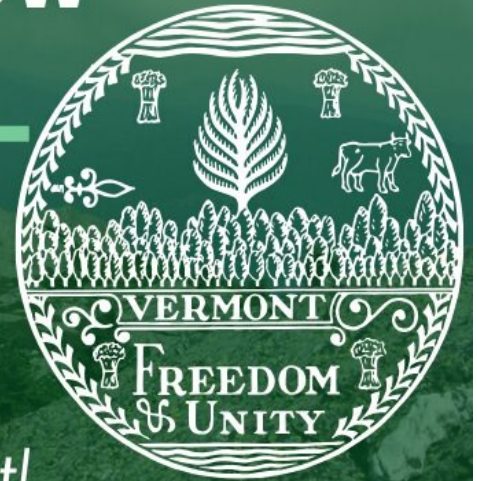


PROTECT YOUR FELLOW VERMONTERS

- ➔ Stay Home When Sick
- ➔ Stay 6 Feet Apart
- ➔ Wear a Facial Covering
- ➔ Wash Your Hands... A Lot!



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Incident Name:

COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:

06/29/2020 08:00 AM - 06/29/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

75

EOC Activation Level:

Partial Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On June 29, 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:

- On Friday, the Vermont legislature passed 3 bills disbursing aid from the federal CARES Act, appropriating funds for healthcare organizations and workers ([H.965](#)); for broadband internet expansion, housing initiatives, and economic relief for businesses and individuals ([H.966](#)); and for agricultural and forestry businesses ([S.351](#)). The bills will now be reviewed by the governor.

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1200 on 6/29/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	1,208
Total tests for COVID-19	64,993
Deaths	56
Total people recovered	949
Travelers being monitored	1,571*
Contacts being monitored	59**
People who have completed monitoring	1,526
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	2
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	11

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

*Includes travelers who are being monitored in Sara Alert, which provides free daily symptom check reminders for 14 days while they are quarantining. People traveling to Vermont from out of state are

strongly encouraged to enroll in Sara Alert.

**Includes close contacts who are being monitored in Sara Alert, which provides free daily symptom check reminders for 14 days while they are quarantining. People who are identified as close contacts of people with COVID-19 are enrolled unless they opt out.

6/26-6/28 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 53 calls related to COVID-19 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The vast majority of calls were from the general public (51 calls).
 - The most common call topics were travel (19 calls), testing (17 calls), and the executive order (12 calls) (topics are not mutually exclusive, i.e., calls can touch on multiple topics).
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Public Information

- Shared information on social media about pop-up testing sites.
 - Developing strategy in conjunction with AHS and other state communication teams for publicizing the use of face coverings by the public.
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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
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Logistics Branch

Resource Requests:

- The Medical Logistics Branch is requesting that the Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS) source and procure additional disposable isolation gowns, reusable isolation gowns, and surgical gowns for the 180-day stockpile of critical PPE supplies.
- The Medical Logistics Branch is requesting additional N95 masks.

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 a larger space to house the Medical Counter Measures (MCM) warehouse.

Vermont National Guard (VTNG):

- VTNG is supporting pop-up testing sites.

Agency of Transportation (AOT)

- AOT is working on delivery of sandbags for pop-up testing sites.

SerVermont

- SerVermont is working on finding volunteers for August food distributions, working alongside the Vermont Hunger Council.

Medical Logistics Branch

Daily Workflow Status, 6/28

- Orders Received: 21
- Orders Filled: 17
- Percentage Filled: 80%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 4
- Public Safety: 2
- Other: 2

Other Updates:

- The Medical Logistics Branch is still working closely with the Department of Buildings and General Services on expansion sites for the 180-day PPE plan. Several sites are being considered.
- The Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Warehouse is working with the Department of Health Lab team to see how they can coordinate work on building test kits.

Health & Medical Branch

Health & Medical Branch

Daily summary of hospital bed availability

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized: 2 positive, 11 persons under investigation
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital: 0
- Total hospital beds available: 397
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available: 36
- Medical/surgical beds available: 145
- 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.

Human Services Branch

Status of Long-Term Care Facilities (Nursing Homes Only):

- Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,978
- Current Operating Capacity: 2,699
- Census as of 6/26: 2,223 (476 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 3 residents as of 6/29.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier and Holiday Inn in South Burlington as of 6/26: 1,290 rooms; 1,502 adults; 290 children.

Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- Planning continues for the next phase of the Farmers to Family food distribution. It is anticipated that this phase will begin on 7/6.
- The Mass Feeding Work Group will begin assessing and planning on phasing down the contracts currently in place. This is in coordination with the new Recovery Plan Housing effort.

Additional Updates:

- The Agency of Education is continuing to work on resources related to school reopening, and on providing follow up to the agency's health guidance for schools.

Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

Infrastructure -

- Currently there are 63 reported power outages, down from a peak of 160 during the day.
- Today showers and thunderstorms are expected, mainly during the afternoon and evening hours. This may trigger additional outages.
- There are no other disruptions of services.

Emergency Services-

- Over the weekend, fire crews from Swanton, Highgate, and St. Albans Town battled a fully involved fire in an abandoned barn and house in Swanton. There were no reported injuries.
- No reports of absenteeism due to COVID-19.

Operational Period Notes-

- The branch is working on a question about hand sanitizer in schools.
- Climate and drought experts, based on several observed parameters, have placed portions of Vermont and New York into the Moderate Drought (D1) category with much of the remaining area in the Abnormally Dry (D0) category.

DEPARTMENT/AGENCIES REPORTS OF INCIDENT RELATED ACTIVITIES:

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






- DFS continues to distribute bulk hand sanitizer to emergency response agencies, out of the Vermont Fire Academy and USAR/Haz-Mat facility in Milton.

Forest, Parks, & Recreation (FPR)-

- Today the predicted fire danger throughout the entire state is MODERATE (class 2).

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

<p>Monday</p>  <p>Likely Rain Showers</p> <p>71 F / 21 C 59 F / 15 C</p>	<p>Tuesday</p>  <p>Likely Rain Showers</p> <p>75 F / 23 C 59 F / 15 C</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>  <p>Likely Rain Showers</p> <p>77 F / 25 C 58 F / 14 C</p>	<p>Thursday</p>  <p>Chance of Rain Showers</p> <p>84 F / 28 C 60 F / 15 C</p>	<p>Friday</p>  <p>Clear</p> <p>80 F / 26 C 53 F / 11 C</p>
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- **Tonight:** A 50 percent chance of showers. Patchy dense fog before 1am, then patchy dense fog after 3am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. North wind 5 to 8 mph becoming calm in the evening. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.
- **Tuesday:** Showers likely, with thunderstorms also possible after 10am. Patchy dense fog before 8am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. Northeast wind 3 to 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.
- **Tuesday Night:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Light and variable wind. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.



Executive Summary

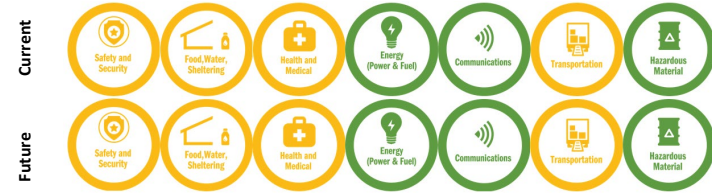
COVID-19 Response

June 29, 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 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 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"> 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.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning continues for the next phase of the Farmers to Family food distribution. It is anticipated that this phase will begin on 7/6. The Agency of Education is continuing to work on resources related to school reopening, and on providing follow up to the agency's health guidance for schools. SerVermont is working on finding volunteers for August food distributions, working alongside the Vermont Hunger Council.
Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interstate travel to and from counties in nearby states 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 6/29/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 1,208 Total tests conducted: 64,993 Deaths: 56 Total people recovered: 949 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 2 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 11 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday, the Vermont legislature passed 3 bills disbursing aid from the federal CARES Act, appropriating funds for healthcare organizations and workers (H.965); for broadband internet expansion, housing initiatives, and economic relief for businesses and individuals (H.966); and for agricultural and forestry businesses (S.351). The bills will now be reviewed by the governor. <p>Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland, Vernon.</p> <p>Local EOCs Activated: Burlington, Chittenden, Charlestown, 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"> 10 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Vermont over the weekend. None of these cases were associated with the previously reported outbreaks/clusters in Winooski, Fairhaven, and Windham. Nationally, there was a 65% upsurge in COVID-19 cases over the past 2 weeks, with some states reporting record single-day new case counts and stressed hospital capacity. There were no new cases over the weekend associated with the outbreak in Winooski and the surrounding communities. There are a total of 115 cases in the outbreak so far. The State is providing testing and wrap-around services to those impacted. This past weekend, over 200 COVID-19 tests were conducted in Fairhaven in a community testing initiative following an outbreak associated with a workplace. All results were negative. There is a cluster of COVID-19 cases in Windham County, limited to a small number of people in a family. There has not been expansion of the cluster since Wednesday. On Tuesday, there will be a pop-up testing site for asymptomatic members of the public in Burlington, Middlebury, Springfield, and Winooski. More such testing sites for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy are currently planned through 7/31. Available appointments are filling quickly. One Alternate Care Site is currently operating in Chittenden County with no patients and one other site is on standby in Rutland County.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State's PPE warehouse is working with the Department of Health Lab team to see how they can coordinate work on test kits. The Department of Corrections plans on conducting facility-wide COVID-19 testing at one correctional facility per week, even if there are no confirmed cases at the facility. This will start on 7/6 with Northwest State Correctional Facility.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms are expected in southern Vermont this evening, which may result in damaging winds and hail. Energy and other infrastructure will be monitored. There are 186 reported power outages currently, which fluctuated throughout the day. (Windham and Windsor counties) Applications are due tomorrow for the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides small businesses with funds for payroll costs. More than \$100 billion in PPP funds are still available. Small businesses can use funds for up to 24 weeks and have the option of extending the life of the loan from two years to five. SBA will forgive loans if funds are used as intended.
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