



Executive Summary COVID-19 Response April 8, 2020 (1600 EDT)

SEOC Activation Status: Full
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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



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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The attorney general issued a directive to law enforcement on how to enforce the governor's executive order, emphasizing education and voluntary compliance, while also allowing the Office of the Attorney General to pursue civil and criminal enforcement of the order, including a \$1,000-a-day fine for continued noncompliance. The DFS weekly survey results to local fire departments shows 57% of counties are reporting a decrease in available responders in the past week – this is up from 37% last week.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to monitor absenteeism and disruptions in service, which are expected to increase over time.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHS is finalizing plans to accept psychiatric care patients at an isolation/recovery facility at Woodside. BGS is working on establishing catering for isolation/recovery sites and Department of Corrections facilities. ACCD continues to work in close contact with the Vermont Retail Grocers' Association to monitor supply chain issues. As of 4/8 the supply chain is in good shape outside of bath tissue, sanitizer, cleaning products, and prepared/boxed food which remain strained. The Human Services Branch is working with Capstone Community Action and VT Food Bank to determine a statewide feeding plan. Needs and sources have been identified, and the organizations are in the process of identifying gaps. Contracts for feeding are being pursued within Buildings and General Services. AHS is pursuing new lease agreements for isolation/recovery sites in Rutland and White River Junction.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Area Agencies on Aging will need assistance with meal delivery. The Child Development Division notes that childcare referrals for Essential Persons have reduced significantly, suggesting a stabilization of the demand for childcare during the response period. The Agency of Agriculture is tracking growing concerns over dairy price volatility and the impact on the industry in the months ahead.
Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US/Canadian border crossings remain closed for non-essential travel. 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. Bus route modifications can be found at: https://ridegmt.com/covid-19-update/
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont Translines suspended their bus service through April 15th. Governor Scott suspended Amtrak service to Vermont indefinitely.

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 United States having the largest number of cases. 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 1300 on 4/8/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 605 Total tests conducted: 7,749 Deaths: 23 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 35 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 40 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Trump today approved Vermont's Disaster Declaration which allows for Federal assistance to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Three states remain without a Major Disaster Declaration. Stay-At-Home orders have been issued in at least 42 states, three counties, nine cities, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The Vermont Department of Health has released additional guidance on wearing cloth face coverings. All SEOC positions except the Call Takers are now fully virtual. <p>Executive Order Messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Scott issued Addendum 8 to Executive Order 01-02 on 4/3 requiring Local governments, state agencies and private non-profit organizations, to arrange for non-congregate housing for clients, vulnerable populations, first responders and healthcare workers. Social Distancing guidelines must be followed. A temporary quarantine and isolation program shall be implemented to provide adequate social distancing for those reasonably believed to be have been exposed to or infected with COVID-19, or recovering from COVID-19 Non-congregate temporary housing shall be provided for first responders and health care workers who are at reasonable risk of having been exposed to or are infected with COVID-19, or are recovering from COVID-19, and cannot return to their usual residence. <p>Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester, Johnson, Rutland</p> <p>Local EOCs Activated (self-reported): Bethel, Burlington, Chittenden (town), Charleston, Hartford, Johnson, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peacham, Pomfret, Rutland, South Burlington, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Weston, Woodstock</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection kits from the Birchwood Home long-term care facility were tested on 4/8. Testing is available at the following locations: hospitals statewide, the Island Pond Health Center, and the Champlain Islands Health Center. Testing will be available at the Wells River Health Center beginning this week. BGS has leased four temporary mortuaries and is working with the points of contact from each site to operationalize. The Vermont Veterans Home staffing is improving with support from Department of Human Resources/Agency of Human Services effort, along with infection control and health & safety assessments by Vermont Department of Health Epi and VOSHA. Alternate Care Sites have been stood up in Essex Junction and Rutland. Guidance for the storage of used N95 masks has been disseminated to hospitals and first responders in preparation for decontamination. The SEOC is deploying a revised PPE order prioritization system for contingency and crisis standards of care. In-state manufacturers now making non-medical masks include VT Glove, VT Teddy Bear, and Codet/Big Bill. The ACCD is checking on the status of Cabot, Johnson, Commando, and TurtleFur.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to monitor outbreaks at long-term care/senior housing facilities. In the coming week, UVMMC will receive VPro Decon units, allowing for the decontamination of N95 masks in-state. The state continues to pursue the out-of-state Batelle system as a back-up.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont banks and credit unions report heavy use of the new SBA Payment Protection Program. The Child Development Division is preparing an internal action plan to encourage childcare centers to deploy teachers to homes of Essential Persons. ACCD and its partners are working on a paid media campaign to drive medical and general volunteers to register at the COVID-19 volunteer site: https://www.vermont.gov/volunteer ACCD is coordinating with the VT Manufacturing Extension Center and Associated Industries of Vermont to identify manufacturers capable of making non-medical face masks. Key manufacturers producing masks include VT Glove, VT Teddy Bear, and Codet/Big Bill.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No disruptions or shortages in fuel or utilities at this time.