



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	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").
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.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to monitor outbreaks at long-term care/senior housing facilities. The SEOC and the HOC are collaborating with UVMTC Technical Services Partnership to develop scientifically validated in-state N95 respirator decontamination processes.
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.