



Incident Name:
COVID-19 Response

Reporting Period:
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Situation Report Number:
25

EOC Activation Level:
Full Activation



Vermont State Emergency Operations Center

Situation Report

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Background / Current Situation

On April 6, 2020 the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was fully activated from 0800 to 1600, using a hybrid EOC structure (physical/virtual) with limited in-person staffing at Public Safety Headquarters and State partner representatives working remotely. The SEOC will be fully activated daily until further notice.

Key Updates from 4/6/20:

- The VEM Director has submitted a Major Disaster Declaration and National Guard Title 32 Requests to the Governor's Office for review.
- New guidance has been released advising people to wear cloth face coverings in public settings.

Nationwide Updates:

- Major Disaster Declarations have been awarded in 45 states, four territories, and the District of Columbia.
- This means at least 311 million people in at least 41 states, three counties, eight cities, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are being urged to stay home.
- President Trump extended Federal social distancing guidelines to 4/30/20, and the CDC issued a domestic travel advisory that urges New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut residents to refrain from non-essential travel for 14 days.

Ongoing Community Mitigation Measures:

- 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.
 - Non-congregate housing solutions shall be arranged to provide adequate social distancing as needed.
 - A temporary quarantine and isolation program shall be implemented to provide adequate social distancing for those reasonably believed to have been exposed to or infected with COVID-19, or recovering from COVID-19
 - If needed, 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.
- Governor Scott issued Addendum 7 to Executive Order 01-02 on 3/30 requiring any person, resident or non-resident, traveling into Vermont for anything other than an essential purpose, must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days.
 - Visitors are instructed not to travel to Vermont if they are displaying symptoms or if they are traveling 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.
 - 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.

- Gov. Scott issued Directive 5 pursuant to Executive Order 01-20 - Continuity of Learning Planning, on 3/26. This Directive directs schools for preK-12 students to remain dismissed for in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Schools are required to have continuity of learning plans for remote learning implemented on or before Monday, April 13, 2020.
- Gov. Scott has issued an addendum to his executive order to ask all Vermonters to “Stay Home/Stay Safe”. The order took effect on Wednesday 3/25 at 5:00pm.
 - All business and not-for-profit entities shall suspend in-person business operations, and are encouraged to develop distance-based services.
 - Vermonters are directed to stay at home or their place of residence, leaving only for essential reasons.
 - Businesses and entities providing services or functions deemed critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security as set forth in the order, shall remain in operation.
 - The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) developed a process for responding to questions regarding acceptable continuation of business operations.
 - ACCD has updated FAQs 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. This FAQ can be found on the ACCD website.
 - ACCD has also developed Stay Home Stay Safe sector specific guidance for businesses. This information can also be found on the ACCD website.
- Gov. Scott issued an order for hospitals to postpone elective surgeries.
- Restaurants are still able to function, but may only provide curbside pickup or delivery service.

Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 4/6/20:

Total positive test results for COVID-19	543
Total tests for COVID-19	6,633
Deaths	23
People being monitored	68
People who have completed monitoring	745
Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	28
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	63

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

4/5 Call Statistics from 211:

- 211 received 17 calls, the majority of which were from the general public (12 calls)
- Roughly one third of calls were related to the Stay Home Stay Safe order (6 calls), and 3 calls were related to Basic Needs, a call topic which has been increasing (topics are not exclusive, i.e., some calls touch on multiple topics)

Public Information

- Press release on PPE and Ventilator stock and policies out on Sunday - follow-up questions received by the JIC on Monday.
- Posted modelling data to VEM website: vem.vermont.gov/covid19.
- Drafted press release for Governor's PA Disaster Declaration request.
- Developing a paid advertising campaign to recruit volunteers for medical and other services as outlined on www.vermont.gov/volunteer

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) orders in the system will be validated against the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) supplies received.

- FEMA submitted an RRF on behalf of the State for:
 - ◊ 200 infrared thermometers
 - ◊ 13 each - nurses, nursing assistants
 - ◊ 2 dietary aids.
 - ◊ Cephid testing kits
 - ◊ Testing Materials
 - ◊ 100,000 Swabs
 - ◊ 100,000 Test tubes
 - ◊ 10 Biologists (CDC unable to fill; returned to HHS)
 - ◊ 10 Epidemiologists (CDC unable to fill; returned to HHS)
 - ◊ 1 Infection Control Specialist (CDC unable to fill; returned to HHS)
 - ◊ 12 ICS personnel to the HOC (6 filled; 6 pending)
 - ◊ 600 Ventilators - on adjudication at 72 hours. Essential Elements of Information submitted.
 - ◊ FMS - on hold, no FMS available; RRCC is working to source individual line items, upon request.
 - ◊ FEMA is tracking an RRF for consumable medical supplies including critical medicine to be delivered to the UVM Medical Center.

Nationally: The National Response Coordination Center in Washington, D.C. is fully activated and adjudicating all federal requests for resources and capabilities from across the country.

Regionally: The FEMA Region 1 Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) is fully activated and is completely virtual.

Health & Medical Branch

Health & Medical Branch

- A major testing push began 3/29/2020:
 - ◊ Hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) across the state have new test kits.
 - ◊ Drive-up testing is available at Brattleboro Memorial, Copley, Central Vermont, Dartmouth Hitchcock, North Country, Northwestern, Porter, Springfield, Rutland Regional and UVM Medical Center hospitals, with variable hours. Two new testing sites are available at Island Pond Health Care and Champlain Islands Health Care.
 - ◊ Setting up Wells River testing site for this week,
- Bed availability statewide (as of 0900 4/3/2020):
 - ◊ 670 total beds
 - ◊ 63 ICU beds
 - ◊ 319 med surge beds
 - ◊ 114 isolation beds
- Long-term care:
 - ◊ One long-term care facility has multiple COVID-19 positive persons and has experienced multiple COVID-19 deaths.
 - ◊ One senior living facility has multiple COVID-19 positive persons and has experienced multiple COVID-19 deaths.
 - ◊ The Agency of Human Services (AHS), Vermont Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) are working to provide the Vermont Veterans Home with additional staff.
- Hospitals are receiving donations of N95s and surgical masks (as well as hand-made substitutes) from local providers.
- The SEOC is working on:
 - Disseminating AHS PPE, N95 and infection control plan
 - Integrating SEOC/HOC workplace infection control
 - Designing used N95 collection and decon process
 - Deploying revised PPE order prioritization system for contingency and crisis standards of care
 - Supporting temporary mortuary services at hospitals and a surge fixed facility

- Planning COVID-19 Response facility disinfection/decontamination/demobilization
- Support of Alternate Care Sites in Burlington, St. Albans and Barre
- Sourcing public health scientists out of <https://www.vermont.gov/volunteer web> site
- Providing staff at the Vermont Veteran's Home
- Collaborating with UVM MC Technical Services Partnership to develop scientifically validated in-State N95 respirator decontamination processes

- Testing:

- A supply portal is being developed for use this week.

Medical Logistics Branch

Strategic National Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update as of close of day 4/3/2020

Daily Workflow Status	
Orders Received	74
Orders Filled	43
Percentage Filled	58%
Total Unfilled Orders	31
Behavioral Health	2
EMS	7
Hospital	1
Long-Term Care	14
Outpatient Care	0
Public Safety	3
Residential Home	1
Other	3

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.

Important Explanations: Orders may be unfilled due to a variety of reasons such as but not limited to the following:

- Lower priority facility types
- Order requires follow up
- May be in the process of being filled at the time the report was completed
- May have been filled by the time the report was completed
- Requested items we do not have in stock so the order remains unfilled

Additional Items worked:

- Putting together proposal for revision of PPE Prioritization method
- Working with supply streams to compile all sources of inventory, ordered and distributed into one resource
- Developing a call response matrix for people taking calls to respond to calls regarding placing orders, order status, and complaints

- Resource procurement status:
 - ◊ BGS- Request for N-95 Decon Services- with Battelle Decon Services. Decon unit in MA will be stood up on 4/10
 - ◊ BGS is establishing contracts for catering for meals for isolation/recovery sites and Department of Corrections facilities.
 - ◊ BGS is working with the Agency of Human Services (AHS) on facility contracting for isolation sites in critical locations.
 - ◊ BGS is working on enclosures and security/ handling of remains for the (4) temporary mortuaries.
 - ◊ BGS purchased Source Material for Collection Kits - Expected delivery is 4/6/2020 - 4/9/2020.
 - ◊ Rutland Med Surge site -Working on the security and finalizing the generator for the site.
- National Guard deployment status:
 - ◊ Activated/Deployed Resources:
 - Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse Support, 8 personnel
 - Med/ Logistics Planners - 4 personnel and 1 support Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL).
 - Alternate Care Facility (Burlington) - 25 personnel
 - University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCC) Clinic Support - 30 personnel
 - Medical/Logistics Planners for Medical Logistics Planning - 4 personnel
 - Medical Surge Support in Essex 60 personnel.
- Agency of Transportation (AOT) continues to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse.
 - ◊ AOT has set up message boards with COVID-19 messages for quarantine and that the rest areas are closed.
 - ◊ AOT is working with SNS warehouse to coordinate PPE delivery.
 - ◊ AOT working to collect donated PPE and delivering to Colchester facility.
 - ◊ AOT provided vehicle counts at strategic border crossings across the state.
 - ◊ AOT is delivering 2 Med Surge trailers and 1 portable hospital trailer to the Rutland area to set up Alternate Care Facility.
- Department of Human Resources
 - ◊ DHR Labor Relations reached agreement with the Vermont Troopers Association (VTA) and the Vermont State Employees Association (VSEA) to provide for:
 - ◊ Paid Leave for SOV employee who are unable to work for reasons arising from COVID-19 from April 6 through May 9, 2020.
 - ◊ Carry-over of unused Compensatory Time and Supervisory Personal Leave for an additional year.
 - ◊ Premium Pay for certain employees.
 - \$1.50 per actual hour worked for employees who are required to work in AHS 24/7 facilities and the Vermont Veterans Hospital (VVH); AHS and VSP employees when they have in-person, face-to-face contact with a member of the public on an hour-for-hour basis.
 - 20% premium on an hour-for-hour basis for hours actually worked when assigned to work in facilities providing care to a COVID-19 positive population or those who are required to deal directly with a COVID-19 positive individual.
 - ◊ Time Sheet Coding instructions will be posted on the DHR website and distributed in the near future These enhancements have been extended to Designated Managerial, Confidential Classified, eligible Temporary, and Exempt employees following a leave plan.

- Congregate Housing Status:
 - ◊ Harbor House for homeless population in Burlington area: 50-bed capacity; 3 beds in use.
 - ◊ A location for a recovery site in the White River Junction area is being identified.
 - ◊ Finalizing plans to accept psychiatric care patients at isolation/recovery facility at Woodside.

- Lease agreement in progress at isolation/recovery facility at Goddard College
- General Assistance Motel Housing Summary - daily #s 4/4/2020:
 - 988 rooms
 - 1,113 adults
 - 188 children
- No known gaps in Agency of Human Services (AHS) essential services due to absenteeism rate.
- Long-Term Care Facility Status:
 - Statewide Licensed Capacity: 2,964
 - Current Operating Capacity: 2,696
 - 4/5/2020 Census: 2,336
 - 4/5/2020 bed availability: 360
- Disabilities and Independent Living (DAIL) has distributed a survey questionnaire for long term care facilities to identify any equipment and staffing needs.
- Child Development Division is preparing an internal action plan to encourage childcare centers to deploy teachers to homes of Essential Persons.
 - Building Bright Futures will host an online forum on childcare on Friday at 1pm for providers and families, maximum attendance 500.
 - Lets Grow Kids is developing a collector tool for the "informal network" of Friends, Family and Neighbors, to help match families with individuals who may be able to provide childcare.
- There are 388 programs open and serving children of Essential Persons, roughly a third of the total programs pre-closure: 263 registered childcare homes (54% of registered homes pre-closure) and 125 licensed centers (17% of licensed programs pre-closure).
- 1016 Essential Persons have completed the collector form with 1628 children. 300 EPs requested help for 470 school-aged children, 358 EPs requested help for 505 children under 6, and 138 EPs requested help for 316 children in both age groups. The remaining 220 EPs representing 337 children did not indicate a need for child care.
- Human Services Branch is working with Capstone Community Action and VT Food Bank to determine a statewide feeding plan.
- Interim Guidance from Vermont Department of Health has been shared with long-term care facilities and Goddard sites.
- Human Services Branch is working with Department of Corrections on identifying security and medical services staffing needs related to potential med surge, if needed.

Economic Development Branch

Vermont Retail and Grocers' Association (VRGA) Supply Chain Update as of 3/31/20:

- **Bread:** Improving, supply recovered faster than expected
- **Eggs:** Improving; big increase in cost
- **Cheese:** Improving
- **Paper Products:** Paper towels improving, bath tissue constrained
- **Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Isopropyl Alcohol:** No improvements. New product delivery pushed out to next week.
- **Meat:** Improving - ground beef is in tight supply, while the chicken supply is rebounding
- **Produce, Deli, Milk, Bakery:** Ample

Link to stores providing designated store hours and alternative shopping methods:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b859U4ovN_JDO0c_8HQwu6n1cYi0NZcEro6CQGd388/edit#gid=0

Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) as of 4/6/20:

ACCD is marketing SBA's Payment Protection Program that helps small businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. Employers apply via local banks and credit unions. Vermont lenders have received 810

complete applications as of 4/5.

ACCD is coordinating with Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC) and Associated Industries of Vermont (AIV) to identify Vermont manufacturers capable of making non-medical grade face masks.

Department of Labor Update (DOL) as of 4/06/20:

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued new guidance to extend the use of N95 masks.

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims:

Claims processed March 22 to March 28 – 14,633 claims

Total claims between March 8 – March 28 ≈ 45,000 (a 6,000% increase over the prior 3-week period)

Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (AAFM) Update as of 4/3/2020:

AAFM shared information about business resources under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act as well as resources offered by the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC) and the Small Business Development Center (VTSBDC) via a weekly newsletter. The newsletter also includes information about VAAFM grant opportunities that can be used to support needs related to COVID-19.

Infrastructure & Emergency Services Branch

Service disruptions due to absenteeism:

- Infrastructure - No reported issues at this time
- Emergency Services- No reported issues at this time

Forest, Parks, & Recreation (FPR):

- April 06, 2020 Predicted fire danger for Vermont – Moderate and Low
- Fire forecast can be found here: <https://www.weather.gov/btv/vtfire>

Agency of Digital Services (ADS):

- ADS will deliver laptops and cell phones to support portable mortuaries on April 8th.
- Bandwidth analysis and right sizing for Castleton's Spartan Arena.
- Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC) is in the process of ordering a circuit from First Light. Installation will likely occur on April 8th.
- 10 Laptops/cell phones and the ability to work remotely for temporary SEOC employees- in progress
- ADS has assigned a team to work with AOT to identify a system for PPE inventory. The inventory tool is almost ready to go and should be available by tomorrow.

Division of Fire Safety (DFS):

- Inspection teams deployed
 - DFS Fire and Electrical Inspectors are assisting Alternate Care Sites Branch with pre-inspection of facilities in Chittenden and Rutland Counties.
 - Final inspection will be conducted on Tuesday the 7th at 1:00 P.M at the Champlain Valley Expo site.
 - Fire Safety has Inspected the Spartan arena in Rutland, a follow up inspection will be done this week to make sure this space is safe to use.

Public Service Department (PSD):

- All electric, natural gas, and telecommunications utilities continue to provide service, and only essential service calls at customer premises are being performed (with proper social distancing and other suggested preventative protocols). There are no known disruptions of liquid fuels.

Five Day Forecast: Vermont - Washington (KTYX)

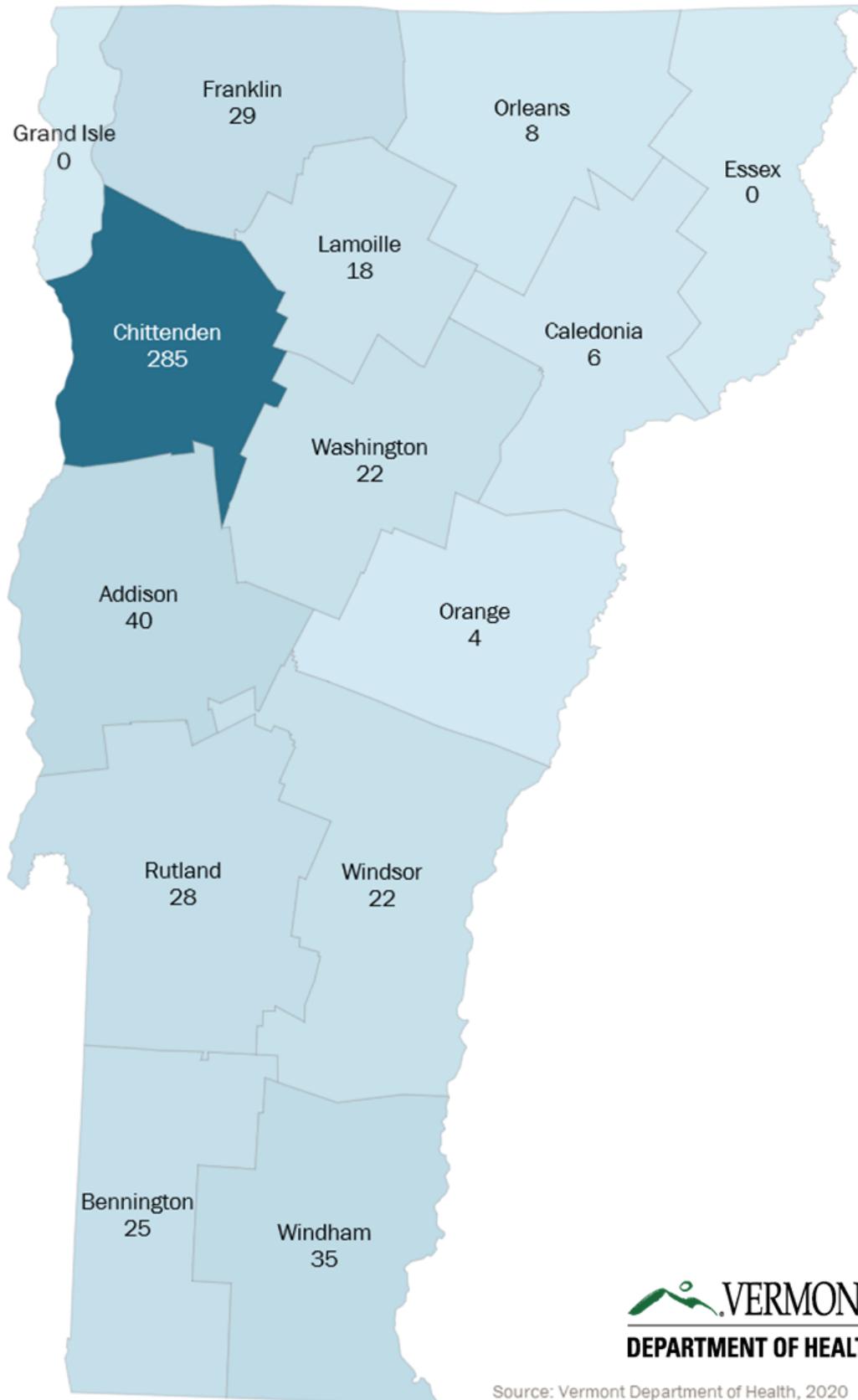
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Clear	Slight Chance of Snow Showers	Chance of Rain Showers	Definitely Rain Showers	Chance of Snow Showers
49 F / 9 C 31 F / 0 C	53 F / 11 C 31 F / 0 C	48 F / 8 C 34 F / 1 C	45 F / 7 C 30 F / -1 C	40 F / 4 C 29 F / -1 C

- Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. West wind 3 to 5 mph.
- Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 55. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
- Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Vermont Case Count – April 6, 2020

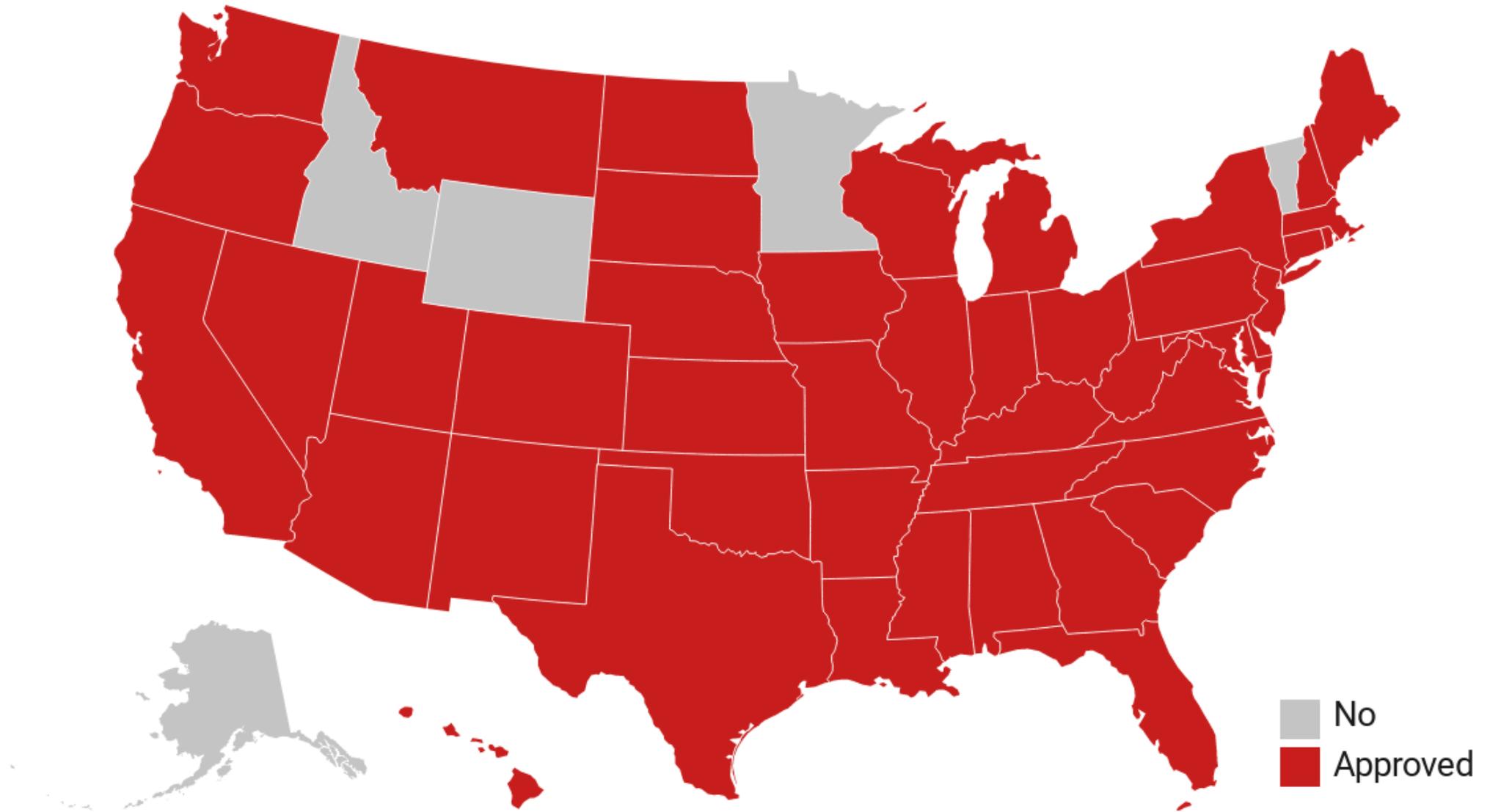
*People who tested positive for COVID-19 in Vermont while visiting or seeking care are included in the Vermont county where they were identified.

**Some cases may be still under investigation and county not assigned yet.



Source: Vermont Department of Health, 2020

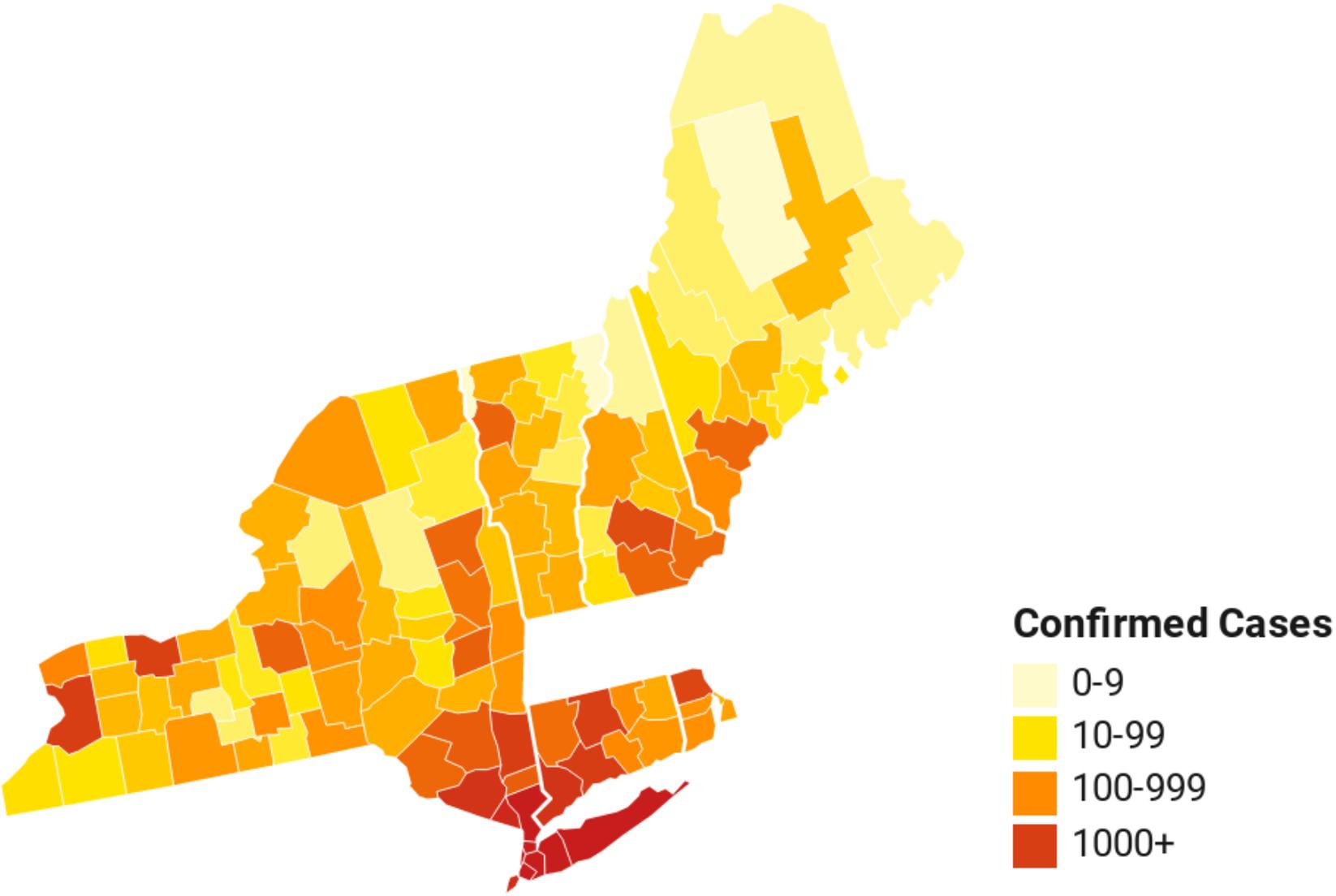
Major Disaster Declarations



Updated 4/6/20

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New England Cases By County



Updated daily

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Executive Summary COVID-19 Response April 6, 2020 (1600 EDT)

SEOC Activation Status: Full
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

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

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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vermont State Police is monitoring compliance with the Governor's Executive Order, specifically around lodging compliance. Division of Fire Safety conducted inspections of two facilities in Rutland Area as potential Tier II stepdown alternate care sites. Current fire mutual aid agreements are in place to provide more than five additional departments at every incident in all counties.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to monitor absenteeism and disruptions in service. Expecting 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 isolation/recovery facility at Woodside. BGS is working on establishing catering for meals 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 3/31 the supply chain is in good shape outside of bath tissue, sanitizer, and cleaning products which remain strained. Human Services Branch is working with Capstone Community Action and VT Food Bank to determine a statewide feeding plan.
	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. Red Cross now has a basic list of at least one open hotel/motel in each county for use for structure fires or other home displacements.
Transportation	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US/Canadian border crossings remain closed for non-essential travel. The Agency of Transportation/Department of Motor Vehicles has begun counting cars from out of state on Vermont's highways. This is a data collection effort to predict future healthcare needs. 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. The Downtown Transit Center lobby in Burlington and the Montpelier Transit Center will be closed until further notice. Buses will continue to serve the platform at each location.

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>Current case status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 4/6/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive test results: 543 Total tests conducted: 6,633 Deaths: 23 Hospitalized patients with COVID-19: 28 Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19: 63 <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay At Home orders have been issued in at least 41 states, three counties, eight cities, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are being urged to stay home. The VEM Director has submitted a Major Disaster Declaration and National Guard Title 32 Requests to the Governor's Office for review. Major Disasters have been declared in 45 states, four territories, and the District of Columbia. Health Department recommends that Vermonters wear cloth facial masks, or coverings, if they need to leave their homes for essential purposes. SEOC is finalizing plans move operations to be fully virtual. <p>Executive Order Measures:</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, Weston, Woodstock</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing is available at the following locations: hospital 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 Agency of Human Services, the Vermont Department of Health, and the Department of Human Resources are working to provide the Vermont Veterans home with additional staff. The Vermont Department of Health has recommended the use of masks and temperature screening for the SEOC. Progress continues on the build out of the Alternative Care Site in Essex Junction and Rutland. Guidance for the shortage 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. ACCD is coordinating with Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC) and Associated Industries of Vermont (AIV) to identify Vermont manufacturers capable of making non-medical grade face masks.
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Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont banks and credit unions report heavy use of new SBA Payment Protection Program. As of yesterday, Vermont banks and credit unions have taken 810 complete applications. Between March 22nd and March 28th, DOL processed 14,633 unemployment insurance claims. DHR Labor Relations reached agreement with the Vermont Troopers Association (VTA) and the Vermont State Employees Association (VSEA) to provide for paid Leave for SOV employee who are unable to work for reasons arising from COVID-19 from April 6 through May 9, 2020. Child Development Division is preparing an internal action plan to encourage childcare centers to deploy teachers to homes of Essential Persons.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agency of Agriculture is tracking growing concerns over dairy price volatility and the impact on industry in the months ahead.