

## STATUS OF NON-PHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS IN VERMONT



### GATHERING SIZE LIMITATION

50% of fire safety occupancy or 1 person per 100 sq. feet, with a maximum of 75 people indoors and 150 people outdoors

*ACCD website*



### FACE COVERINGS

All Vermonters are encouraged to wear facial coverings over their nose and mouth any time they are interacting with others from outside their households

Municipalities, businesses, non-profits, and government entities may enact stricter requirements

*Executive Order 01-20*



### TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Those entering Vermont from a county with more than 400 active cases of COVID-19 per 1 million residents must quarantine upon arrival, with caveats for commuters, those doing essential work, or who quarantined before traveling

There are no travel restrictions within Vermont, though public transportation is limited

*ACCD website*



### EDUCATION

In-person education will resume in primary and secondary schools in fall 2020, with enhanced physical distancing measures

*AOE website*

Of Vermont's 20 higher education programs, 13 plan on resuming in-person instruction by fall 2020, 1 plans on only conducting remote learning in fall 2020, and 6 are either undecided or did not post a plan

*Higher education program websites*



### BUSINESS

Almost all business sectors, including close-contact businesses, can operate if they follow health guidelines including observing social distancing, and employees wearing masks and not working if sick

*ACCD website*

### **Incident Name:**

**COVID-19 Response**

### **Reporting Period:**

**06/24/2020 08:00 AM - 06/24/2020 04:00 PM**

### **Situation Report Number:**

**73**

### **EOC Activation Level:**

**Partial Activation**



# Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

## Situation Report

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### *Background / Current Situation*

On June 24, 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:**

- An estimated 54.7% of Vermonter households have completed the 2020 census so far – only four other states have lower completion rates. Census data informs political representation and federal funding (including for COVID-19 response), so it is paramount to have an accurate understanding of Vermont’s population. The census can be completed [online](#) or by calling 844-330-2020.

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#### **Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1200 on 6/24/20:**

Total positive test results for COVID-19	1,184
Total tests for COVID-19	59,860
Deaths	56
Total people recovered	930
People being monitored	1,230*
People who have completed monitoring	1,296
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	4
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	9

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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### **6/22-6/23 Call Statistics from 211:**

- 211 received 58 calls related to COVID-19 on Monday and Tuesday. The vast majority of calls were from the general public (55 calls).
  - The most common call topics were travel (25 calls), the executive order (15 calls), and testing (10 calls) (topics are not mutually exclusive, i.e., calls can touch on multiple topics).
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### *Public Information*

- Created Facebook Note encouraging Vermonters to continue their vigilance in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Material came from Monday press conference with Governor and Health Commissioner: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/vermont-emergency-management/dont-let-up-on-covid-19-prevention/10163876530245083/>
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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:
    - ◊ HEPA filters
    - ◊ PPE including gloves, coveralls, gowns, aprons, boot covers, and N95 masks
    - ◊ 6 pallets of 750 mL hand sanitizer
    - ◊ 119,000 cloth face coverings
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### *Logistics Branch*

#### **Resource Requests:**

- An Agency of Transportation storage site in Colchester asked the branch to review what is stored there and can be brought to the Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Warehouse when it has space and/or identified what can be distributed.

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

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:

- ◊ 136 volunteers total, 95 currently activated (no change)

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

- BGS is working on finding forklifts to assist the Farmers to Families food distributions.
- BGS is working on finding a larger space to house the MCM warehouse.

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

- Today, AOT conducted 11 scheduled deliveries of PPE around the state.
- AOT will deliver anchor bags and fill them with sand for pop-up testing tents at VDH district offices.
- On Saturday, 6/27, AOT will pick up borrowed traffic cones used at Burlington pop-up testing sites.

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## *Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force*

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

- ACCD continues to work to get the Economic Recovery and Relief Grant system in place. Because the money is split between the Vermont Department of Taxes (\$50 million) and ACCD (\$20 million), we are working toward a single digital entry point for businesses who will then be funneled appropriately to the application they need to get their grant. There is a great deal of technical infrastructure being built at fast pace in order to accommodate the 10-day turnaround window.
  - ◊ ACCD is standing up a call center and help line to support the influx of questions that will undoubtedly arise.

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## *Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch*

### **Infrastructure -**

- Roughly 750 customer power outages were reported during the day.

### **Emergency Services -**

- There is no reported absenteeism due to COVID-19.

### **Department/Agencies Reports**

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

- A report of Farmers-to-Families (F2F) food potentially being sold on the internet was referred to law enforcement. Colchester Police investigated and the disposition was forwarded to Department of Public Safety leadership.

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

- DFS continues to dispense hand sanitizer to emergency response agencies from the Vermont

- Fire Academy in Pittsford and the USAR/Hazardous Materials facility in Milton.
- USAR provided a cooling shelter at a pop-up testing site on 6/23 in Springfield.

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

- The daily (6/24) predicted fire danger for Vermont is MODERATE (Class 2) throughout the state.

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## **Health & Medical Branch**

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### **Daily summary of hospital bed availability**

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized: 4 positive, 9 persons under investigation
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital: 0
- Total hospital beds available: 405
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available: 35
- Medical/surgical beds available: 152
- 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.

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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 6/23: 2,216 (483 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 5 residents as of 6/23.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier and Holiday Inn in South Burlington as of 6/23: 1,279 rooms; 1,495 adults; 278 children.

## Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- Planning continues for Phase IV of the mass feeding plan, with an anticipated start date of 7/6.
- The Agency of Education submitted an application to the USDA to extend Disaster Household Distribution approval for Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) foods for an additional 30 days, though 7/30.

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## *Medical Logistics Branch*

### Daily Workflow Status 6/22

- Orders Received: 26
- Orders Filled: 44
- Percentage Filled: 85%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 4
  - ◊ Long-Term Care: 1
  - ◊ Outpatient Care: 1
  - ◊ Other: 2






### Daily Workflow Status 6/23

- Orders Received: 18
- Orders Filled: 15
- Percentage Filled: 83%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 3
  - ◊ EMS: 0
  - ◊ Outpatient Care: 1
  - ◊ Other: 2

### Other Updates:

- The branch worked on information for a Public Records Request. The data has been sent to Department of Public Safety leadership.
- The branch is seeking a plan to transition staffing before Vermont National Guard orders end in August.
- The branch is working with the Logistics Branch and the Department of Buildings and General Services on obtaining additional long-term warehouse space for the Medical Counter Measures Warehouse, to support the procurement, reception, staging, and storage of a 180-day supply of PPE.

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

<p>Wednesday</p>  <p>Likely Rain Showers</p> <p>81 F / 27 C</p> <p>55 F / 12 C</p>	<p>Thursday</p>  <p>Clear</p> <p>76 F / 24 C</p> <p>56 F / 13 C</p>	<p>Friday</p>  <p>Slight Chance of Rain Showers</p> <p>78 F / 25 C</p> <p>54 F / 12 C</p>	<p>Saturday</p>  <p>Likely Rain Showers</p> <p>77 F / 25 C</p> <p>58 F / 14 C</p>	<p>Sunday</p>  <p>Chance of Rain Showers</p> <p>80 F / 26 C</p> <p>56 F / 13 C</p>
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- **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Southwest wind 3 to 7 mph.
- **Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers after 3pm. Sunny, with a high near 79. Southwest wind 8 to 13 mph.
- **Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind 3 to 6 mph.



# Executive Summary

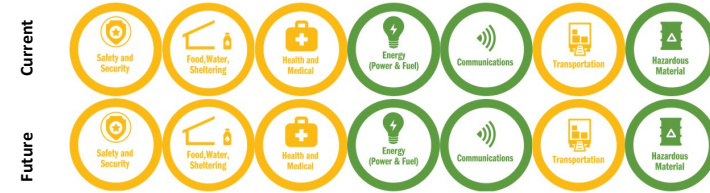
## COVID-19 Response

June 24, 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 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>USAR provided a cooling tent at a pop-up testing site on 6/23 in Springfield.</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> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mass Feeding Work Group is planning on phasing down the contracts currently in place. This is in coordination with the new Recovery Plan Housing effort, which will transition clients out of motels into sustainable housing.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning continues for the next phase of the Farmers to Family food distribution. It is anticipated that this phase will begin on 7/6.</li> <li>The Agency of Education submitted an application to the USDA to extend Disaster Household Distribution approval for Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) foods for an additional 30 days, though 7/30.</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.</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	<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><b>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1200 on 6/24/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive test results: 1,184</li> <li>Total tests conducted: 59,860</li> <li>Deaths: 56</li> <li>Total people recovered: 930</li> <li>Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 4</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>An estimated 54.7% of Vermonter households have completed the 2020 census so far – only four other states have lower completion rates. Census data informs political representation and federal funding (including for COVID-19 response), so it is paramount to have an accurate understanding of Vermont's population. The census can be completed <a href="#">online</a> or by calling 844-330-2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local State of Emergency:</b> Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.</p> <p><b>Local EOCs Activated:</b> Burlington, Chittenden, 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"> <li>There are 114 cases of COVID-19 associated with an outbreak in Winooksi and the surrounding communities. The State is providing testing and wrap-around services to residents.</li> <li>On Thursday, there will be a pop-up testing site for asymptomatic members of the public in Burlington, Barre, St. Albans, and White River Junction. Registration for Barre, St. Albans, and White River Junction is full. More such testing sites for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy are currently planned through 7/31. <a href="#">Available appointments</a> at pop-up testing clinics are filling quickly.</li> <li>One Alternate Care Site is currently operating in Chittenden County with no patients and one other site is on standby in Rutland County.</li> <li>There are 12 COVID-19 cases associated with a workplace in the Fairhaven area. Testing of workers is ongoing, and there will be broader community testing later this week.</li> <li>There is a cluster of COVID-19 cases in Windham County, limited to a small number of people with familial connections. Testing is ongoing.</li> <li>The Department of Corrections plans on conducting facility-wide COVID-19 testing at one correctional facility per week, even if there are not confirmed cases at the facility.</li> <li>Today there is facility-wide COVID-19 testing at Chittenden County Regional Correctional Facility, after a newly arrived inmate tested positive. Results are expected tomorrow.</li> <li>On Tuesday, a newly arrived inmate at Northwest State Correctional Facility tested positive for COVID-19. An investigation into whether there were exposures is ongoing.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Medical Logistics Branch of the SEOC is working with the Logistics Branch and the Department of Buildings and General Services on obtaining additional long-term warehouse space, to support the procurement, reception, staging, and storage of a 180-day supply of PPE.</li> </ul>
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roughly 750 customer power outages were reported during the day.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency of Commerce and Community Development is working to get the Economic Recovery and Relief Grant system in place. The agency is working toward a single digital entry point for businesses who will then be funneled appropriately to the application they need to get their grant, as well as an associated call center.</li> </ul>