



# Executive Summary COVID-19 Response May 5, 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

Current							
Future							
Key	<p>Red - most unstable or completely inadequate level of service Yellow - functional but inadequate for stability of a consistent level of service Green - stable</p>						

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Office of EMS is reviewing options to safely resume EMS skills education.</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>The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today that agricultural businesses are now eligible for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs. SBA's EIDL portal has is accepting applications from agricultural businesses only as a result of funding authorized by Congress. The legislation provides additional funding for farmers and other agricultural businesses affected by COVID-19.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is another Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MRE) distribution planned for Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Allen Brook School in Williston, VT.</li> <li>Shelf-stable boxed meal distributions are being scheduled for the second week of May. Dates and locations will be confirmed once supply delivery dates are finalized.</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**

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").

**Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases**

Cases by County

Confirmed

Sparse  
Dense

0 25 50 100 150 200 Miles

Updated 5/5/2020 by Pam Brangan

**Key Information**

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

- Positive test results: 907
- Total tests conducted: 17,518
- Deaths: 52
- Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 8
- Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 25

**Key Updates:**

- An additional Commodity Point of Distribution (CPOD) for the distribution of meals has been scheduled for Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> in Chittenden County. For more information: <https://vem.vermont.gov/pods>

**Local State of Emergency:** Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.

**Local EOCs Activated (self-reported):** Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charlestown, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pittsfield, Rutland, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Office of EMS is drafting a plan to include first responders in the offensive testing strategy</li> <li>A Health Advisory was disseminated today to health care providers encouraging the referral for testing of mildly symptomatic patients. It included a list of testing sites and contact information for them.</li> <li>One Alternate Care Site is currently operable in Chittenden County with three other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site has two COVID-19 positive patients, and six non-covid-19 patients.</li> <li>The demobilization of the remaining temporary mortuaries was completed on 5/5.</li> <li>Infrared Thermometer order that was held up with Customs as the US/Canadian border have been released and should be arriving to the warehouse later today.</li> <li>Late yesterday, the Medical Logistics Branch received orders of body bags, surgical masks coveralls, and Fit Test Solution to the SNS warehouse.</li> <li>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> <li>In accordance with the amendment to Addendum 3 of the Executive Order, some hospitals and health care facilities have begun allowing elective outpatient diagnostics and procedures.</li> <li>A kick off meeting with the SEOC Recovery Unit and members of the Human Services Branch and Disaster Behavioral Services group met to discuss the new Crisis Counseling Program.</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>A total of 2,013 people have signed up to volunteer through the State's volunteer portal. There are currently 28 volunteers deployed.</li> <li>The Agency of Education is finalizing guidance on graduation / end-of-year exercises in line with the executive order.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No anticipated service disruptions of energy and communication sectors.</li> </ul>