



The 6/12 food distribution site at the Peoples Academy in Morrisville.

Incident Name:
COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:
06/17/2020 08:00 AM - 06/17/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:
70

EOC Activation Level:
Partial Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On June 17, 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 Thursday, June 18th in the Randolph area. The following distribution will be on Friday, June 19th in Chittenden County. Pre-registration is required.
 - ◊ Registration, and the full list of dates and locations, can be found at vem.vermont.gov/pods
 - Announced today at the Governor's press conference, some visitation will be allowed at long-term care facilities and hospitals.
 - ◊ [Long-term care facility residents](#) can have two visitors per day, as long as the visit is outdoors and guidance is followed. Rules around outdoor interaction between residents will also be loosened.
 - ◊ Patients at in-patient facilities and emergency departments may have one visitor, with additional visitors allowed for minors, those nearing end of life, and other special circumstances.
 - ◊ Patients at out-patient facilities cannot have visitors except as needed to access care.
 - ◊ Individual facilities may choose to institute visitation policies stricter than this statewide guidance.
 - The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living [released guidance](#) allowing senior centers, but not adult day centers, to reopen if public health measures are taken.
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Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1200 on 6/17/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	1,130
Total tests for COVID-19	53,663

Deaths	55
Total people recovered	915
People being monitored	701*
People who have completed monitoring	1,059
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	1
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	4

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](#).

6/15-6/16 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 89 calls related to COVID-19 on Monday and Tuesday. The vast majority of calls were from the general public (86 calls).
- The most common call topics were basic needs (39 calls, mostly signing up for the food distribution sites), travel (28 calls), and the executive order (15 calls) (topics are not mutually exclusive, i.e., calls can touch on multiple topics).

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
 - ◊ 6 Pallets of 750 mL hand sanitizer
- FEMA is procuring donations of cloth face coverings and six pallets of hand sanitizer on behalf of Vermont

Public Information

- Shared information on social media regarding hot weather over the next few

days: https://www.healthvermont.gov/health-environment/climate-health/hot-weather?fbclid=IwAR0qYsGq5dHwjUuXgNc05bX78CdMBInN88VBbFaksFjAE1HjD_AHVQef3NA

- The Agency of Education published the joint guidance with the Vermont Department of Health on Reopening Schools: A Strong and Healthy Start: Safety and Health Guidance for Vermont Schools - <https://education.vermont.gov/documents/guidance-strong-healthy-start-health-guidance>
- Drafted general guidance for municipalities regarding operating cooling centers. Directs officials to resources to make centers safe and COVID-19 "compliant" (see below).

The National Weather Service has forecast temperatures in areas of Vermont in excess of 90-degrees Fahrenheit over the next several days. Please consult the forecast to assess impact for your area at www.weather.gov/aly (Bennington and Windham Counties) and www.weather.gov/btv (rest of Vermont).

These conditions create a serious risk for dangerous and sometimes deadly heat-related illnesses, such as heat stroke.

Should your community open a center to provide cooling relief for residents, you are asked to take special precautions for gatherings and building occupancy due to the current COVID-19 virus outbreak. Specifically, please follow all guidance set forth by:

- The Vermont Department of Health: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid19>
- The Governor’s Executive Order and Addendums: <https://governor.vermont.gov/document-types/executive-orders>
- Vermont’s guidance on Be Smart, Stay Safe Order: <https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-be-smart-stay-safe-order>

Please also share with citizens hot weather safety tips and information from the Vermont Department of Health: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/health-environment/climate-health/hot-weather>.

Health-related questions or requests can be sent to the Health Department at AHS.VDHPublicCommunication@vermont.gov

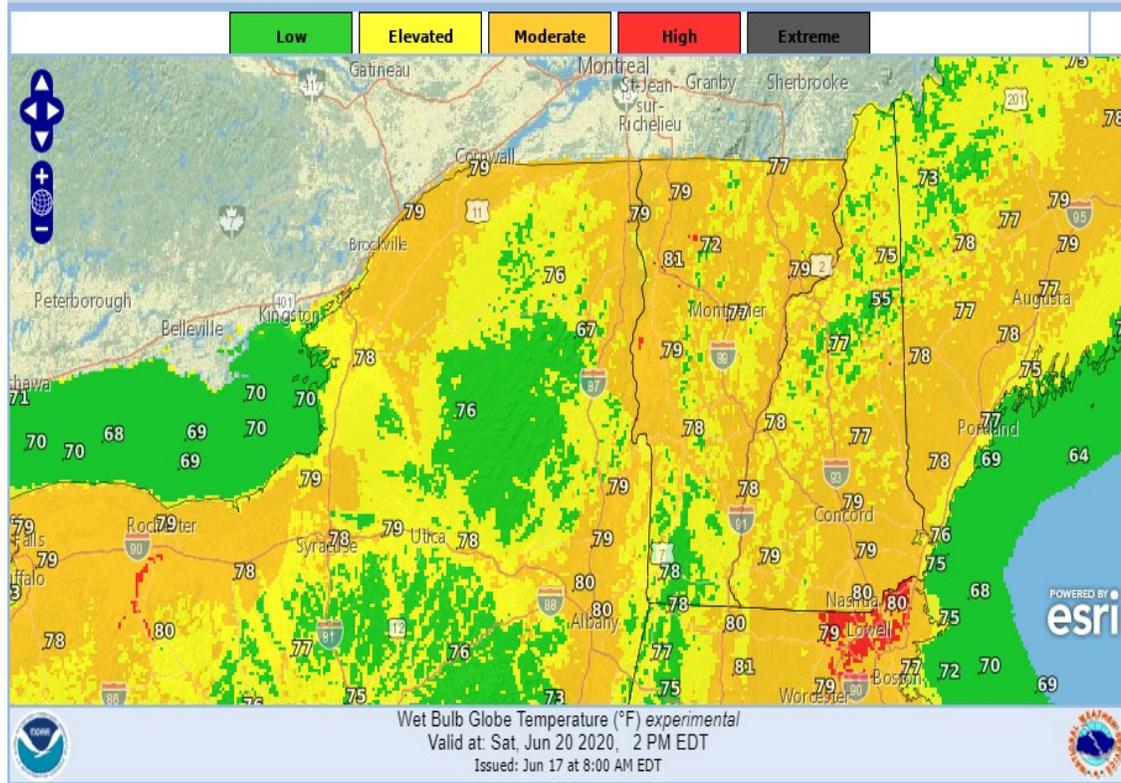
Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				
Clear	Clear	Clear	Slight Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms
82 F / 27 C 54 F / 12 C	87 F / 30 C 57 F / 13 C	89 F / 31 C 60 F / 15 C	87 F / 30 C 61 F / 16 C	85 F / 29 C 63 F / 17 C

- **Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 57. Calm wind.
- **Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 89. Calm wind.
- **Thursday Night:** Clear, with a low around 59. Light southwest wind.

Wet Bulb Global Temperature for Friday and Saturday:



Logistics Branch

Resource Requests:

- No pending resource requests

Agency of Transportation (AOT):

- Today AOT is assisting with food distribution at Mount Snow in West Dover. AOT will be assisting with the sites on Thursday and Friday as well.
- AOT is delivering PPE around the state, including 11 scheduled deliveries of PPE today. On Thursday and Friday, AOT will deliver face shields from Dorset and Burlington to the Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Warehouse.

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

Medical Logistics Branch

Daily Workflow Status 6/15

- Orders Received: 26
- Orders Filled: 24
- Percentage Filled: 92%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 2
 - EMS: 1
 - Outpatient Care: 1

Daily Workflow Status 6/16

- Orders Received: 30
- Orders Filled: 22
- Percentage Filled: 73%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 8
 - EMS: 1
 - Long-Term Care: 2
 - Outpatient Care: 1
 - Other: 4

Other Updates:

- The branch is planning for a worst-case scenario, a 180-day supply model, and how it will impact operations.
 - The branch is having more conversations about space and who pays for which pieces of the lease for how long, especially with the increased forecasted need for space to support the 180-day supply.
 - The branch put together some initial cost estimates for the additional PPE needed to meet the 180-day comprehensive supply, and the initial forecast exceeds current budget. Further discussions will occur to get a better sense of the cost of necessary PPE, as opposed to having every single type included.
 - The additional inventory would also require additional warehouse capacity. Costs are being assessed for the additional 10,000 square ft of warehouse space needed.
- There are reports that a Vermont patient has used Remdesivir for the first time. The branch is working on a distribution plan to get medication to all hospitals in the state.
 - An additional small supply of Remdesivir arrived at the Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Warehouse.

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 6/16: 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 6/16.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier and Holiday Inn in South Burlington as of 6/16: 1,309 rooms; 1,536 adults; 301 children.
- This week begins a shift restoring more structure to the General Assistance emergency housing program. These changes include the requirement for all households to apply for services to continue to be housed under the program, to cooperate with coordinated entry and case management with their local housing provider, and to contribute financially to the cost of their stay based on their income level.

Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- There was a food distribution site today in West Dover.

Additional Updates:

- The Child Development Division (CDD) is researching suppliers for gloves, hand sanitizer, and cleaning materials for childcare providers for large quantity purchases. The branch met with a wholesale distributor on Tuesday to explore feasibility of opening supply chain to child care providers.
- Today, the Agency of Education published joint guidance with the health department on reopening school in the fall.
- AOE is working on sourcing non-medical PPE and resources to support school food service operations.

Health & Medical Branch

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Daily summary of hospital bed availability

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized: 1 positive, 4 persons under investigation
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital: 0
- Total hospital beds available: 433
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available: 42
- Medical/surgical beds available: 170
- Isolation beds available: 79

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.

Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

Infrastructure -

- A few customer power outages (less than 5) 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 the Department of Health at three testing sites this week with cooling shelters.

Forest, Parks, & Recreation (FPR) -

- The daily (6/17) predicted fire danger for Vermont is MODERATE (Class 2) throughout the state.

Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

- The state of emergency was extended to July 15th. With most sectors and businesses allowed to open to at least 25% capacity and health and safety measures continuing to be followed, this extension will allow Vermont to continue to safely reopen the economy.



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

June 17, 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"> 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. The Urban Search and Rescue team is providing cooling shelters at three Department of Health testing sites this week.
	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.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 650 perishable household sets of food and milk were distributed on 6/16 at the Grand Isle County (North Hero) food distribution site. 420 perishable household sets of food and milk were distributed today (6/17) at the Dover food distribution site. The next meal distributions will take place on Thursday, June 18th in the Randolph area and on Friday, June 19th in Chittenden County, both from 10am-2pm. The distribution will consist of perishable F2F meals only, and pre-registration is required. No personal information will be collected. This week begins a shift restoring more structure to the General Assistance emergency housing program. These changes include the requirement for all households to apply for services to continue to be housed under the program, to cooperate with coordinated entry and case management with their local housing provider, and to contribute financially to the cost of their stay based on their income level.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today, the Agency of Education is publishing joint guidance with the health department on reopening school in the fall. AOE is working on sourcing non-medical PPE and resources to support school food service operations.
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"> 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	<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>
Key Information	<p>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1200 on 6/17/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 1,130 Total tests conducted: 53,663 Deaths: 55 Total people recovered: 915 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 1 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 4 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced today at the governor's press conference, some visitation is allowed at long-term care facilities and hospitals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term care facility residents can have two visitors per day, as long as the visit is outdoors and guidance is followed. Rules around outdoor interaction between residents will also be loosened. Patients at in-patient facilities and emergency departments may have one visitor, with additional visitors allowed for minors, those nearing end of life, and other special circumstances. Patients at out-patient facilities cannot have visitors except as needed to access care. Individual facilities may choose to institute visitation policies stricter than this statewide guidance. The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living released guidance allowing senior centers, but not adult day centers, to reopen if public health measures are taken. <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 City, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston.</p>

Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no new cases of COVID-19 since Monday in the ongoing outbreak in Winooks and the surrounding communities. There are 83 cases associated with the outbreak, with no hospitalizations nor deaths. The State is providing testing and wrap-around services to residents. Registration is required for testing. On Thursday, there will be a pop-up testing site for asymptomatic members of the public in Burlington, St. Albans, White River Junction, and Barre. 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. An inmate arriving at Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility from out of state tested positive for COVID-19. The individual did not have contact with the inmate population at the facility. Staff who were in contact with the individual will be tested. 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 Medical Logistics Branch of the SEOC reports that a Vermont patient has used Remdesivir for the first time. The branch is working on a distribution plan to get medication to all hospitals in the state.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Medical Logistics Branch of the SEOC is developing cost estimates for the additional PPE and storage space needed to maintain a 180-day supply.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing significant to report.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are minimal power outages anticipated across the state.