

Stay Home, Stay Safe

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Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

05/06/2020 08:00 AM - 05/06/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

50

EOC Activation Level:

Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On May 6, 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:

- 3.1 magnitude earthquake recorded just North of the US/Canadian border in Quebec this morning that could be felt across the North Country. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the earthquake hit approximately 9.5 miles north of Moses Line, Vermont.

Executive Order Measures:

Today, Governor Scott issued Addendum 13 which amended Addendum 6 to make clear Vermonters may leave home to get fresh air and exercise and resume limited social interactions and gatherings of 10 or fewer people, preferable in outdoor settings, provided that distancing and protocols for hygiene consistent with guidance from VDH and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), are observed. Addendum 13 outlined:

- Vermonters may leave home to participate in outdoor recreation and outdoor fitness activities that require low or no direct physical contact.
- Continue to limit non-essential travel; all travel should be limited to Vermont to the extent possible and when you do travel, limit non-essential stops. Anyone who leaves Vermont for more than one day for non-essential travel is required to quarantine at home for 14-days upon their return.
- Older adults (age 65 and over) and people with underlying medical conditions should continue to shelter-in-place, and family and friends should do everything they can to help keep them safe.
- Members of one household may choose to socialize – and allow children to play – with members of another household, such as family, neighbors or friends known to be following VDH/CDC health and safety precautions.
- All Vermonters are encouraged to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth any time they are interacting with others from outside their households, including in congregate outdoor settings. Masks are not recommended for strenuous outdoor activity.
- Effective 5/7, all businesses and non-profits and government entities which support or offer outdoor recreation and outdoor fitness activities that require low or no direct physical contact may begin operations, subject to health and safety guidelines and training requirements. These include, but are not limited to state and municipal parks, recreation associations, trail networks, golf courses, big game check stations and guided expeditions. Campgrounds, marinas and beaches shall not be opened at this time. In addition, all businesses and non-profit and government entities which support or offer outdoor recreation and fitness activities must implement the following measures:
 - Require Vermonters participating in outdoor recreation and fitness activities to “arrive, play and leave.” Groups may not congregate before or after activities, for example, no tailgating.
 - Post signage and institute registration processes that reinforce outdoor facilities are only open to Vermonters and those who have met the 14-day quarantine requirement.
 - Post signage, discouraging contact sports and games.
 - Eliminate services or transactions that result in touch points and/or staff-customer interactions that are not absolutely necessary.
 - Reduce high contact surfaces and common areas, including closing waiting areas, removing picnic tables, closing play structures, and offering only rental equipment that can and will be thoroughly disinfected between users.
 - Close indoor facilities that require in-person transactions (such as lobbies, pro-shops and other small retail operations, bars and restaurants), and deliver goods and services for curbside pickup, delivery or via online portals.
 - Restroom facilities may only be opened if they can be regularly cleaned and disinfected in accordance with VDH/CDC

guidelines.

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/6/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	908
Total tests for COVID-19	17,876
Deaths	52
Total people recovered	706
People being monitored	20
People who have completed monitoring	841
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	6
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	20

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

5/5 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 42 calls related to COVID-19, the vast majority from the general public (39 calls).
- The most common call topics were the Stay Home, Stay Safe order (17 calls), travel (11 calls), and financial stimulus (9 calls) (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics).

Public Information

Produced graphics for social media to amplify Governor's addendum to Executive Order encouraging safe outdoor recreation:
<https://www.facebook.com/vermontemergencymanagement/photos/pcb.10163448140775103/10163448134975103/?type=3&theater>

ACCD updated website to include guidance on safe outdoor recreation:
<https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order>

Department of Health issued guidance on safely congregating with friends and family:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19>

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 nasal swabs and test tubes
 - HEPA filters
 - PPE including gloves, coveralls, aprons, and boot covers, N95 masks
 - Boxed meals

Medical Logistics Branch

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

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	48
Orders Filled	34
Percentage Filled	71%
Total Unfilled Orders	14
Behavioral Health	0

EMS	3
Hospital	0
Long-Term Care	0
Outpatient Care	3
Public Safety	2
Residential Home	1
Other	5

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 arrived at the University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN) this morning. The branch anticipates that the thermometers will be transferred to the SNS Warehouse today.
- UVMHN may have found a domestic source for more infrared thermometers, and is currently waiting on a quote.

Other Updates:

- A partial shipment from Venitra of coveralls was received yesterday, with the balance expected around May 11th.
- The branch is expecting a shipment from Complete Holdings Limited of 30,000 isolation gowns by the end of this week.
- A UVMHN nitrile glove order began arriving yesterday, with an anticipated total of over 302,000 gloves of all sizes. Deliveries will continue to trickle in over next week with all arriving by May 11th (the State has a separate order for gloves through Infralinx - with delivery estimated in July).
- The branch is considering providing guidance with SNS orders of industrial-grade and medical-grade gloves to address potential questions from the recipients about the differences between these two types of gloves.
- There is a significant lag time for N95 mask orders, likely 8-10 weeks. The branch is working on a strategy to order in a rhythm that accounts for the lag.
- The branch is picking up another 1,000 cloth masks from Portabrace this week.
- FEMA body bags are expected to arrive by the end of this week.
- The SNS warehouse is working on a temporary expansion plan, to use space adjacent to the current warehouse that would provide over 400 additional square feet.
- The branch is working on a turn over plan for when military members of the Medical Logistics team come off orders.
- An order of 11,000 gowns from FEMA has been cancelled, because it could not be sourced.
- A White House Task Force is pushing PPE directly to nursing homes. A 2-week supply is being sent between now and June. The exact amounts of PPE are unknown.
- The branch's PPE Usage Survey is live, with 139 responses already as of 1:40pm today.

Logistics Branch

- **Resource procurement status:**
 - The Salvation Army in Barre requested 200 cases of bottled water, which were ordered on 5/5 for distribution to those in need.
 - V-PRO Systems (to decontaminate used N95 masks) will be delivered to Rutland and Newport either Thursday or Friday, depending on when the insurance for the movers is in place.
- **Vermont National Guard (VTNG):**
 - VTNG is planning for the Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MRE) Distribution on Friday, May 8th in Williston at the Allen Brook School.
- **Agency of Transportation (AOT):**
 - 710 sheets of plastic are being dropped off at JK Adams to build face shields.
 - 3,000 face shields are being picked up from JK Adams.

- 1,000 face covers are being picked up at VT Glove Company.

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

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
 - 60 volunteers, 8 of whom are deployed at 2 locations, including 7 volunteers newly deployed at Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital.
 - 747 accepted volunteers, 361 since 3/1/2020.
 - MRC advertised a Central Vermont Medical Center volunteer program to its volunteers to screen those entering the hospital. MRC will not be coordinating/tracking the program.
- Temporary Employee Activity-
 - Applications received - 377
 - Offers Made - 8
 - Hired - 6
 - Direct Hires - 17

- **SerVermont:**

- Currently there are 35 volunteers, 6 of whom are deployed
- 2,017 people offered to volunteer.

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
- 5/6 Census: 2,217
- 5/6 Bed Availability: 482
- 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 5/6.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier (5/6): 1,444 rooms; 1,659 adults; 271 children.
- The branch is working with the Department of Buildings and General Services and others to transition the Holiday Inn site to a General Assistance Motel voucher site for the homeless.
- Medical Surge planning for correctional facilities continues.

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 meal distribution. It is expected that delivery of boxed meals will begin in two weeks.
- The Pandemic EBT Plan was approved by the USDA for Vermont. Households will be identified in mid-May. Total eligible students under this program is approximately 36,000. Program will run through June 19.
- The USDA announced an increase in funding to support the Emergency Food Assistance Program, with the Vermont Foodbank as the recipient.
- Two Vermont food distribution agencies submitted applications to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. Awards from the USDA will be announced on May 8, 2020, with expected distribution of food boxes to the VT Food Bank beginning May 15, 2020.

Crisis Counseling / Disaster Behavioral Services:

- The group had a conference call with SAMSA and FEMA Region 1 for technical assistance.
- Vermont Emergency Management will be the recipient of Federal funds.
- There will need to be a Memorandum of Understanding with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.
- There was a conference call with the designated agencies, that will provide program support in local communities
- The group is working to identify target populations, build a staffing model, and develop a budget.

Additional Updates:

- The Child Development Division (CDD) is preparing plans for re-opening childcare in anticipation of an announcement by the Governor on Friday.
- CDD processed about \$280,000 in childcare provider invoices yesterday, with a total of about \$3.2 million in payments.

- 1,197 Essential Persons have completed the online collector form to request referrals for have completed this form for 1,918 children. 351 Essential Persons requested help for 554 school-aged children, 430 Essential Persons requested help for 606 children under 6, and 162 Essential Persons requested help for 371 children in both age groups. The remaining 254 Essential Persons representing 387 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- The Agency of Education (AOE) expects to release guidance for supervisory unions / school districts on graduation / end of year exercises per the Governor's March 26, 2020 order and working on family engagement resources.

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 - 1

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 three COVID-19 positive and six non-COVID-19 positive patients at the Essex Alternate Care Site. Expected admissions tomorrow are 1 and expected discharges tomorrow are 2.

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.

Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Governor Phil Scott today announced Addendum 13

(<https://governor.vermont.gov/sites/scott/files/documents/ADDENDUM%2013%20TO%20EXECUTIVE%20ORDER%2001-20.pdf>) to his Stay Home, Stay Safe order allowing outdoor recreation and limited social interactions to resume under strict health and safety precautions. Refer to additional guidance from ACCD (<https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order>) for details on what activities are covered in the order.

Effective May 7, 2020, all businesses and non-profit and government entities that support or offer outdoor recreation and outdoor fitness activities that require low or no direct physical contact may begin operations. These include state and municipal parks, recreation associations, trail networks, golf courses, big game check stations, and guided expeditions. Additional guidance from ACCD (<https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order>) provides mandatory steps businesses must take before they can reopen. Campgrounds, marinas and beaches may NOT open yet.

RETAIL AND GROCERS' ASSOCIATION (VRGA) MAY 5TH SUPPLY CHAIN UPDATE:

Bread – The supply is still limited but improving. More varieties are returning to shelves and demand is being met.

Flour – Flour and yeast are in limited supply, and it has been tough to keep up with demand.

Sugar – The supply is still working to catch up.

Milk – The supply is good.

Eggs – The supply is improving, and the price continues to drop. However, packaging is a pinch point with delays from carton suppliers. This will be resolved, but some bumps are expected.

Cheese – The supply is good.

Paper & Bath Tissue – The supply of paper towels is improving. Bath tissue demand continues to be high, but the product supply is increasing.

Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Isopropyl Alcohol – It is tough to keep up with demand.

Meat – There is lots of uncertainty in this area. Meat supply is plentiful, however outbreaks and limited staffing have constrained

processing plant capacity. To expand supply, distributors are reaching out to alternative sources such as food service suppliers and or other meat wholesalers. Some retailers are managing supply by limiting the amount purchased at one time.

Produce, Deli, Bakery – The supply is good.

Pasta/Canned Veggies/Box Prepared Products – The supply continues to improve. The pasta supply has improved this past week, especially top sellers. Overall variety is still limited.

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.

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				
Clear	Chance of Snow Showers	Likely Rain Showers	Likely Snow Showers	Clear
58 F / 14 C 36 F / 2 C	58 F / 14 C 33 F / 0 C	48 F / 8 C 31 F / 0 C	41 F / 5 C 30 F / -1 C	47 F / 8 C 32 F / 0 C

- **Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. North wind 3 to 5 mph.
- **Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Northwest wind 5 to 8 mph.
- **Thursday Night:** A chance of rain showers before 5am, then a chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. West wind 3 to 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.



Executive Summary COVID-19 Response May 6, 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



Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 3.1 magnitude earthquake recorded just North of the US/Canadian border in Quebec this morning that could be felt across the North Country. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the earthquake hit approximately 9.5 miles north of Morses Line, Vermont.
	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 Pandemic EBT Plan was approved by the USDA for VT. Households will be identified in mid-May. Total eligible students under this program is approximately 36,000. Program will run through June 19. The USDA announced an increase in funding to support the Emergency Food Assistance Program, with the Vermont Foodbank as the recipient. Two Vermont food distribution agencies submitted applications to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. Awards from the USDA will be announced on May 8, 2020, with expected distribution of food boxes to the VT Food Bank beginning May 15, 2020. Vermont Retail and Grocers' Association reports supply chain generally stable. Some areas of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bread, flour and yeast – hard to keep up with demand Eggs – supply improving, with some packaging limitations Paper goods and disinfectants – hard to keep up with demand Meat - There is lots of uncertainty in this area. Meat supply is plentiful, however outbreaks and limited staffing have constrained processing plant capacity. Some retailers are managing supply by limiting the amount purchased at one time.
	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://vttrans.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 buses, 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").
Key Information	<p>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/6/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 908 Total tests conducted: 17,876 Deaths: 52 Total people recovered: 706 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 6 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 20 <p>Executive Order Measures: Today, Governor Scott issued Addendum 13 which amended Addendum 6 to make clear Vermonters may leave home to get fresh air and exercise and resume limited social interactions and gatherings of 10 or fewer people, preferable in outdoor settings, provided that distancing and protocols for hygiene are observed. Addendum 13 outlined that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermonters may leave home to participate in outdoor recreation and outdoor fitness activities that require low or no direct physical contact. Members of one household may choose to socialize – and allow children to play – with members of another household, such as family, neighbors or friends known to be following VDH/CDC health and safety precautions. Older adults (age 65 and over) and people with underlying medical conditions should continue to shelter in place. All Vermonters are encouraged to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth any time they are interacting with others from outside their households, including in congregate outdoor settings. Effective 5/7, all businesses and non-profits and government entities which support or offer outdoor recreation and outdoor fitness activities that require low or no direct physical contact may begin operations, subject to health and safety guidelines and training requirements. <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"> A Health Advisory was disseminated today to health care providers encouraging them to complete a Projected Personal Protective Equipment Needs Survey and to being using the CDC Burn Rate Calculator if they do not already do so. One Alternate Care Site is currently operable in Chittenden County with three other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site has three COVID-19 positive patients, and six non-covid-19 patients. V-PRO Systems (used to decontaminate used N95 masks) will be delivered to Rutland or Newport later this week. An order of Infrared Thermometer that was held up with Customs as the US/Canadian border arrived at the UVM Health Network this morning. 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. The Disaster Behavioral Services group is working to identify target populations, build a staffing model, and develop a budget. The group hosted a call with the designated agencies that will provide program support in local communities.
	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 2,017 people have signed up to volunteer through the State's volunteer portal. There are currently 6 volunteers deployed. The Agency of Education is expects to shortly release guidance on graduation / end-of-year exercises in line with the executive order. AOE is working on family engagement resources.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No anticipated service disruptions of energy and communication sectors.