



Executive Summary COVID-19 Response March 17, 2020 (1600 EST)

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

Community Lifeline Status



Lifelines: Impacts and Actions

Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Division of Fire Safety (DFS) has postponed all inspections except those deemed critical. DFS is updating the Fire Department Operational Status survey to more clearly understand the needs of each county.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper Valley Strong Long-Term Recovery Committee is standing up to support homeless effort. NOFA or Northeast Farmers Organic Association is recruiting relief milkers for dairy farmers who may fall ill from COVID-19. Some states are saying farmers markets should be deemed "essential" services like grocery stores and be allowed open. Agency of Agriculture discussion. USDA is working with US Department of State who is in contact with the Embassies and Consulates and the H-2 Visas are considered essential and will be resumed in Jamaica April 1st and as soon as they can safely organize staff in the Mexico Consulates. Returning workers will be prioritized as they can do phone interviews.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economic impact to small farmers and producers could be severe with the closing of restaurants and establishments. The Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (VAAFAM) is working with farmers and producers on impact.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agency of Transportation (AOT) has partially activated the Transportation Incident Command Center (TICC). 67 Agency of Transportation message boards are running COVID/VDH messages. SerVermont: Currently, there are 22 AmeriCorps members and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers signed up to do various shifts at 211 through April 5. Three AmeriCorps members are signed up to do various shifts at the Health Department call center through March 20. ADS has been requested to support VDH with a long-term solution to the call center that was set up this past weekend to assist with their call volume. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) dedicated COVID-19 email list has received over 750 people and businesses looking for the latest news. ACCD has finalized the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration. Aiming to submit by close of business today, 3/17. The Agency of Education is developing guidance on Child Care for Essential Persons, and Guidance on Free and Appropriate Public Education / Special Education for schools.

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 status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1300 on 3/17/20:</p> Vermont residents tested positive for COVID-19: 10 Vermonters tested negative for COVID-19: 495 Vermonters being monitored: 241 Vermonters who have completed monitoring: 215

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Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 54 Childcare programs have closed; the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Agency of Education (AOE) are working on guidance for childcare centers. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) is working on implementing a "telehealth" program. Senior centers are closed, as are adult day centers (feeding services continue) The Department of Aging and Independent Living sent guidance to community partners regarding prioritization of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). VT National Guard is Working Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) warehouse augmentation plan with soldiers and airmen on State Active Duty (SAD). Vermont State Police (VSP) is coordinating with VDH to relay medical PPE supplies from the SNS to areas in need throughout VT. AOT will be taking the lead on delivering. The UVM Medical Center is training and setting up to do additional COVID-19 specimen testing, perhaps by 3/20/20. Eight hospitals are discussing drive-up testing plans.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) will be assisting to deploy a shelter to Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH) for use in drive-through testing on 3/18. The Child Development Division (CDD) has been fielding questions from concerned childcare program directors about a lack of guidance regarding subsidy payment and possible state-directed closure. Guidance to childcare centers on subsidy payments is in development. Buildings and General Services (BGS)-Office of Purchasing (OPC) OPC has provided options for full service call center staff assistance for VDH and is looking at building options for housing a local call center using the staff assistance options provided by OPC. BGS, the Agency of Digital Services (ADS), and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) are working on fulfilling contracts for a remote call center. Long term additional support will be needed for the COVID-19 call center. Multiple hospitals are anticipating staff shortages in the next weeks - school shortages are the most recent stressor on staff. A COVID-19 Test prioritization scheme is needed - healthcare workers are a top priority.