



Executive Summary

COVID-19 Response

July 1, 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.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In July and August, Farmers to Families food boxes containing fresh produce, dairy products, and chicken will be available at multiple daily food distributions throughout the state. To keep wait times to a minimum, reservations will be required for the distributions. To register and see the dates and locations, please visit humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help or call 2-1-1 if you do not have access to the internet or are uncomfortable using it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration for each site closes by 4pm the day prior, please ensure you sign up before then. Individuals are welcome to pick up food for other families who are not able to make it to the pickup site, just be sure to include those shares in your reservation. On Monday July 6th there will be food distributions in Burlington, Middlebury, and St. Albans. For more information please visit: https://vem.vermont.gov/pods The application window for the Economic Recovery Grants opens on Monday, July 6th. Businesses harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible for recovery grants through ACCD or Department of Taxes if they pay rooms and meals or sales and use tax, among other qualifying criteria. The Economy Recovery Grant page has full details, including requirements, document preparation needs, and application process: https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/economic-recovery-grants
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Recovery Grants Webinars Scheduled - This Thursday and Friday, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Department of Taxes will host several webinars covering the eligibility requirements, the application processes, award calculation information, and review the documents businesses will need to include with their application.
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

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").

Key Information

Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1200 on 7/1/20:

- Positive test results: 1,210
- Total tests conducted: 66,292
- Deaths: 56
- Total people recovered: 961
- Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 1
- Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 16

Key Updates:

- Governor Phil Scott, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), and Department of Taxes today announced Vermont's Economic Recovery Grant Program will launch on July 6, 2020. The grant program first proposed by the Administration and amended by the legislature utilizes federal CARES Act funding to provide direct cash grants to Vermont businesses who have seen lost revenue because of COVID-19.
- The initial wave of money available for grants will be \$50 million administered through the Department of Tax for businesses who pay rooms and meals or sales and use tax. An additional \$20 million will be available to all other private businesses and non-profits through ACCD. The grants will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Eligibility requirements include:
 - Business was open and active before February 15, 2020.
 - Business is open when applying or is required to have closed due to COVID-19 restrictions intends to re-open when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
 - Business has experienced a 75% or greater drop in total revenue in any one-month period from 3/1/2020 to 9/1/2020, when compared with the same month in 2019.
- The amount of the grant will be derived by a formula with a maximum grant ceiling amount of \$50,000.
- Each business or organization applicant may only receive one grant.

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

Local EOCs Activated: Burlington, Chittenden, Charlestown, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pittsfield, Rutland City, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Theford, Tunbridge, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston.

Health and Medical

Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Vermont since yesterday. None of these cases were associated with the previously reported outbreaks/clusters in Winooski, Fairhaven, and Windham. 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. After a break through the long weekend, testing will resume on Monday 7/6 in Bennington 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 across Vermont this evening, which may result in sporadic power outages. Energy and other infrastructure will be monitored.
Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The updated drought monitor which comes out tomorrow will show D0 (abnormally dry) across almost all of our entire area, with some D1 (drought - moderate) introduced in northern New York and central/southern Vermont. More info: https://www.drought.gov/drought/states/vermont