5/3.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier (4/30/2020): 1,456 rooms; 1,610 adults; 274 children.
- Planning continues to support the transition of those in the hotel / motel voucher program into other housing recovery options.

## Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- The branch is planning another possible MRE distribution to occur later this week.

- Planning has begun to support boxed meals distribution. It is expected that delivery of boxed meals will begin in two weeks.

**Additional Updates:**

- The Child Development Division is preparing plans for re-opening childcare.
- Children's Integrated Services retainer fund applications have been distributed with a deadline of May 11.
- 1,181 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form for 1,892 children. 349 Essential Persons requested help for 551 school-aged children, 424 Essential Persons requested help for 597 children under 6, and 158 Essential Persons requested help for 362 children in both age groups. The remaining 250 Essential Persons representing 382 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- Planning for crisis counseling continues. A kickoff meeting for the new SEOC disaster mental health group is scheduled for 5/5.

*Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch*

**Critical Services** - No interruptions due to absenteeism.

**Critical Infrastructure** - No critical infrastructure interruptions noted.

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

**Emergency Medical Services (VTEMS) –**

- VTEMS is conducting training for EMS agencies participating in the COVID-19 rapid response testing project.
- VTEMS is coordinating a plan to increase first responder testing.
- VTEMS is assessing system capacity for deployment of EMS strike teams.

*Weather*

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Chance of Rain Showers	Clear	Clear	Chance of Rain Showers	Chance of Rain Showers
51 F / 10 C 35 F / 1 C	48 F / 8 C 32 F / 0 C	57 F / 13 C 34 F / 1 C	58 F / 14 C 34 F / 1 C	53 F / 11 C 30 F / -1 C

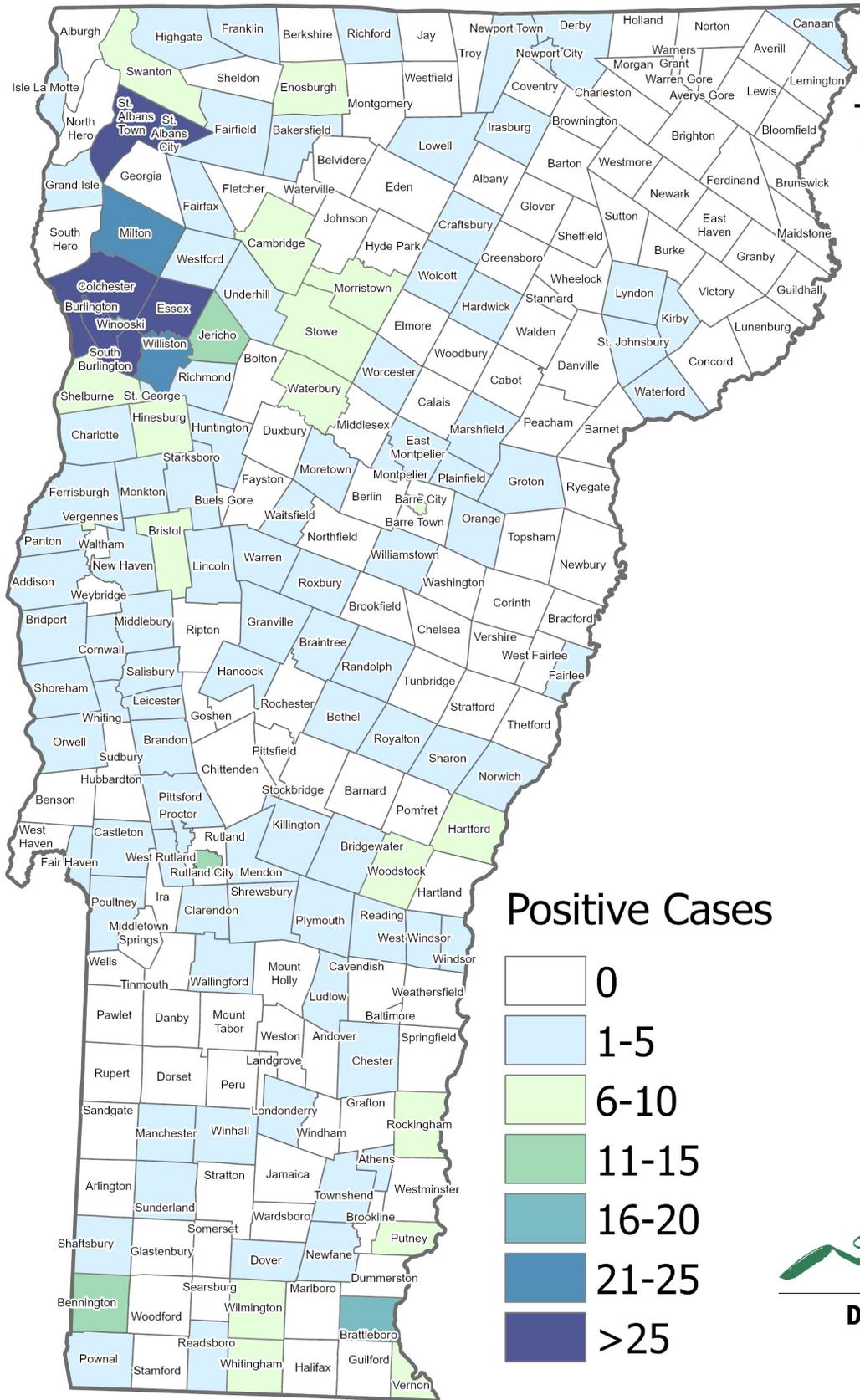
- **Tonight:** A chance of rain showers before 4am, then a slight chance of rain and snow showers. Cloudy, with a low around 34. Northwest wind 11 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. Little

or no snow accumulation expected.

- **Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 50. Northwest wind around 14 mph.
- **Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Northwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the evening.

# Vermonters Who Have Tested Positive for COVID-19 by Town

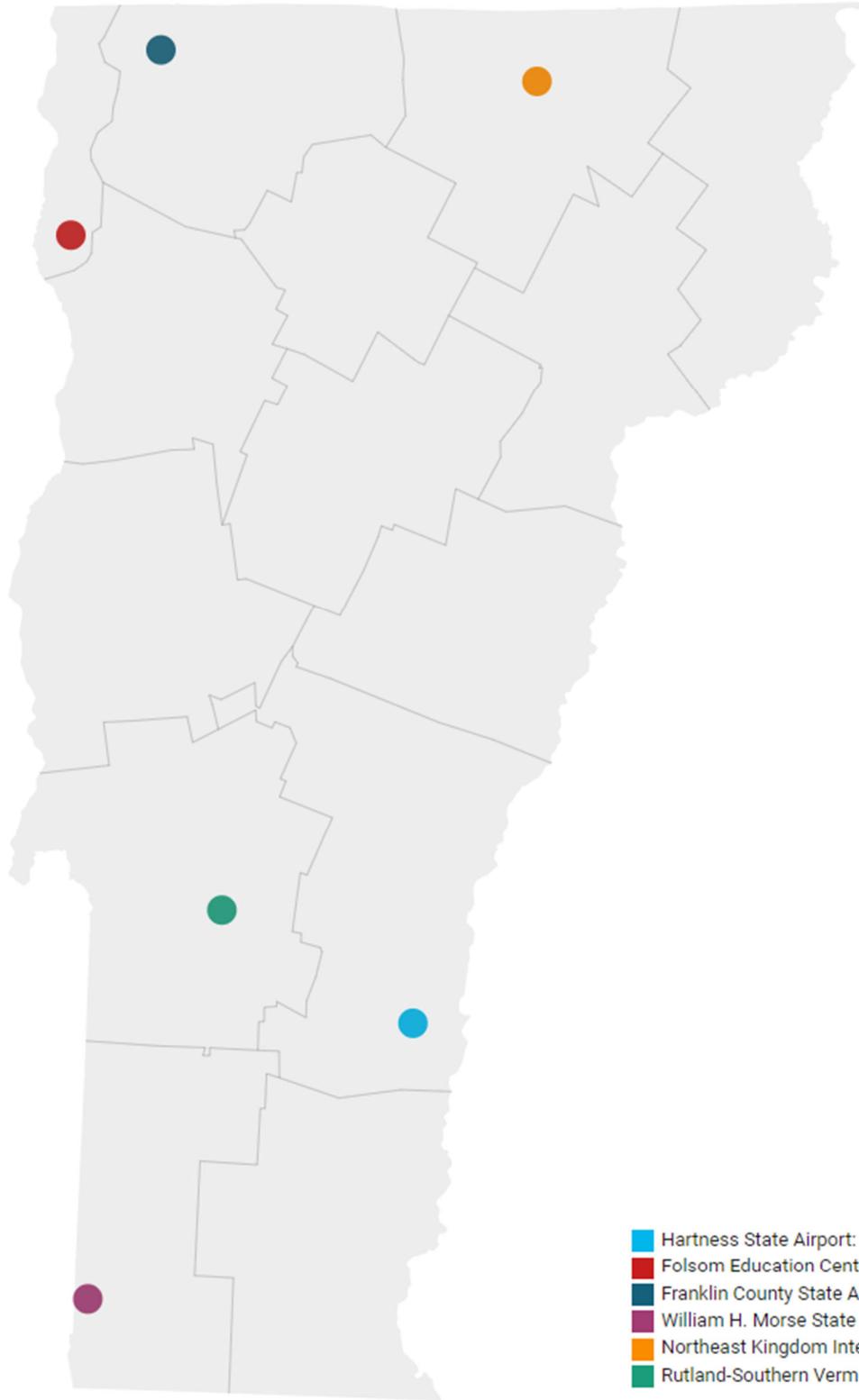
Data Current as of March 5, 2020 - April 30, 2020



## Town Counts

Burlington	160
Essex	47
Colchester	39
St. Albans Town	38
South Burlington	38
Milton	24
Williston	23
St. Albans City	19
Brattleboro	16
Winooski	14
Rutland City	14
Jericho	11
Bennington	11
Wilmington	10
Vergennes	10
Hartford	10
Hinesburg	9
Stowe	8
Woodstock	7
Whitingham	7
Vernon	7
Swanton	7
Shelburne	7
Morristown	7
Waterbury	6
Rockingham	6
Putney	6
Enosburgh	6
Cambridge	6
Bristol	6
Barre City	6

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



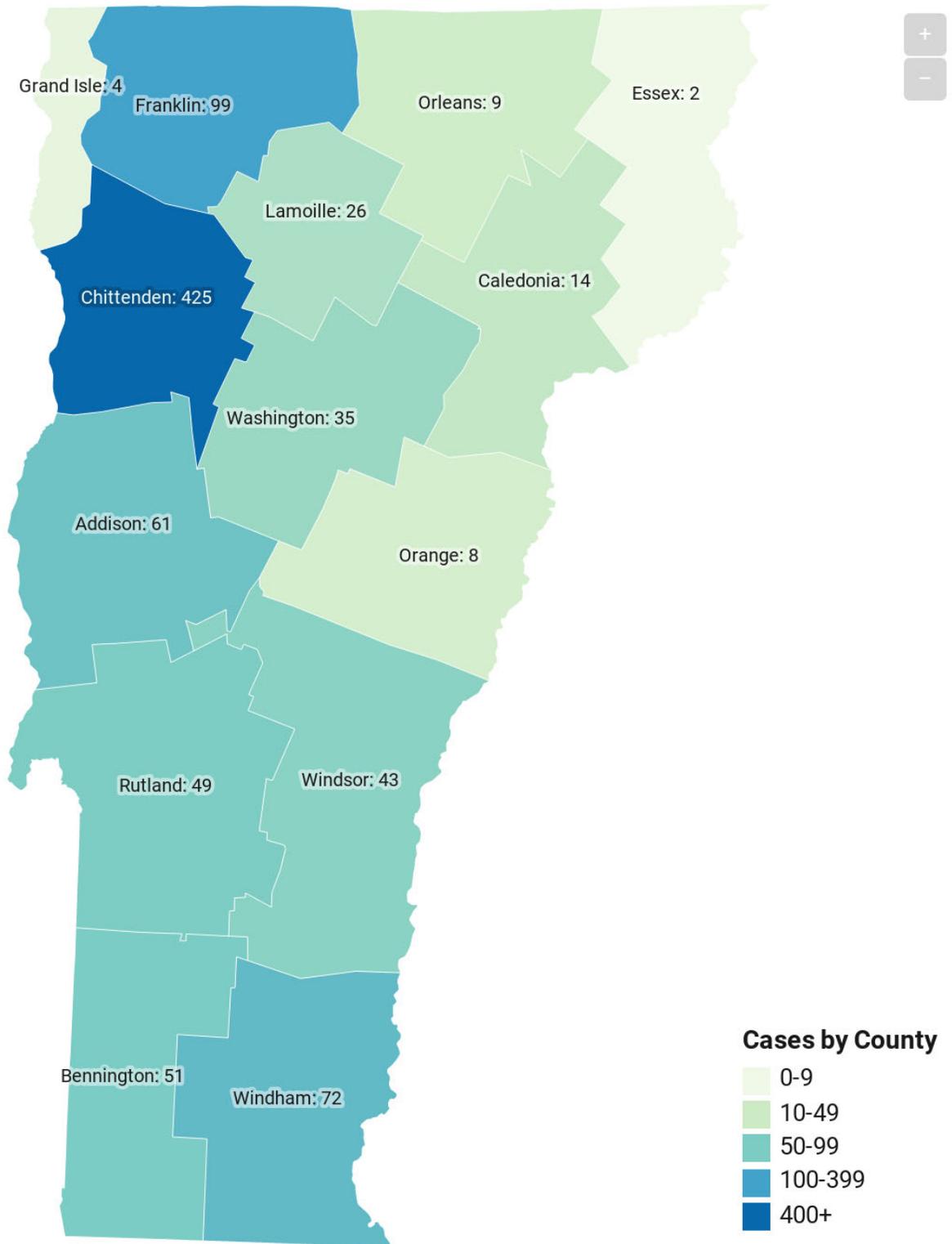
- Hartness State Airport: 6,144 Cases
- Folsom Education Center: 2,304 Cases
- Franklin County State Airport: 2,640 Cases
- William H. Morse State Airport: 4,128 Cases
- Northeast Kingdom International Airport: 6,912 Cases
- Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport: 7,872 Cases

NOTE: One case per person, 16 meals per case. (Updated 5/4/20)

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# Vermont Cases by County

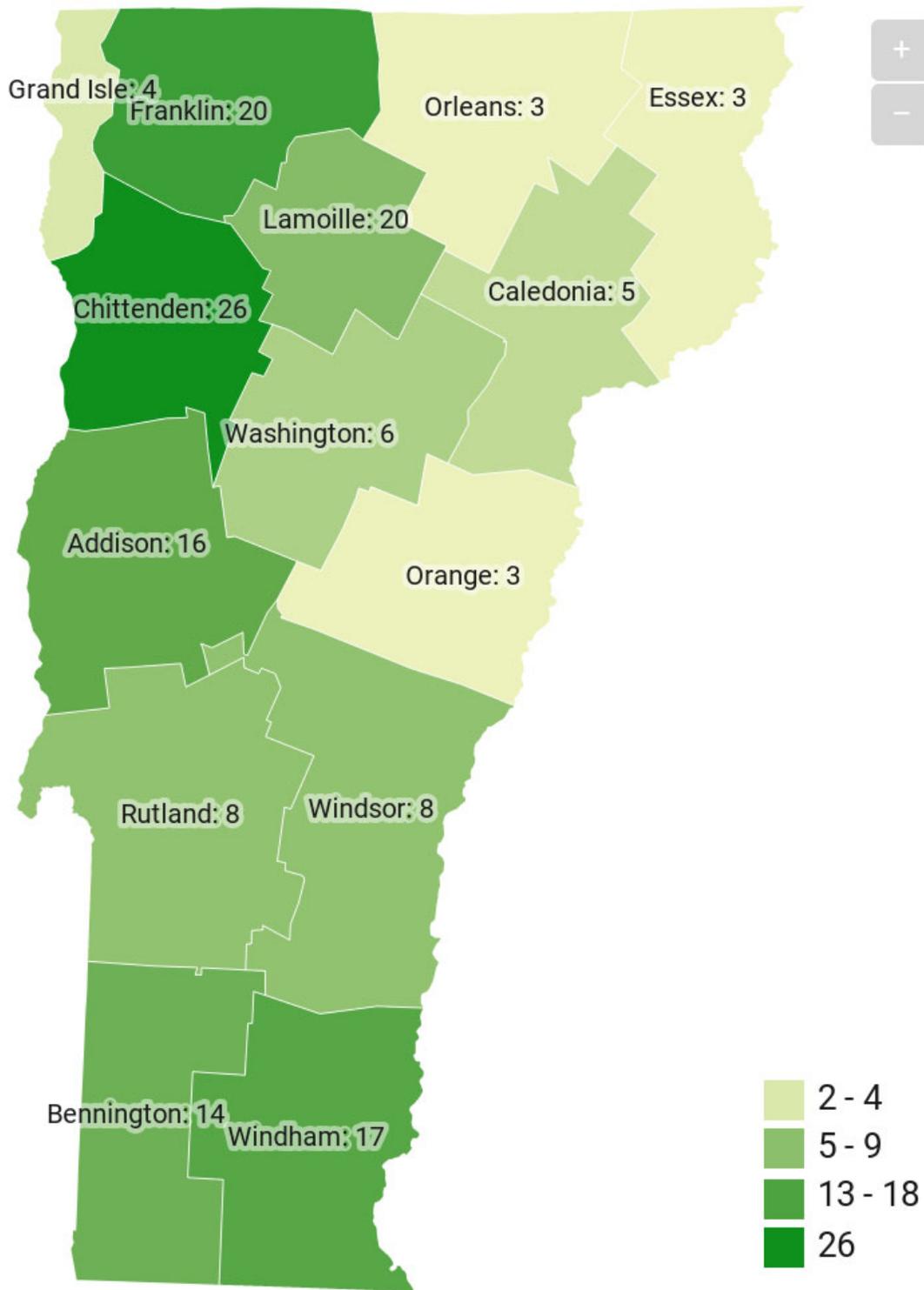
TOTAL CASES: 902



Updated: 5/4/20

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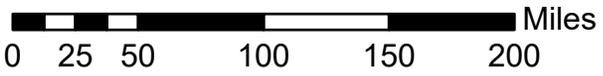
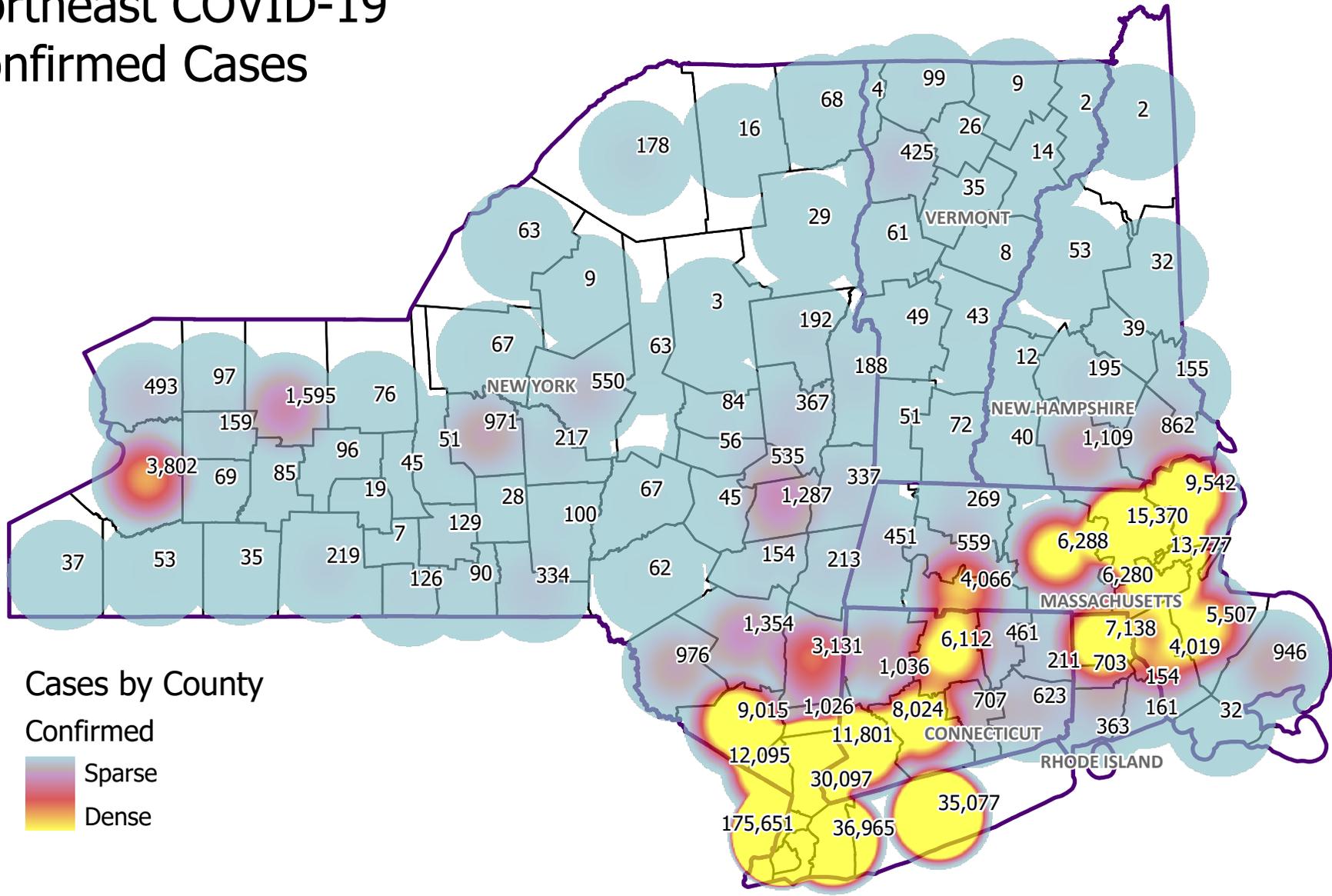
# VT COVID-19 Cases per 10,000 Residents



Updated 5/4/2020

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# Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



Updated 5/4/2020 by Pam Brangan

Source: John Hopkins University map service



# 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"> <li>The Office of EMS is assessing system capacity for deployment of EMS strike teams, which are designated EMS agencies that backfill areas in need.</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>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.</li> <li>Planning continues to support the transition of those in the hotel / motel voucher program into other housing recovery options.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 <a href="https://www.vermont.gov/pods">www.vermont.gov/pods</a>, once available.</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> <li>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.</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 5/4/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive test results: 902</li> <li>Total tests conducted: 17,332</li> <li>Deaths: 52</li> <li>Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 8</li> <li>Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 7</li> </ul> <p><b>Executive Order Measures:</b> 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"> <li>Crews of 10 or fewer employees per location/job to perform outdoor work and construction work in unoccupied job sites.</li> <li>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.</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. Required VOSHA training was to be completed by close of business today.</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, 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>The Office of EMS is coordinating a plan to increase first responder testing.</li> <li>The Office of EMS is conducting training for EMS agencies assisting with the COVID-19 rapid response testing project.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The demobilization of the 4 temporary mortuaries is underway. Demobilization is expected to be complete by Tuesday, 5/5.</li> <li>The Chittenden Recovery Center in South Burlington was demobilized yesterday, 5/3.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</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> <li>Planning for crisis counseling continues. A kickoff meeting for the new SEOC disaster mental health group is scheduled for 5/5.</li> </ul>
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>A total of 1,984 people have signed up to volunteer through the State's volunteer portal. There are currently 28 volunteers deployed.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No anticipated service disruptions of energy and communication sectors.</li> </ul>