



## Executive Summary

### COVID-19 Response

March 30, 2020 (1600 EST)

**SEOC Activation Status: Full**  
**HOC Activation Status: Full**  
**SEOC Activation Date/Time:**  
**March 11, 2020 (0730 EST)**

### Community Lifeline Status



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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Vermont State Police is assisting a local police department facing staffing shortages due to COVID-19 with responding to calls for service.</li> </ul>
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Services Branch is finalizing plans to accept psychiatric patients at an isolation facility.</li> <li>Human Services Branch is coordinating the establishment of several isolation/recovery sites across the state to house vulnerable populations should the need arise.</li> <li>Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) has updated Stay at Home Stay Safe Information to help commercial entities, non-profits, employers to self-determine if their operations are critical to public health, safety, or economic and national security in Vermont - <a href="https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19-guidance/stay-home-stay-safe-business-faqs">https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19-guidance/stay-home-stay-safe-business-faqs</a></li> <li>ACCD continues to work in close contact with the Vermont Retail Grocers Association to monitor supply chain issues. Supply chain in good shape outside of bath tissue, sanitizer, and cleaning products which remain strained.</li> </ul>
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Community Action agencies are struggling with the task of feeding homeless populations who are being housed in hotels/motels. This is a big change in service for them and is presenting a huge challenge.</li> <li>Concerns are rising around health of employees and staffing a local food shelves should people get sick, many employees and volunteers are in vulnerable populations. Many sites are having to limit hours due to a lack of volunteers.</li> </ul>
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Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vermont 211 received 32 calls on Sunday, March 29. Inquires have been predominately from the general public (27). Inquiries have most often included questions about the Stay Home Stay Safe order (10).</li> <li>Agency of Education is finalizing Continuity of Learning Guidance. A new plan template was distributed to Supervisory Unions.</li> <li>The Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS) has stood up a donation management group that is capturing donation offers and establishing a storage facility for inspection and putting the donations into distribution.</li> </ul>
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Incident Summary	<p>A novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) was first detected in China at the end of 2019. It has now spread to more than 100 locations internationally, including the United States. The disease the virus causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").</p>
Key Information	<p><b>Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 3/30/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive test results: <b>256</b></li> <li>Total tests conducted: <b>3,930</b></li> <li>Deaths: <b>12</b></li> <li>People being monitored: <b>219</b></li> <li>People who have completed monitoring: <b>546</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>251 million people in at least 30 states, 81 counties, 15 cities and one territory are being urged to stay at home (MD and VA newest additions).</li> <li>Major Disaster Declarations have been awarded in 22 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam.</li> </ul> <p><b>Executive Order Measures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gov. Scott issued Addendum 7 to Executive Order 01-02 on 3/30/20 which stated that any person, resident or non-resident, travelling into Vermont for anything other than an essential purpose, must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days.</li> <li>Gov. Scott instructed visitors are not to travel to Vermont if they are displaying symptoms or if they are travelling from cities and regions identified as COVID-19 "hot spots," including, among others, the states of Florida and Louisiana and the cities of Detroit, Chicago and New York City</li> <li>Gov. Scott ordered that on-line reservations shall be suspended and lodging providers shall post a prominent notice on their web platforms which advises potential guests that reservations for lodging in Vermont, as allowed, shall be accepted by phone only. Lodging services are only allowable in support of the COVID-19 Response for vulnerable populations or essential personnel.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gubernatorial State of Emergency:</b> Yes, announced 3/13/20  <b>Local State of Emergency:</b> Burlington, Colchester, Johnson  <b>Federal Disaster Declaration:</b> Issued 3/13/20  <b>Local EOCs Activated (self reported):</b> Burlington, Waitsfield, Johnson, Hartford, Charleston, Chittenden (town), Strafford, Peacham, Rutland, Pomfret, Woodstock, "Mountain Town" virtual EOC (4 towns), Thetford, South Burlington.</p>
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Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Vermont State Police have assigned 42 staff to assist as COVID-19 Epi tracers. The Agency of Digital Services (ADS) has set up accounts and training began today 3/30 at VDH in Burlington.</li> <li>Establish Receipt, Stage, and Ship (RSS) sites for PPE donations.</li> <li>Continue SEOC and HOC efforts to furnish Alternate Care sites/hospitals with tents for triage and/or surge capacity.</li> <li>Blood Donor drives scheduled throughout Vermont in upcoming days and weeks to help with national blood shortage. Schedules regularly updated at <a href="http://redcrossblood.org">redcrossblood.org</a>.</li> <li>AOT is taking the lead on the delivery of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) assets with the assistance of Vermont National Guard in support of Health Operation Center Logistics.</li> <li>A web portal will soon be online to efficiently provide testing results to providers</li> </ul>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The satellite COVID-19 testing site at Landmark College in Putney, VT is fully operational as of 0815 on March 29 with support from the National Guard. This additional location will fill the gap not covered by a hospital or Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).</li> <li>Three medical surge sites are available for operations. The Vermont Medical Surge Team is working to identify additional sites if needed. Sites are in Barre, Burlington, and St. Albans.</li> <li>Drive-up testing is available at the following hospitals: Brattleboro Memorial, Copley, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, North Country, Northwestern, Porter, Springfield, Rutland and UVMHC.</li> <li>Testing is currently being expanded as new test kits are being distributed to hospitals and FQHC across the state to include people with mild to moderate symptoms. Tests will still be prioritized, and a referral from a Primary Care Provider is still needed.</li> <li>Eight trucks of a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) shipment of personal protective equipment (PPE) were received 3/29.</li> <li>The SEOC created a MedLog (Medical Logistics) Branch to support PPE and medical supplies distribution plan on 3/30. As of 1600, the SNS Warehouse Operations will be coordinated through this SEOC Branch.</li> <li>The VDH Lab received additional testing supplies this morning and is implementing training for two new microbiologists.</li> </ul>
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