

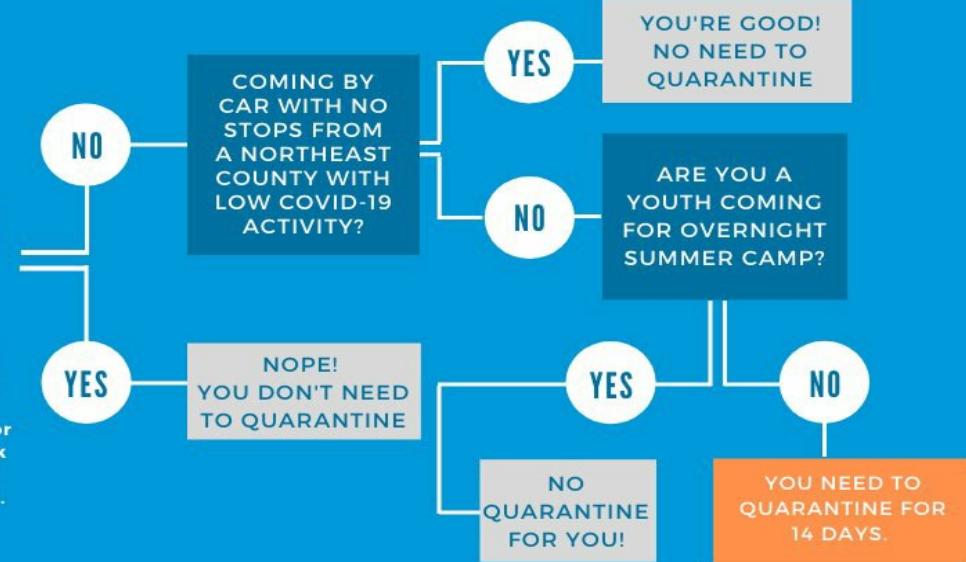
DO I NEED TO QUARANTINE?

EFFECTIVE JUNE 8



Is the travel considered essential?

Includes travel for personal safety, medical care, care of others, parental shared custody, for food, beverage or medicine, or to perform work for businesses that are currently allowed to operate.



Incident Name:
COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:
06/12/2020 08:00 AM - 06/12/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:
68

EOC Activation Level:
Partial Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On June 12, 2020 the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was partially activated from 0800 to 1600, using a completely virtual structure. The SEOC will be partially activated every day until further notice.

Key Updates:

- The next meal distribution will be held on Monday, June 15 in the Lyndon Area. Pre-registration is required.
 - Registration, and the full list of dates and locations, can be found at vem.vermont.gov/pods
- Today, Governor Scott announced Phase 2 of the Relief and Recovery Package to support the economy, with four components:
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 - \$3.5 million for modernizing Vermont's regulatory programs and environmental permitting tools.

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1200 on 6/12/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	1,119
Total tests for COVID-19	48,634
Deaths	55
Total people recovered	907
People being monitored	57
People who have completed monitoring	925
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	2
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	14

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

6/10-6/11 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 103 calls related to COVID-19 on Wednesday and Thursday. The vast majority of calls were from the general public (100 calls).
 - The most common call topics were basic needs (51 calls, mostly signing up for the food distribution sites) and travel (19 calls) (topics are not mutually exclusive, i.e., calls can touch on multiple topics).
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Public Information

- The Joint Information Center (JIC) fielded comments about masks through the JIC Inbox. Some believe masks should be mandated because they have observed that many in the public are not wearing masks indoors.
 - In support of our state mask messaging, the JIC posted a Missouri story about masks protecting hair salon patrons from 2 positive COVID-19 cases: <https://www.facebook.com/vermontemergencymanagement/posts/10163652863015103>
- The JIC posted a link to new modeling data from the Department of Financial Regulation on Vermont Emergency Management social media.
- The JIC is reviewing Agency of Commerce and Community Development updates for further social media messaging opportunities.
- Plans include:
 - Publicizing the new Department of Health travel page:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/traveling-vermont>
 - Publicizing food distribution plans for next week.

FEMA

- A Major Disaster Declaration has been approved for Vermont: FEMA-4532-DR-VT
- FEMA is tracking the following Resource Request Forms (RRFs) in progress:
 - Testing materials: saline test tubes
 - HEPA filters
 - PPE including gloves, coveralls, aprons, boot covers, and N95 masks
 - 5,000 bottles of liquid hand soap
- FEMA is procuring donations of cloth face coverings on behalf of Vermont

Health & Medical Branch

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Daily summary of hospital bed availability

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized: 2 positive, 14 persons under investigation
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital: 0
- Total hospital beds available: 455
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available: 52
- Medical/surgical beds available: 189
- Isolation beds available: 85

Hospital resource needs

- **Personnel** - none known at this time, but may require additional personnel for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy.
- **Equipment** - none known at this time, but may require additional equipment for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy.

- **Supplies** - none known at this time, but may require additional supplies for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy.

Alternate Care Facility Status Report

- No pending resource needs are known at this time as there are zero patients at the Essex Alternate Care Site. No admissions are expected at this time.

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 (Nursing Homes Only):

- Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
- Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
- Census as of 6/11: 2,224 (475 available)
- 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 10 residents as of 6/11.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier and Holiday Inn in South Burlington as of 6/11: 1,550 rooms; 1,819 adults; 352 children.

Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- There was a food distribution in Morristown on 6/12.

Additional Updates:

- The Child Development Division (CDD) is researching suppliers for gloves, hand sanitizer, and cleaning materials for childcare providers for large quantity purchases.
- A small number of school superintendents are closing facilities for June and July out of abundance of caution, which may limit space available for child care and regulated summer programs. CDD is working with the Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation for possible solutions.
- The Agency of Education is working on final production of comprehensive health guidance for school reopening in the fall, jointly developed with the Department of Health. This guidance is targeted for release early next week.

Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

- The Governor announced Phase 2 of the Relief and Recovery Package that aims to help Vermonters find a path forward to thrive in a new economy. The package has four categories:
 - **Financial Assistance:** Funding to help prevent wide-scale foreclosures, bankruptcies and deterioration of the sectors and the communities in which they operate. Support longer term recovery efforts via seed funding to create and grow job creators in new technologies, utilizing IP, and to support prosperity for the state. (\$55.5MM)
 - **Housing and Community Recovery:** Provide grants, technical assistance, and resources to villages and downtowns that restore consumer confidence, rebuild local economies, boost local capacity, and reconnect Vermonters to one another. Additional funding to provide direct financial

- assistance to stabilize households that could otherwise face foreclosure. (\$11MM)
- **Broadband Expansion:** Broadband expansion program to connect the last mile, bridge the affordability gap, and streamline the processing of pole licensing applications to ensure that businesses and families have continue access necessary to adapt to this new way of life. (\$20MM)
- **Regulatory Modernization:** Enhance economic recovery by modernizing Vermont's regulatory programs and environmental permitting tools. These investments will accelerate the transition of program administration from paper-based to web-based and changes to support more efficient permit processing. (\$3.5MM)
- The Vermont League of Cities and Towns has updated FAQs for municipalities on recent guidance and its legal and practical effects on general municipal operations, as well as information related to municipal services such as dog licensing, access to public records, town office closures and re-openings, and processing zoning applications. Read the FAQ here: <https://www.vlct.org/resource/town-operations-covid-19-faqs>
- The Vermont Community Foundation now offers a Main Street Business Relief Fund for Arlington, Dorset, and Manchester that will direct at least \$1 million in support to small businesses. Priority will be given to businesses with gross revenues under \$1 million in the following sectors: food; lodging; retail; personal care and wellness; fine crafts and art galleries; landscaping and home care; and pet care. Additional information is here: <https://www.vermontcf.org/NonprofitsGrants/AvailableGrants/MainStreetBusinessReliefFund.aspx>

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL):

- Unemployment Insurance Claims Overview, May 31 – June 6 (updated every Thursday)
 - Continued Claims: 45,207 (down from 46,316)
 - New Claims: 1,650 (up from 1,465)
 - Estimated Total Claims: 48,280 (down from 49,515)
 - Payments: over \$13 million paid last week (compared to \$14 million the previous week)
 - Trust Fund Balance: \$396 million (down from \$410 million the previous week)

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS (AAFM):

- Rural Vermont launched a rapid response mini-grant to support farmers markets in need of financial assistance to transition to COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Funds will support the purchase of supplies such as hand washing stations, masks, gloves, sanitizer, signs, caution tape, stakes, additional staff, and other needs to support safe shopping. Grants are capped at \$500 per market and are available on a first come, first served basis. Additional information is here: <https://www.ruralvermont.org/farmers-market>
- The Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program is providing quick-response consultations to farm, food, and forest products businesses through its network of expert business advisors, in addition to its regular long-term advising services, as well as stress management, mental health, and mediation services. Entrepreneurs seeking help will need to complete a streamlined intake form and are matched with an expert business advisor for an initial 30 – 60 minute consultation. The intake form is here: <https://www.vhcb.org/our-programs/vermont-farm-forest-viability-program/covid-response-recovery-support-for-working>

Medical Logistics Branch

Daily Workflow Status 6/10

- Orders Received: 27
- Orders Filled: 21
- Percentage Filled: 78%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 6
 - EMS: 2

- Long-Term Care: 1
- Other: 3

Daily Workflow Status 6/11

- Orders Received: 26
- Orders Filled: 22
- Percentage Filled: 85%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 4
 - Long-Term Care: 2
 - Other: 2

Other Updates:

- Branch staff listened in on a weekly call with FEMA and FEMA Region 1 states.
 - The call participants discussed how other states have dealt with supply issues in different ways.
 - Supply inventory in Vermont seems to be in a relatively good position in comparison to many other states.
 - There was a brief discussion about IT solutions to maintain inventory and track shipments.
- There is an ongoing discussion with the Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Warehouse and the Department of Health Lab regarding test kit storage and assembly.
- There have been WiFi issues in the MCM Warehouse, which are being addressed by Consolidated Communications
- The branch is working on a 180-day supply baseline number. This will be based on both PPE Survey burn rate analysis and MedLog tool (based on distribution) numbers.

Logistics Branch

Resource Requests:

- A Resource Request Form was completed for Dial Soap Donation.

Agency of Transportation (AOT):

- AOT is assisting with food distribution at in the Morrisville Area today and in Lyndon Area Monday.
- AOT is making deliveries of PPE around the state.

Vermont National Guard (VTNG):

- VTNG continues to support food distribution and pop-up testing sites through June 19th.
- VTNG completed demobilization of UVM Alternate Care Site

Department of Human Resources (DHR):

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
 - 125 volunteers total, 84 currently activated (No Change)

Building and General Service (BGS):

- BGS is working on a request for 10 thermometers for the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital.
- BGS has placed order for more gallon containers for hand sanitizer distribution.
- BGS has selected a vendor for Plexiglas barriers at 23 courthouses.

Infrastructure -

- A few customer power outages were reported today.
- Vermont Telephone Company reported an outage in Hartland, VT affecting 319 customers. There is no estimated timeline for restoration at this time.

Emergency Services -

- No reported major incidents.
- There is no reported absenteeism due to COVID-19.

Operational Period Notes

- The branch is supporting logistics for food distribution Phase III activities this week.

Department/Agencies Reports

Vermont State Police (VSP)/Wilderness Search and Rescue -

- VSP continues to monitor possible protest activities in Vermont.

Vermont Division of Fire Safety (DFS)/Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) -

- DFS is continuing to dispense hand sanitizer to emergency response agencies from the Vermont Fire Academy in Pittsford and the USAR/Hazardous Materials facility in Milton.
- USAR team deployed to assist at a confined space incident in Georgia. All USAR assets are back in service.

Forest, Parks, & Recreation (FPR) -

- The daily (6/12) predicted fire danger for Vermont is LOW (Class 1) throughout the state.

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 30% Chance of Rain Showers	 Clear	 20% Slight Chance of Rain Showers	 20% Slight Chance of Rain Showers	 Clear
74 F / 23 C 44 F / 6 C	57 F / 13 C 42 F / 5 C	68 F / 20 C 52 F / 11 C	74 F / 23 C 53 F / 11 C	79 F / 26 C 56 F / 13 C

- **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light after midnight.
- **Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 56. North wind 6 to 8 mph.
- **Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Light north wind.
- **Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming north around 5 mph.
- **Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. Calm wind.



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

June 12, 2020 (1600 EDT)

SEOC Activation Status: Partial

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

Current

Future

Key

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

Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VSP is working with local police departments, the Department of Buildings and General Services, and a sheriff's department on traffic control and security at food distribution sites. VSP continues to monitor protest activities in Vermont. The Division of Fire Safety continues to dispense hand sanitizer to emergency response agencies.
	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. Changes to travel restrictions announced on Friday allow for travel to Vermont without quarantine restrictions from surrounding out-of-state counties that have low incidence of active COVID-19 cases. New Hampshire's Stay-At-Home order will expire on June 15th lifting restrictions on social gathering size among other directives.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roughly 1,200 perishable household sets of food and milk were distributed on 6/11 at the Brattleboro food distribution site. It is estimated that over 1,200 perishable household sets of food and milk were distributed on 6/12 at the Morristown food distribution site. The next meal distribution will take place on Monday, June 15th, 10am-2pm in the Lyndon area. The distribution will consist of perishable F2F meals only, and pre-registration is required. No personal information will be collected. Rural Vermont launched a rapid response mini-grant to support farmers markets in need of financial assistance to transition to COVID-19 health and safety protocols.
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Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interstate travel to and from New England and New York counties with 400 or fewer active COVID-19 cases per million is permitted without quarantine requirements. ACCD will update the cross state travel map each week as to which counties are permitted for travel to and from without quarantine.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective June 15, 2020, travelers may complete quarantine requirements in their home state before entering Vermont. 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").

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

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.

Health and Medical

Current Situation

- There are 81 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the ongoing outbreak in Winooski and the surrounding communities. There is 1 hospitalization associated with the outbreak. The State is providing testing and wrap-around services to residents. [Registration](#) is required for testing.
- On Monday, there will be a pop-up testing site for asymptomatic members of the public in Burlington, Bennington, and Newport. The Burlington site is full. More such testing sites for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy are currently planned through June 26th. [Available appointments](#) at pop-up testing clinics are filling quickly.
- From 7am to 9am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, there is COVID-19 testing available at the Wal-Mart in Derby. [Registration](#) is required.
- One Alternate Care Site is currently operating in Chittenden County with one other site on standby in Rutland County. The Chittenden County site currently has no patients.
- The demobilization of a second Alternate Care Site in Chittenden County is complete.

Other Lifelines

Current Situation

- The Medical Logistics Branch of the SEOC and the Department of Health are coordinating storage and assembly of test kits.
- The Vermont Community Foundation now offers a [Main Street Business Relief Fund](#) for Arlington, Dorset, and Manchester that will direct at least \$1 million in support to small businesses.
- The Vermont Telephone Company is working to fix a cut fiber cable causing phone outages in and around Hartland. 319 customers are affected.
- There were 1,650 unemployment insurance claims during the week ending on June 6th, up from 1,465 the week prior.

Future

- There are currently minimal power outages across the state.