



**Executive Summary**  
**COVID-19 Response**  
**May 7, 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**



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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<b>Safety and Security</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>Assistance to Firefighters COVID-19 Supplemental competitive grant program is accepting applications through May 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
	<b>Future</b>	<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>
<b>Food, Water, Sheltering</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Disabilities, Aging &amp; Independent Living is working with Ben &amp; Jerry's to distribute ice cream to nursing homes across the state for Mother's Day.</li> <li>The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, has coordinated with the Vermont Community Foundation and the Vermont Foodbank to recover raw milk from being disposed while creating a new, temporary food supply for the Vermont Foodbank. The milk will be processed by Vermont dairy producers for a donation of 42,000 cups of yogurt and over 11,500 gallons of 2% milk to the Vermont Foodbank. Product will be produced and shared over a ten week period beginning this week.</li> <li>The Human Services Branch is working on a plan to transition those using campers out of North Beach.</li> </ul>
	<b>Future</b>	<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>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>	<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> </ul>
	<b>Future</b>	<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>

<b>Incident Summary</b>	<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>
<b>Key Information</b>	<p><b>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 5/7/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive test results: 916</li> <li>Total tests conducted: 18,451</li> <li>Deaths: 53</li> <li>Total people recovered: 718</li> <li>Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 5</li> <li>Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 9</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Outdoor Recreation and Limited Social Interactions May Resume</b> – Effective today, 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 and details on the mandatory steps businesses must take before they can reopen is here: <a href="https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order">https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Local State of Emergency:</b> Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.</p> <p><b>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported):</b> Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charleston, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pittsfield, Rutland, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.</p>

<b>Health and Medical</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 five non-COVID-19 patients.</li> <li>Final four Steris V-PRO sterilizers being delivered to UVMMC, Rutland Regional Medical Center and North Country Hospital today.</li> <li>An order of infrared thermometers has been received by the SNS Warehouse. Distribution will commence once batteries are in stock.</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>HOC/VDH setting up a pop-up specimen collection clinic for first responders in Colchester for Saturday 5/9/2020 by appointment only.</li> </ul>
	<b>Future</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An offense-directed 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>The Medical Logistics Branch and the SNS Warehouse are in the process of coordinating PPE and equipment support for the new pop-up testing sites scheduled to take place in the coming weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Lifelines</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Labor Refusal to Work Guidance</b> – 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 employees, such as those who have been exposed to COVID-19 or individuals who must care for a family member.</li> <li>DOL received 3,875 new unemployment insurance claims in the week ending on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is down from 5,117 claims the week prior.</li> </ul>
	<b>Future</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No anticipated service disruptions of energy and communication sectors.</li> </ul>