



Incident Name:
COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:
06/05/2020 08:00 AM - 06/05/2020 04:00 PM

Situation Report Number:
65

EOC Activation Level:
Partial Activation

On June 5, 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 Monday, June 8th in the Newbury area. From June 8th onward, pre-registration is required.
 - Registration, and the full list of dates and locations, can be found at vem.vermont.gov/pods
- Today, Governor Scott introduced [Addendum 17 to Executive Order 01-20](#), which:
 - Allows travel without quarantine restrictions, starting Monday, June 8th, to and from the counties of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York with 400 or fewer active cases of COVID-19 per million, as [determined and publicized](#) by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD).
 - Clarified that ACCD and the Department of Liquor and Lottery are authorized to implement changes to restrictions on restaurants, bars, and caterers.
 - Lets municipalities enact stricter local requirements than the ACCD guidance regarding the operation of bars, catering facilities, and restaurants, to address an outbreak of COVID-19 in the municipality.
- ACCD introduced [new guidance](#), allowing indoor dining in restaurants and bars starting on June 8th. Such operations must follow an array of public health restrictions, such as limiting indoor seating to 25% of approved fire safety occupancy or 10 total customers and staff combined, whichever is greater.

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1100 on 6/5/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	1,027
Total tests for COVID-19	39,117
Deaths	55
Total people recovered	882
People being monitored	47
People who have completed monitoring	909
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	0
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	14

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

6/3-6/4 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 40 calls related to COVID-19 on Wednesday and Thursday. The vast majority of calls were from the general public (38 calls).
- The most common call topics were the executive order (25 calls), travel (11 calls), and testing (7 calls) (topics are not mutually exclusive, i.e., calls can touch on multiple topics).

- The JIC shared the newest guidance on Be Smart, Stay Safe economic restart information on social media and with links to website: <https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order>
- Updated food distribution messaging to include new guidance on pre-registration: <https://vem.vermont.gov/pods>
- Shared graphics and details of new cross-state travel under Vermont's Be Smart, Stay Safe: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

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, including nasal swabs and saline test tubes
 - ◊ HEPA filters
 - ◊ PPE including gloves, coveralls, aprons, boot covers, and N95 masks
- FEMA is procuring donations of cloth face coverings on behalf of Vermont

Medical Logistics Branch

Daily Workflow Status 06/03

- Orders Received: 33
- Orders Filled: 25
- Percentage Filled: 76%
- Total Unfilled Orders; 8
 - ◊ EMS: 1
 - ◊ Public Safety: 2
 - ◊ Residential Home: 2
 - ◊ Other: 3

Daily Workflow Status 06/04

- Orders Received: 36
- Orders Filled: 25
- Percentage Filled: 69%
- Total Unfilled Orders: 11
 - ◊ Behavioral Health; 2
 - ◊ Hospital: 1
 - ◊ Long-term Care: 2
 - ◊ Outpatient Care: 1

- ◊ Other: 5

Please Note:

- These numbers change by the minute and many of these orders may have been filled during the generation of this report. This is just a snapshot in time.

Other Updates:

- The Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Warehouse is exploring storage issues, and cold chain storage.
- Branch is exploring the need for additional staff support for lab kit activities.
- The Status of Orders spreadsheet will be uploaded to DLAN each week.
- Shipments received at the MCM Warehouse on 6/3 and 6/4:
 - ◊ Nitrile gloves from FEMA
 - ◊ Procedure/face masks from UVM
 - ◊ Face shields from JK Adams

Logistics Branch

Resource Requests:

- There was a request for law enforcement and temporary restrooms for next week's food distribution sites (the Phase 3 Food Distribution Plans).

Agency of Transportation (AOT):

- AOT is assisting with food distribution at the William H. Morse Airport in Bennington.
- AOT made 17 scheduled PPE deliveries around the state.

Vermont National Guard (VTNG):

- VTNG continues to support food distribution and pop-up testing sites through June 12th.

Department of Human Resources (DHR):

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) medical volunteer activity:
 - ◊ 107 volunteers total, 62 currently activated
 - ◊ MRC has 771 accepted volunteers, with 385 added since 3/1

Building and General Services (BGS):

- BGS is working with AOT to support the Department of Motor Vehicles with tents and hand washing stations.
- BGS Property Management is working with SEOC leadership on COVID-19 test kit assembly, storage, and distribution.

Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACCD):

- Governor Scott announced reopening guidance for indoor dining and an easing of travel restrictions. Effective June 8, interstate travel to and from New England and New York counties with 400 or fewer active COVID-19 cases per million residents is permitted without quarantine requirements. In addition, effective June 15, travelers may complete quarantine requirements in their home state before entering Vermont. ACCD also created a page for people to view the Cross State Travel Map: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>
- Lodging operations may increase occupancy limits to 50% or a total of 25 guests and staff, whichever is greater.
- Indoor dining will be permitted beginning June 12 with 25% occupancy limits, social distancing and health and safety protocols.

VERMONT RETAIL AND GROCERS' ASSOCIATION (VRGA):

Supply Chain Updates (6/4)

- Bread – The supply is good.
- Flour – Demand remains high, but the supply has improved for flour and yeast.
- Sugar – The supply has improved.
- Milk – The supply is good.
- Eggs – The supply is good.
- Cheese – The supply is good.
- Paper & Bath Tissue – The supply of paper towels is improving, while bath tissue supply continues to increase.
- Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Isopropyl Alcohol – Demand remains high. Smaller stores are still having a hard time access enough cleaning supplies. Larger stores seem to be leveling off. Hand Sanitizer availability is improving.
- Meat – Variety continues to be limited. Consumers may not always get the exact protein they would like, but the meat supply is still plentiful.
 - Beef prices remain high.
 - Pork prices vary depending on the cut and region in the country the supply is coming from.
 - Poultry pricing seems to have leveled off.
- Produce, Deli, Bakery – The supply is good.
- Pasta/Canned Veggies/Box Prepared Products – Consumers have access to these products, but less variety.
- *Note: This will be the last VRGA update as the supply of most grocery items is stable or improving.*

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL):

- Unemployment Insurance Claims Overview, May 24 to May 30
 - Continued Claims: 46,316 (down from 50,285 the previous week)
 - New Claims: 1,465 (down from 1,552 the previous week)
 - Payments: over \$14 million paid last week (compared to \$15 million the previous week)
 - Trust Fund Balance: \$410 million (down from \$423 million the previous week)

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS (AAFM):

- AAFM and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) shared expert information and answered questions about required changes to pick-your-own operations in a webinar on Thursday.

- The Abbey Group's Farmers-to-Families contract to supply food boxes was extended through August 2020. Additional Vermont fresh produce and dairy products will be included in this next stage of the contract. A modified distribution plan will be implemented after the current large-scale direct distributions finish.
- Vermont lost 14 dairy farms in May 2020 (compared to 1 in May 2019).

Health & Medical Branch

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Daily summary of hospital bed availability

- Number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized: 0 positive, 14 persons under investigation
- Number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospital: 0
- Total hospital beds available: 491
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available: 41
- Medical/surgical beds available: 197
- Isolation beds available: 161

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

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 6/5: 2,232 (467 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 8 residents as of 6/5.
- General Assistance Motel Summary, including Econo Lodge in Montpelier and Holiday Inn in South Burlington as of 6/3: 1,502 rooms; 1,755 adults; 317 children.

Statewide Mass Feeding Plan:

- There was a food distribution site today in Bennington.

Additional Updates:

- The Child Development Division is researching suppliers for gloves, hand sanitizer, and cleaning materials for childcare providers for large quantity purchases.
- The Agency of Education is releasing updates on special education and guidance on PreK transition to kindergarten.

Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

Infrastructure -

- There are no reports of disruption to services.

Emergency Services -

- No reported major incidents.
- There is no reported absenteeism.

Operational Period Notes -

- The branch is supporting logistics for food distribution Phase III activities next week.

Department/Agencies Reports

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

- VSP is monitoring 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.

Public Service Department (PSD) -

- There are some minor customer outages that are expected to be restored by end of day.

Agency of Digital Services (ADS) -






- No disruptions of service or issues.

Forest, Parks, & Recreation (FPR) -

- The daily (6/5) predicted fire danger for Vermont is LOW (Class 1) throughout the state.

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
				
Chance of Rain Showers	Likely Rain Showers	Clear	Clear	Clear
84 F / 28 C 62 F / 16 C	74 F / 23 C 50 F / 10 C	67 F / 19 C 45 F / 7 C	70 F / 21 C 46 F / 7 C	76 F / 24 C 53 F / 11 C

- **Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind 3 to 5 mph. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.
- **Saturday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 8am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. West wind 6 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.
- **Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers before 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Northwest wind 6 to 9 mph. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
- **Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. North wind 7 to 11 mph.
- **Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 47. Calm wind.



SITREP ATTACHMENT: Executive Summary

**COVID-19 Response
June 05, 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

Current							
Future							
Key	Red - most unstable or completely inadequate level of service Yellow - functional but inadequate for stability of a consistent level of service Green - stable						

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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.
	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 today 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 combined FEMA Food Box / Farmers to Families (F2F) food distribution sites began at the beginning of May. On Thursday the site at the Edward F Knapp State Airport in Barre distributed 1,200 F2F perishable household sets (including chicken, produce, dairy and milk), and 1,440 boxes (of 15 box-meals) of non-perishable meals. As of 2:30 today the Bennington site will distribute an estimated 1,200 perishable household sets and milk, and over 1,600 non-perishable boxes (numbers are not final). The next meal distribution will take place on Monday, June 8th, 10am-2pm in the Newbury area and on Tuesday, June 9th in Chittenden County. These will provide perishable F2F meals only, and pre-registration is required. No personal information will be collected. The Child Development Division is researching suppliers for gloves, hand sanitizer, and cleaning materials for childcare providers for large quantity purchases. The Agency of Education is releasing updates on special education and guidance on PreK transition to kindergarten.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Abbey Group's Farmers-to-Families contract to supply food boxes was extended through August 2020. Additional Vermont fresh produce and dairy products will be included in this next stage of the contract. A modified distribution plan will be implemented after the current large-scale direct distributions finish.
Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AOT is staffing border crossings for the State's monitoring of traffic mobility to determine how effective mitigation measures are for reducing travel and also to give healthcare leaders a sense of future healthcare capacity needs. All vehicles (Vermont and out-of-state) are being counted; license plate numbers are not being recorded. For more info: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/vtransparency
	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 1100 on 6/5/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 1,027 Total tests conducted: 39,117 Deaths: 55 Total people recovered: 882 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 0 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 14 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today, Governor Scott introduced Addendum 17 to Executive Order 01-20, which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows travel without quarantine restrictions, starting Monday, June 8th, to and from the counties of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York with 400 or fewer active cases of COVID-19 per million, as determined and publicized by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD). Clarified that ACCD and the Department of Liquor and Lottery are authorized to implement changes to restrictions on restaurants, bars, and caterers. Lets municipalities enact stricter local requirements than the ACCD guidance regarding the operation of bars, catering facilities, and restaurants, to address an outbreak of COVID-19 in the municipality. ACCD introduced new guidance, allowing indoor dining in restaurants and bars starting on June 8th. Such operations must follow an array of public health restrictions, such as limiting indoor seating to 25% of approved fire safety occupancy or 10 total customers and staff combined, whichever is greater. <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, Sharon, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vernon, Waitsfield, Weston, Woodstock.</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 34 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in an outbreak in Winooski. The State is providing testing and wrap-around services to residents. Tomorrow, there will be a pop-up testing site for asymptomatic members of the public in Burlington. More such testing sites for the Offense-Minded Testing Strategy are currently planned through June 12th. Available appointments at pop-up testing clinics are filling quickly. One Alternate Care Site is currently operating in Chittenden County with two other sites on standby. The Chittenden County site currently has no patients.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily testing in Winooski at the O'Brien Community Center will continue next week. Registration is required. The Medical Logistics Branch is exploring the need for additional staff support for lab kit activities.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were 46,316 continuing unemployment insurance claims the week of May 24 to May 30, which is down from 50,285 the previous week. There were 1,465 new claims, down from 1,552 the previous week.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently minimal power outages across the state. There are no anticipated service disruptions at this time.

