

# FARMERS TO FAMILIES

## FOOD BOX PROGRAM

ALL EVENTS ARE FROM  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



MON, JUNE 15 – LYNDON AREA  
TUES, JUNE 16 – GRAND ISLE COUNTY  
WED, JUNE 17 – DOVER AREA  
THU, JUNE 18 – RANDOLPH AREA  
FRI, JUNE 19 – CHITTENDEN COUNTY

**Incident Name:**

COVID-19 Response

**Reporting Period:**

06/15/2020 08:00 AM - 06/15/2020 04:00 PM

**Situation Report Number:**

69

**EOC Activation Level:**

Partial Activation



# Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

## Situation Report

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### *Background / Current Situation*

On June 15, 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.

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#### **Key Updates:**

- The next meal distribution will be held on Tuesday, June 16th in Grand Isle County. The following distribution will be on Wednesday, June 17th in the Dover area. Pre-registration is required.
    - Registration, and the full list of dates and locations, can be found at [vem.vermont.gov/pods](http://vem.vermont.gov/pods)
  - Today, Governor Scott **amended and restated** Executive Order 01-20, extending the state of emergency until July 15th, 2020.
  - **Updated guidance** from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development allows campgrounds, RV parks, and marinas to operate at 100% occupancy as long as other restrictions are followed.
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#### **Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1200 on 6/15/20:**

Total positive test results for COVID-19	1,128
Total tests for COVID-19	52,557
Deaths	55
Total people recovered	912
People being monitored	476*
People who have completed monitoring	948
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	2

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

\*As of June 15th, this metric includes people who are being monitored in Sara Alert, which provides free daily symptom check reminders for 14 days while they are quarantining. There are two groups of people being monitored through Sara Alert:

- People traveling to Vermont from out of state. (Travelers are strongly encouraged to enroll.)
- Close contacts of people with COVID-19. (People who are identified as close contacts are enrolled unless they opt out.)

Sara Alert allows COVID-19 response teams to quickly and easily provide guidance to people if they develop symptoms. It is not GPS-based, so it does not monitor someone's movement or track their location. For more information about Sara Alert, visit the [travel page](#).

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### 6/12-6/14 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 62 calls related to COVID-19 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The vast majority of calls were from the general public (61 calls).
- The most common call topics were basic needs (31 calls, mostly signing up for the food distribution sites) and testing (16 calls) (topics are not mutually exclusive, i.e., calls can touch on multiple topics).

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### *Public Information*

- Shared video on social media regarding what steps people should take when entering or returning to Vermont (quarantine, etc.): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siV56prafk0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3E-TetaifCUf03jzx5Pf9Z8Rq\\_hv40CJJoo-wPkIITWIBV0JAluwZG0iM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siV56prafk0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3E-TetaifCUf03jzx5Pf9Z8Rq_hv40CJJoo-wPkIITWIBV0JAluwZG0iM)
- Shared information on Facebook and Twitter sites regarding the quarantine update for leisure travel that goes into effect today: [https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel?fbclid=IwAR1inu8m8xnDcZLEhm0bWKOXICXeeW9W\\_-BpL8d6bfsvLn1ECkHRX6V9WKO](https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel?fbclid=IwAR1inu8m8xnDcZLEhm0bWKOXICXeeW9W_-BpL8d6bfsvLn1ECkHRX6V9WKO)
- Working on promotional materials for the opening of campgrounds to 100% capacity, as announced in Governor's 6/15 press conference.

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### *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 and six pallets of hand sanitizer on behalf of Vermont

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## *Medical Logistics Branch*

### **Daily Workflow Status 6/12 - 6/14**

- Orders Received: 23
- Orders Filled: 17
- Percentage Filled: 73%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 6
  - ◊ EMS: 1
  - ◊ Long-Term Care: 1
  - ◊ Outpatient Care: 1
  - ◊ Public Safety: 1
  - ◊ Other: 2

### **Other Updates:**

- The branch is planning for a worst case scenario, 180-day supply model, and how it will impact operations.
  - ◊ With additional items, the worst case scenario would need around another 10,000 sq ft of storage space (not including what else is on order, deployable assets, bathrooms, and not spacing out the pallets).
  - ◊ The new 10,000 ft suite the Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Warehouse just obtained is around 65% full already.
- The branch will discuss how best to handle cleaning supply requests with leadership from the SEOC logistics branch and the Department of Buildings and General Service.

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## *Logistics Branch*

### **Resource Requests:**

- No pending resource requests

### **Agency of Transportation (AOT):**

- AOT is assisting with food distribution through June 19th.
- 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.

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

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:

- ◊ 132 volunteers total, 91 currently activated

### **Building and General Service (BGS):**

- BGS continues to support food distribution sites by sourcing temporary restrooms and law enforcement coverage for this week.

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## *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 6/15: 2,226 (473 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 6/12.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier and Holiday Inn in South Burlington as of 6/12: 1,530 rooms; 1,763 adults; 332 children.

### **Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:**

- There was a food distribution site today in Lyndon.

### **Additional Updates:**

- The Child Development Division (CDD) is researching suppliers for gloves, hand sanitizer, and cleaning materials for childcare providers for large quantity purchases. CDD is meeting with a wholesale distributor on Tuesday to explore feasibility of opening the supply chain to child care providers.
- 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 Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation for possible solutions.
- The Agency of Education (AOE) is finalizing school health guidance for distribution, produced jointly with the Department of Health.

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## **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: 483
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available: 51
- Medical/surgical beds available: 210
- Isolation beds available: 84

### **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.

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## *Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force*

### **AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):**

- The second phase of the Administration's Relief and Recovery Package proposes to use \$90 million to bring financial assistance to struggling businesses, housing and community recovery efforts, broadband expansion, and regulatory modernization. Complete details of the plan are here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/vermont-economic-recovery-and-relief-package>
- The Department of Financial Regulation updated the map today of non-quarantine counties for cross state travel. Any county with less than 400 active cases of COVID-19 per one million residents is now eligible for quarantine-free leisure travel. The map as well as the latest quarantine restrictions, including the new guidance that goes into effect on Monday, June 15, 2020 and is available here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

### **VERMONT OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VOSHA):**

- The Department of Labor hosted a virtual town hall for workers and employers about state and federal guidance to protect Vermont workers as workplaces open, including training materials developed by VOSHA. The session is available for viewing anytime here: <https://bit.ly/VTLabor-Youtube>

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## *Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch*

### **Infrastructure -**

- A few customer power outages were reported today.

## 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 will be assisting VDH at three testing sites this week with cooling shelters.

### Forest, Parks, & Recreation (FPR) -

- The daily (6/15) predicted fire danger for Vermont is LOW (Class 1) throughout the state.

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## Weather

### Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear
70 F / 21 C 45 F / 7 C	76 F / 24 C 51 F / 10 C	81 F / 27 C 55 F / 12 C	87 F / 30 C 59 F / 15 C	87 F / 30 C 61 F / 16 C

- **Tonight:** Patchy dense fog after 3am. Otherwise, mostly clear, then becoming cloudy toward daybreak, with a low around 48. Calm wind.
- **Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 79. Calm wind.
- **Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Calm wind.



# Executive Summary

## COVID-19 Response

June 15, 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

### Community Lifeline Status

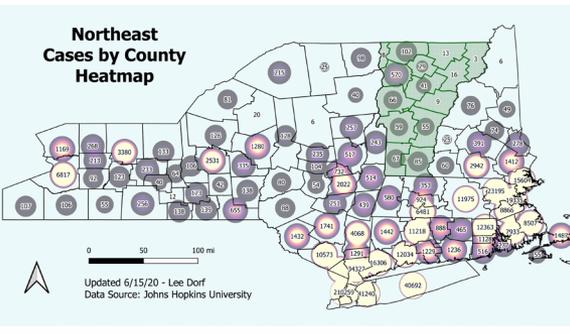


**Key**  
 Red - most unstable or completely inadequate level of service  
 Yellow - functional but inadequate for stability of a consistent level of service  
 Green - stable

### Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

Safety and Security	Current Situation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>VSP continues to monitor protest activities in Vermont.</li> <li>The Division of Fire Safety continues to dispense hand sanitizer to emergency response agencies.</li> <li>The Urban Search and Rescue team will be providing cooling shelters at three Department of Health testing sites this week.</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. 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.</li> <li>New Hampshire's Stay-At-Home order expires today, lifting restrictions on social gathering size among other directives.</li> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About 950 perishable household sets of food and milk were distributed on 6/12 at the Morristown food distribution site.</li> <li>It is estimated that about 770 perishable household sets of food and milk were distributed today (6/15) at the Lyndon food distribution site.</li> <li>The next meal distributions will take place on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in Grand Isle County and on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> in the Dover area, both from 10am-2pm. The distribution will consist of perishable F2F meals only, and <a href="#">pre-registration</a> is required. No personal information will be collected.</li> </ul>
Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency of Education is finalizing school health guidance for distribution, produced jointly with the Department of Health.</li> <li>The Child Development Division is meeting with a wholesale distributor tomorrow (6/16) for possible large quantity purchases of gloves, hand sanitizer, and cleaning materials for childcare providers.</li> </ul>
Transportation	Current Situation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 <a href="#">cross state travel map</a> each week as to which counties are permitted for travel to and from without quarantine. Map was updated today.</li> <li>Effective today (6/15), travelers may complete quarantine requirements in their home state before entering Vermont.</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").



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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.

### Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

Health and Medical	Current Situation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Health Lab and its partners conducted an average of more than 1,300 COVID-19 tests a day over the past week. The case positivity rate is below 2%.</li> <li>There are 83 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the ongoing outbreak in Winooksi and the surrounding communities. Only 17% of those infected report having symptoms of COVID-19. The median age of those infected is 22 years old. There are no hospitalizations or deaths associated with the outbreak (a previously reported hospitalization turned out to be unrelated). The State is providing testing and wrap-around services to residents. <a href="#">Registration</a> is required for testing.</li> <li>On Tuesday, there will be a pop-up testing site for asymptomatic members of the public in Burlington and Springfield. Both sites are full. More such testing sites for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy are currently planned through June 26th. <a href="#">Available appointments</a> at pop-up testing clinics are filling quickly.</li> <li>From 7am to 9am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, there is COVID-19 testing available at the Wal-Mart in Derby. <a href="#">Registration</a> is required.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Medical Logistics Branch of the SEOC is planning for a worst case scenario, 180-day supply model, and how it will impact operations.</li> <li>At today's press conference, Department of Health Commissioner Levine said that the Serology Working Group discourages use of serology (i.e., antibody) tests at the individual level. Though there are now highly accurate serology tests, the low prevalence of COVID-19 in Vermont means most positive results will still be false positives. Serology tests are potentially useful for population-level surveys, but no such surveys are currently planned in Vermont.</li> </ul>
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Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are currently minimal power outages across the state.</li> </ul>