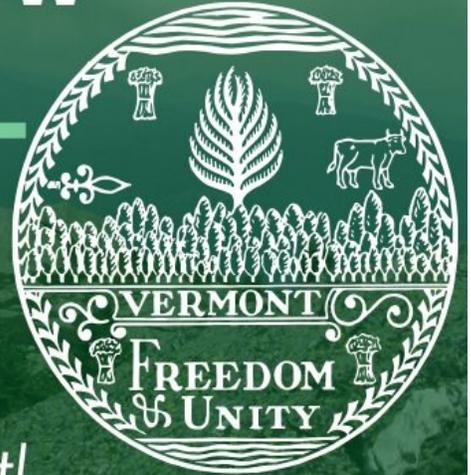


PROTECT YOUR FELLOW VERMONTERS

- ➔ 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:

07/01/2020 08:00 AM - 07/01/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:

76

EOC Activation Level:

Partial Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

Phil Scott, Governor

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Background / Current Situation

On July 1, 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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 - ◊ Business has experienced a 75% or greater drop in total revenue in any one-month period from March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020, when compared with the same month in 2019.
- The amount of the grant will be derived by the following formula:
 - ◊ Indicated/reported gross annual revenue (or annual combined total sales as reported on meals and rooms or sales and use tax returns) multiplied by 10 percent.
 - ◊ The maximum grant ceiling amount is \$50,000.
 - ◊ Each business or organization applicant may only receive one grant.

- Please note, these conditions were added by the legislature in Act 115; the executive branch must adhere to the parameters set in legislation, but they were not part of the Governor's initial proposal.
- All businesses are strongly encouraged to visit the Recovery Grant Resource Center prior to July 6th for full details of the program, eligibility requirements, and documentation that will be needed with applications. Those resources can be found at: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/economic-recovery-grants>
- A second wave of grant monies is expected, when [H.966](#) reaches the Governor Scott's desk. While that money has different parameters and carve outs, ACCD will use this same system for processing those grant applications.

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

Total positive test results for COVID-19	1,210
Total tests for COVID-19	66,292
Deaths	56
Total people recovered	961
Travelers being monitored	1,554*
Contacts being monitored	36**
People who have completed monitoring	1,766
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	1
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	16

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.

6/30 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 35 calls related to COVID-19 on Tuesday. The vast majority of calls were from the general public.
- The most common call topics were *Be Smart, Stay Safe* (10 calls), Finding a Doctor (9 calls), and travel (7 calls). Topics are not mutually exclusive, i.e., calls can touch on multiple topics.

Public Information

- Finalized content related to the Farmers to Families food distribution program. Beginning to disseminate information on the website and social media.

- Continuing strategy planning in conjunction with AHS and other state communication teams for publicizing the use of face coverings by the public.

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

Medical Logistics Branch

Daily Workflow Status, 6/29

- Orders Received: 41
- Orders Filled: 34
- Percentage Filled: 83%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 7
 - ◊ Long-term Care: 3
 - ◊ Public Safety: 1
 - ◊ Other: 3

Daily Workflow Status, 6/30

- Orders Received: 19
- Orders Filled: 17
- Percentage Filled: 89%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 2
 - ◊ Behavioral Health: 1
 - ◊ Other: 1

Other Updates:

- Space has been secured for the Public Health Lab to move into a suite adjacent to the Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Warehouse for Test Kit assembly. Medical Logistics Branch and Buildings and General Services (BGS) are working to expand MCM Warehouse space, awaiting final confirmation.
- Medical Logistics Branch working with Vermont Air National Guard for Test Kit assembly staffing support; availability is not yet confirmed.
- BGS is working on procurement of PPE to augment current supply for an up to 180-day stockpile strategy and working with multiple vendors as well as FEMA and UVMCC.

Resource Requests:

- No requests pending requests or unmet needs.

Department of Human Resources (DHR):

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
 - 146 volunteers total, 75 currently activated (no change)

Building and General Services (BGS):

- BGS is working on finding disinfecting wipes and thermometers for the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team.
- BGS is finalizing the procurement of supplemental warehouse space for the Public health Lab and the MCM Warehouse.

Vermont National Guard (VTNG):

- VTNG is supporting pop-up testing sites.

SerVermont

- SerVermont is working on finding volunteers for August food distributions, working alongside Hunger Free Vermont and their affiliate Vermont Hunger Councils.

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 6/29: 2,212 (487 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 4 resident(s) as of 6/30.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier and Holiday Inn in South Burlington as of 6/30: 1,165 rooms; 1,371 adults; 285 children.

Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- 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.

- 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>

Health & Medical Branch

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Daily summary of hospital bed availability

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized: 1 positive, 16 persons under investigation
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital: 0
- Total hospital beds available: 459
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available: 41
- Medical/surgical beds available: 193
- Isolation beds available: 85

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.

Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

- **Economic Recovery Grants** - 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>
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- **Webinar Schedule:**
 - Thursday, July 2, 2020 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM
 - Friday, July 3, 2020 from 8:00 – 9:00 AM
 - Friday, July 3, 2020 from 11:00 – 12:00 PM
 - **Join the webinars here:** <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/emergency-recovery-grants-overview-webinar>
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Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

Infrastructure -

- Currently there are 54 reported power outages; a wide variation experienced during the day.
- There are no other disruptions of services.

Emergency Services-

- No reports of absenteeism due to COVID-19.

Major Incidents-

- Yesterday several departments responded to various issues caused by showers and thunderstorms. No Major Incidents, Damages or Injuries were reported.
- 2 a.m. Wednesday- Burlington fire respond to a structure fire. South Burlington, Colchester, Winooski and Air Guard mutual aid.

Operational Period Notes-

- The branch worked on providing a summary of service interruptions or potential service interruptions statewide Emergency Services capabilities.

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.
- USAR working to roster crew to assist with test kit assembly.

Forest, Parks, & Recreation (FPR)-

- Today the predicted wildland fire danger throughout the entire state is LOW – Class 1.

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				
60%	30%	50%		30%
Likely Rain Showers	Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of Rain Showers	Clear	Chance of Rain Showers
74 F / 23 C	84 F / 28 C	80 F / 26 C	83 F / 28 C	84 F / 28 C
59 F / 15 C	62 F / 16 C	57 F / 13 C	58 F / 14 C	60 F / 15 C

- **Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3pm. Patchy fog before 9am. Otherwise, partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming northwest 5 to 8 mph in the afternoon.
- **Thursday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 10pm, then a chance of showers between 10pm and midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Northwest wind 5 to 7 mph becoming calm in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 30%.
- **Friday:** A 50 percent chance of showers after 8am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. Light and variable wind becoming north around 5 mph. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
- **Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 57. Southeast wind 3 to 6 mph.
- **Independence Day:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Light south wind.
- **Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Calm wind becoming south around 6 mph after midnight.
- **Sunday:** A 30 percent chance of showers after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind around 5 mph becoming light and variable in the morning.
- **Sunday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers before 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. South wind 3 to 5 mph.
- **Monday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Calm wind.



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.
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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

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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