

Stay Home, Stay Safe

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Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

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

Situation Report Number:

49

EOC Activation Level:

Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On May 5, 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.

Key Update:

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

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

Total positive test results for COVID-19	907
Total tests for COVID-19	17,518
Deaths	52
People being monitored	20
People who have completed monitoring	840
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	8
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	25

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

5/4 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 54 calls related to COVID-19, the vast majority from the general public (46 calls).
- The most common call topics were the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (20 calls), financial stimulus (18 calls), and work (13 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

- The Department of Tourism posted a social-distancing-friendly Vermont Mother's Day promotion: <https://www.vermontvacation.com/mothers-day>
- The Joint Information Center posted a message to all Vermont Front Porch Forums regarding cloth face covering usage and where to purchase them.

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
- 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 5/4/2020:

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	54
Orders Filled	37
Percentage Filled	69%
Total Unfilled Orders	17
Behavioral Health	2
EMS	2
Hospital	0
Long-Term Care	0
Outpatient Care	0
Public Safety	0

Residential Home	1
Other	12

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

Thermometer Updates:

- An order of infrared thermometers are in Canada and were held over the weekend by Customs due to a paperwork issue. The issue was resolved today and the delivery agent is in route to pick up the thermometers. The thermometers should arrive at the University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN) today.

Other Updates:

- An order of 60,000 KN95s & 100,000 procedure masks from Rossi Lumber is scheduled for delivery to the SNS warehouse today.
- An order of cloth masks anticipated yesterday did not arrive. The SNS Warehouse is working with FEMA to determine the issue and next steps.
- UVMHN ordered 2,000 boxes of nitrile gloves, all sizes, via Amazon Health (each box contains 100 gloves). The delivery date is unknown, but possibly as early as next week.
- The branch is anticipating N95 9105 masks from FEMA. The branch is looking into how they will be used as they are not intended for medical use.
- 314 body bags ordered by the State (separate from the FEMA order) were delivered to the SNS warehouse late yesterday afternoon.
- 29,000 surgical masks were delivered to the SNS warehouse from Portabrace late yesterday afternoon.
- The SNS warehouse received 3,713 coveralls from FEMA late yesterday afternoon.
- 7 Bottles of Fit Test Solution were received at the SNS warehouse from the ATC Group.
- The branch is currently working on identifying and solving policy issues that will/are impacting PPE consumption.
- The branch published a new product for internal PPE ordering that provides an estimated "Need to Order By" date for each item. The dates take into account how long it has taken to procure recent orders of the same/similar items.

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
- 5/5 Census: 2,225
- 5/5 Bed Availability: 474
- Resource Needs: None
- Current Outbreaks: No known outbreaks at this time

Status of Isolation and Recovery Sites:

- The Harbor Place isolation and recovery site has a 50-bed capacity, with 4 residents as of 5/5.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier (5/5): 1,451 rooms; 1,669 adults; 273 children.

Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- The branch is planning another MRE distribution on Friday, May 8, 2020 at the Allen Brook School in Williston, VT.
- Planning has begun to support boxed meals distribution. It is expected that delivery of boxed meals will begin in two weeks.

Crisis Counseling / Disaster Behavioral Services:

- A kick off meeting with the SEOC Recovery Unit and members of the AHS Branch and Disaster Behavioral Services group met to discuss the new Crisis Counseling Program.
 - Discussed Program overview
 - Model of Program initiation through the use of Designated Agencies (DAs) statewide over the next 60 days.
 - The Department of Mental Health designates one DA in each [geographic region](#) of the state to provide the Department's mental health programs for adults and children.
 - Targeted outreach will include virtual services and media communications, such as radio and television, to Vermonters who are unemployed, have food insecurities, substance use disorders and/or other vulnerabilities.
 - The SEOC will provide support through the Joint Information Center with communications and messaging.

Additional Updates:

- The Child Development Division (CDD) is developing a distribution plan to childcare providers for 318 non-contact infrared thermometers provided by Vermont Emergency Management.
- 1,189 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form for 1,905 children. 349 Essential Persons requested help for 551 school-aged children, 427 Essential Persons requested help for 601 children under 6, and 161 Essential Persons requested help for 369 children in both age groups. The remaining 252 Essential Persons representing 384 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- The Agency of Education (AOE) is finalizing guidance for supervisory unions and school districts on graduation / end-of-year exercises per the Governor's March 26, 2020 order. Additional AOE guidance for summer is scheduled for 5/5.

Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

New Work Safe Training Resources:

The COVID-19 Recovery Resource Center now includes a one-stop portal of tools to help businesses plan for reopening: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19>

The Restart Vermont Resources page includes a link to the required VOSHA training and downloadable signage that can be printed and posted around the workplace. Employers will also find a VOSHA template that will help businesses design their own training and reopening plans: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business/restart>

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR:

Labor Refusal to Work Guidance - DOL has issued a reminder to individuals that refusing suitable work or refusing employment wages through their employer may disqualify them from receiving unemployment benefits and may constitute fraud. Exceptions do exist for some employees, such as those who have been exposed to COVID-19 or who must care for a family member. For more information and how to report employees refusing to return to work, read the full guidance here: <https://labor.vermont.gov/press-release/press-release-unemployment-claimants-called-back-must-accept-suitable-work>

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND MARKETS:

Federal Disaster Relief Program Reopens for Agricultural Businesses - 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. More information here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

Logistics Branch

- **Resource procurement status:**
 - ◊ The demobilization of temporary mortuary sites was completed on 5/5.
 - ◊ Burlington Health and Rehab is requesting maintenance to their dryer to sterilize gowns and other PPE.
 - ◊ An order for protective goggles was placed, which is backordered until July 1st.
- **Vermont National Guard (VTNG):**
 - ◊ VTNG removed tents from the temporary mortuary sites.
- **Agency of Transportation (AOT):**
 - ◊ The AOT picked up 1 million medical masks from Concept II in Morrisville and delivered them to the Donations facility to provide to the SNS warehouse as needed.
- **Department of Human Resources (DHR):**
 - ◊ Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
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 - 26 volunteers are deployed at 2 locations
 - 743 accepted volunteers, 357 since 3/1/2020.

- **SerVermont:**
 - Currently 28 volunteers are deployed.
 - 2,013 people offered to volunteer.

Health & Medical Branch

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Daily summary of hospital bed availability

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized - 8
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital - 11

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 are known at this time for the 4 COVID-19 positive and 4 non-COVID-19 positive patients at the Essex Alternate Care Site.

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.

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 reviewing options to safely resume EMS skills education.
- VTEMS is drafting a plan to include first responders in the offensive testing strategy.

Vermont State Police (VSP)-

- VSP is monitoring a report of a possible peaceful protest planned.

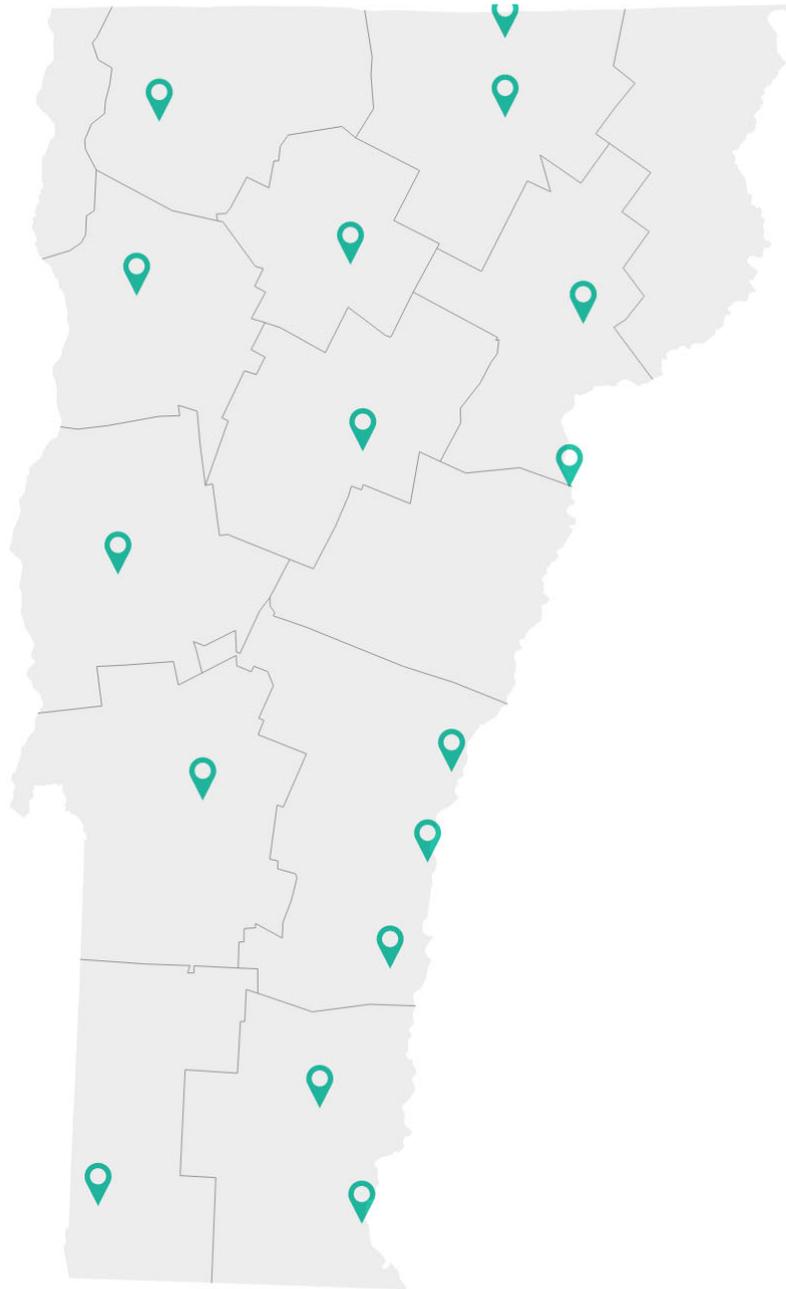
Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

<p>Tuesday</p>  <p>Clear</p> <p>48 F / 8 C 31 F / 0 C</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>  <p>Clear</p> <p>57 F / 13 C 37 F / 2 C</p>	<p>Thursday</p>  <p>40%</p> <p>Chance of Rain Showers</p> <p>57 F / 13 C 36 F / 2 C</p>	<p>Friday</p>  <p>40%</p> <p>Chance of Rain Showers</p> <p>48 F / 8 C 29 F / -1 C</p>	<p>Saturday</p>  <p>50%</p> <p>Chance of Snow Showers</p> <p>43 F / 6 C 31 F / 0 C</p>
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- **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Northwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the evening.
- **Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.
- **Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Light and variable wind.

COVID-19 Specimen Collection Sites

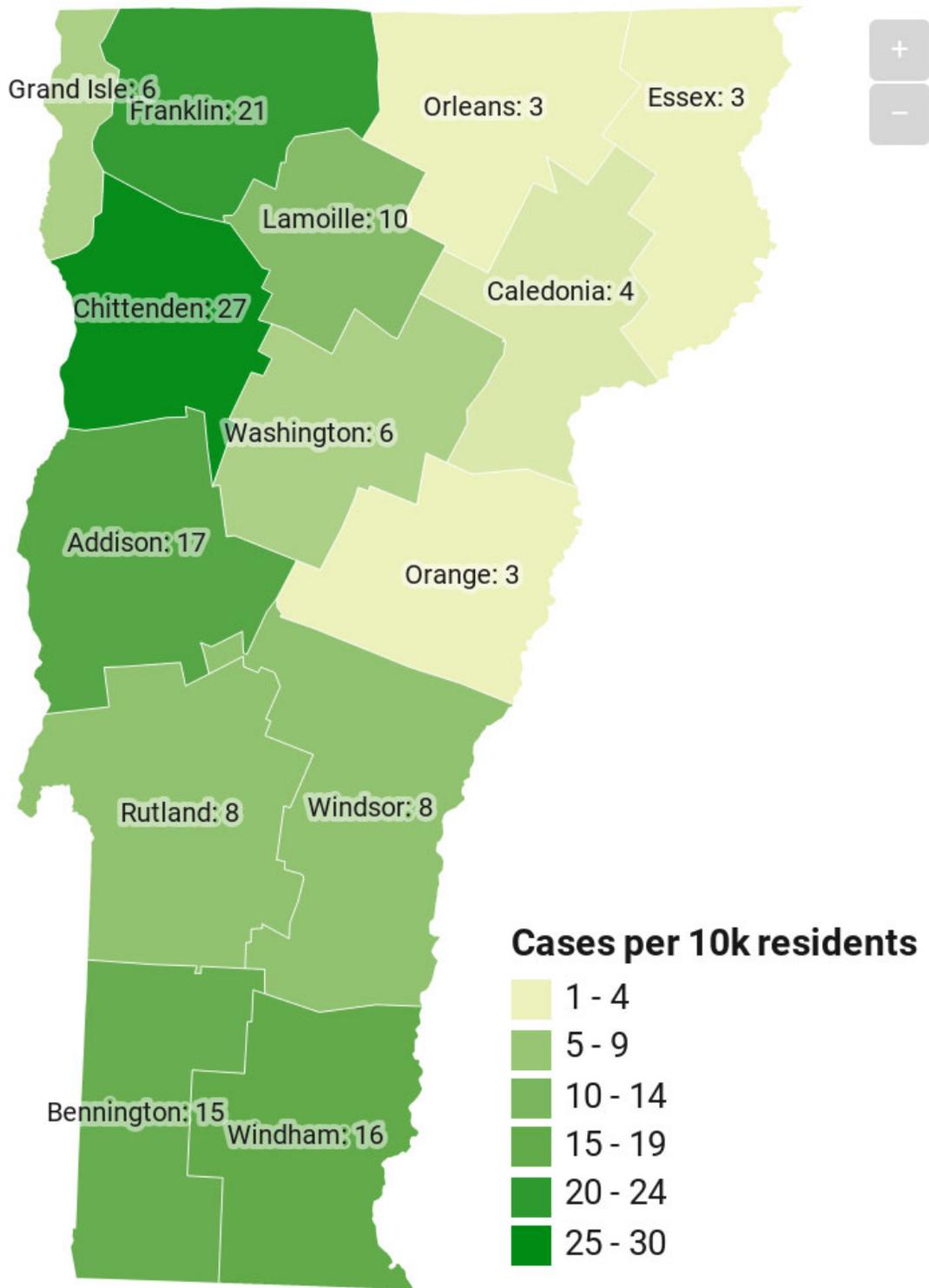
Resource for Health Care Providers (Select for address and contact info)



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VT COVID-19 Cases per 10,000 Residents

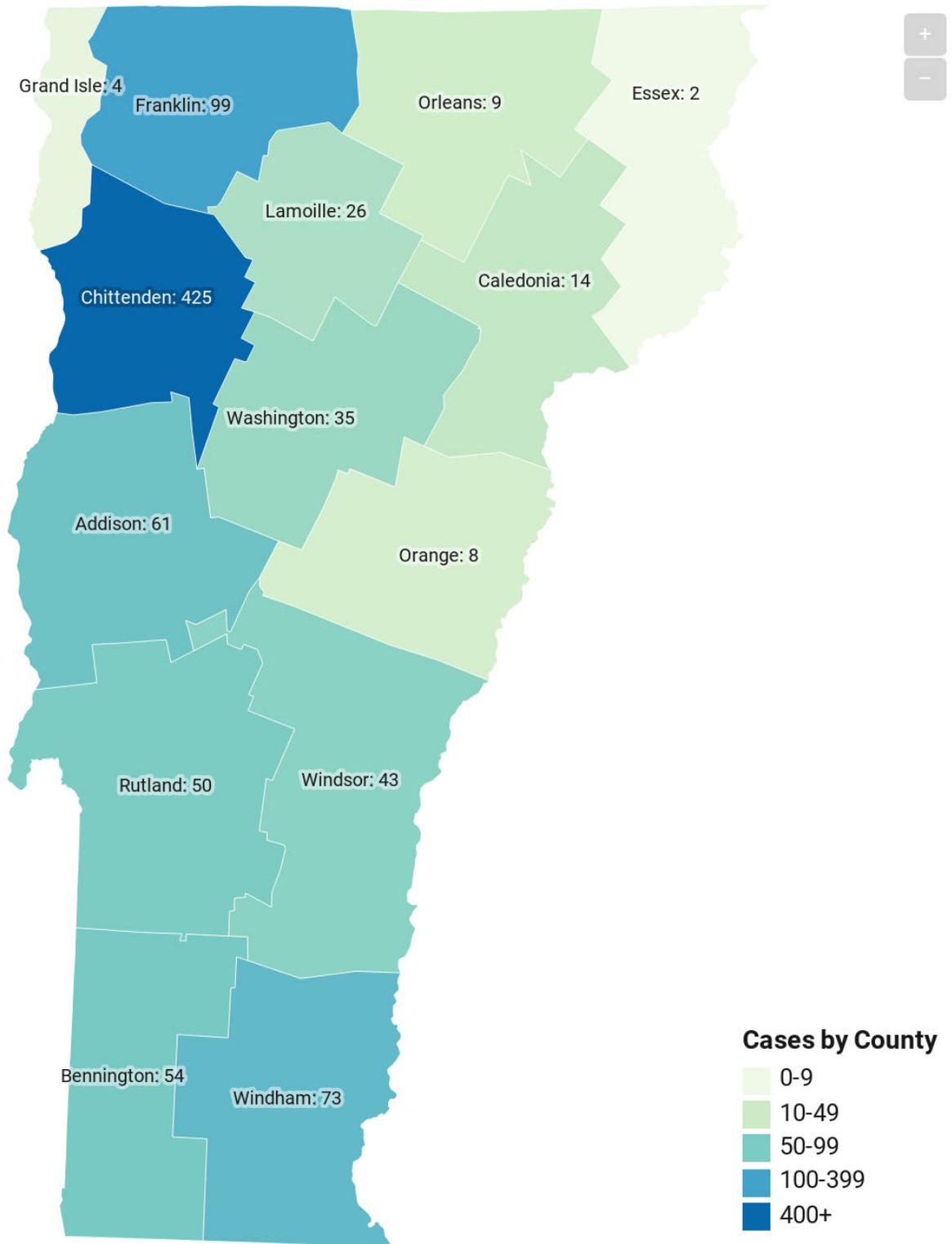


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Vermont Cases by County

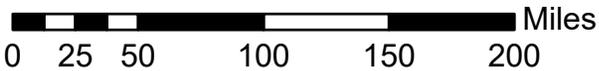
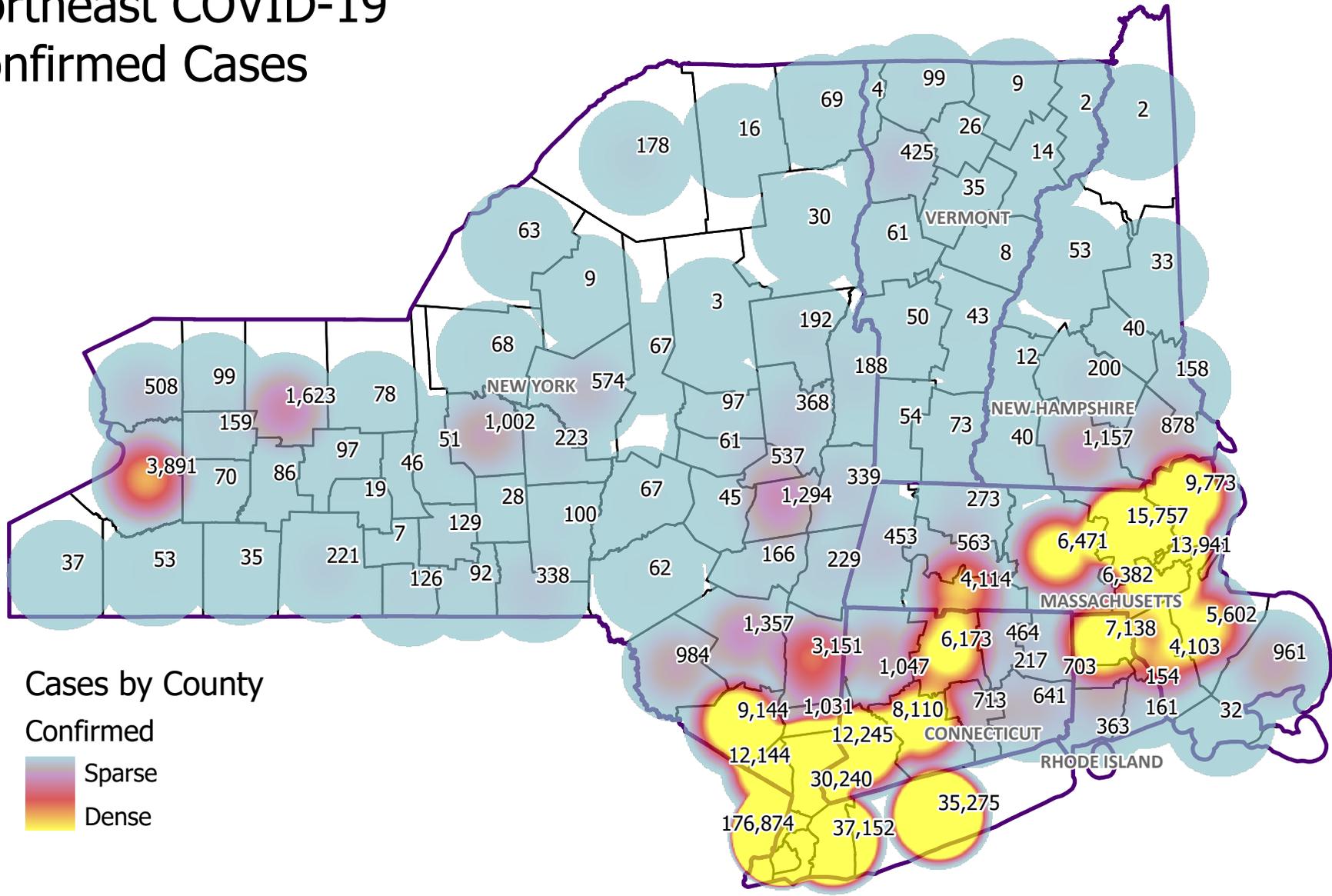
TOTAL CASES: 907



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Northeast COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



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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	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"> The Office of EMS is reviewing options to safely resume EMS skills education. 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"> 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.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is another Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MRE) distribution planned for Friday, May 8th at the Allen Brook School in Williston, VT. 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.
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

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

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Key Information

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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"> The Office of EMS is drafting a plan to include first responders in the offensive testing strategy 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. 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. The demobilization of the remaining temporary mortuaries was completed on 5/5. 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. Late yesterday, the Medical Logistics Branch received orders of body bags, surgical masks coveralls, and Fit Test Solution to the SNS warehouse. 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. 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. 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.
	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.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 2,013 people have signed up to volunteer through the State's volunteer portal. There are currently 28 volunteers deployed. The Agency of Education is finalizing guidance on graduation / end-of-year exercises in line with the executive order.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No anticipated service disruptions of energy and communication sectors.