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VERMONT STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Vermont Department of Health [2019 Novel Coronavirus Current Status in Vermont Webpage](#) for updates.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control [Coronavirus Disease page](#)

World Health Organization [Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

Department of Labor
[FAQ for Employers and Employees](#)

Government Operation

Governor Phil Scott
[Executive Orders](#)

[Number 01-20](#)

declaring a State of Emergency in Vermont & National Guard Call Out

[Amendment to 01-02](#)

Declaration of State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and National Guard Call-Out - Amended and Restated

[ADDENDUM 1 to 01-20](#)

prohibits all non-essential mass gatherings to the lesser of fifty (50) people or fifty percent (50%) of the occupancy of a facility

[ADDENDUM 2 to 01-20](#)

Prohibits on-premises consumption of food or drink

[ADDENDUM 3 to 01-20](#)



Good afternoon friends and neighbors,

My heartfelt gratitude to all who are complying with the [federal](#) and [state](#) guidelines and limiting social interactions during this holiday. [There is currently a mandatory quarantine period for all traveling to Vermont.](#)

I know folks are tired and missing their families and friends. I can hear the weariness in the voices of my own friends on the phone, the concern of local business owners when they call, see it in the eyes of my co-workers and fellow legislators on Zoom calls. This is difficult for many, especially with the holidays. But we have to persevere friends. For our healthcare workers, our kids and parents and for our economy. And the good news is also plentiful – we can largely control the spread while multiple vaccines become available in December and into 2021. Here are [guidelines from the CDC for Holiday Gatherings](#). Hang in there – we are Vermonters and Americans and we can do hard things!

Good Housekeeping [17 Fun Quarantine Thanksgiving Ideas to Help You Have a Festive Feast](#)

New York Times [How to Celebrate Thanksgiving during the Pandemic](#)

Suspension of all Non-Essential Adult Elective Surgery and Medical and Surgical Procedures

ADDENDUM 4 to 01-20

Closure of Close-Contact Businesses and Further Restrictions of the Size of Mass Gatherings

ADDENDUM 5 to 01-20

Work from Home Order

ADDENDUM 6 to 01-20

Stay Home to Stay Safe Order

ADDENDUM 7 to 01-20 Requirement to quarantine

ADDENDUM 8 to 01-20

Non-Congregate Sheltering in Vermont; Extension of Certain Deadlines Relating to Closures of DMV and Bars and Restaurants

ADDENDUM 9 to 01-20 Extension of State of Emergency Declared March 13, 2020; Other COVID-19 Related Directives and Clarifications

ADDENDUM 10 to 01-20

Work Smart & Stay Safe - Restart VT: Phase I

ADDENDUM 11 to 01-20

Work Smart & Stay Safe --Restart VT: Phase II

ADDENDUM 12 to 01-20

Work Smart & Stay Safe -Restart VT: Phase III

ADDENDUM 13 to 01-20

Play Smart and Play Safe: Restart Phase V

ADDENDUM 14 to 01-20

Be Smart, Stay Safe

ADDENDUM 15 to 01-20

Outdoor Restaurants, Bars and Other Establishments that Offer Food and Drink

ADDENDUM 16 to 01-20

Close Contact Businesses; Large Social Gatherings

Addendum 17 to 01-20

Modified Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in Vermont; Municipal Regulation of Bars and Restaurants

Racial Equity Task Force (Executive Order 02-20)

Amended and Restated Executive Order No. 01-20

Declaration of State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and National Guard Call-Out - Amended and Restated

3 FACTORS TO WEIGH THE RISK IN ANY SITUATION



Can I easily keep six feet from others?



Will people wear masks?



Will it be uncrowded?



Lots of current topics with source data

Latest State of Vermont modeling on COVID

State officials clarify ban on social gatherings

At Friday's press conference, Governor Phil Scott added further clarification to the state's prohibition of social gatherings in the **newest executive order**. Under the order, you are not allowed to gather with people you don't live with. This includes all inside and outside social, recreational and entertainment gatherings, and in public and private spaces.

There is an exception for people who live alone. They may gather with people who live in one other household. Gov. Scott announced additional allowances Friday:

- People can take in and shelter those from another household who are living in a dangerous, unhealthy or otherwise unsafe situation.

ADDENDUM 1 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED 01-20

Extension of State of Emergency Declared
March 13, 2020

ADDENDUM 2 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01-20

Strengthening the Use of Facial Covering

ADDENDUM 3 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

Extension of State of Emergency

ADDENDUM 4 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

Extension of State of Emergency

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03-20

Governor's Public Safety Reform Initiative

ADDENDUM 5 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

Extension of State of Emergency

ADDENDUM 6 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

Extension of State of Emergency

ADDENDUM 7 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

Limiting Skating Facility

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05-20

Emergency Guard Call-Out for Hospital Systems
Restoration

ADDENDUM TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 05-20

Emergency Guard Call-Out for Hospital Systems
Restoration

ADDENDUM 8 TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

Extension of State of Emergency Declared
March 13, 2020; Stay Safe/Stay Working/Stay in
School

Directives

[Directive 1 - Continuity of Education Planning.pdf](#)

[Directive 2 - Childcare For Essential Service Providers.pdf](#)

[Directive 3 - Department of Motor Vehicles Suspension of In-Person Transactions.pdf](#)

AMENDMENT TO DIRECTIVE 3

[Directive 4 - Department of Liquor and Lottery - Delivery and Take-Out of Beverage Alcohol - Amended March 20, 2020.pdf](#)

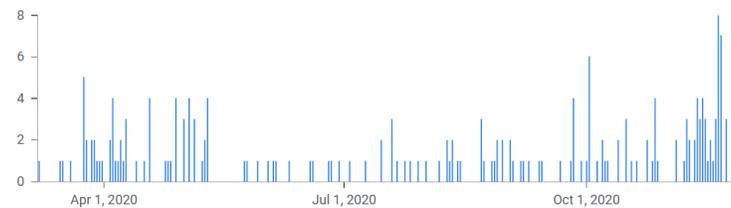
- You can do outdoor fitness activities with one other person from another household. However, both of you must stay at least 6 feet away from each other and wear a mask at all times. For example, you can bike, hike, walk or run with one of your neighbors.

As daily cases of COVID-19 continue to reach new heights, Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD, said we can still contain the virus, but we need Vermonters' help.

Cases over time

Bennington County

New Total



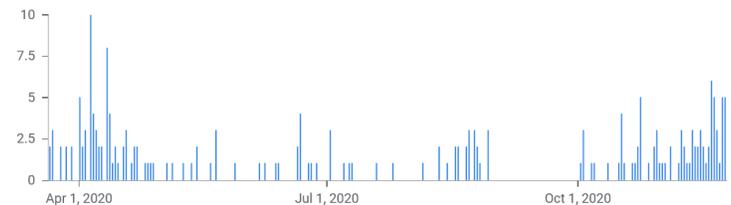
Each day shows new cases reported since the previous day

Updated less than 17 hours ago • Source: [The New York Times](#)

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[Directive 5 – Continuity of Learning Planning .pdf](#)

[Directive No. 6 - Uniform School Reopening](#)



[Watch legislative committees](#)



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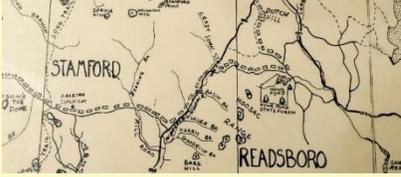


Keep up with the work of the Windham County Regional [Communication Union District DVFiber](#)

- [Vermont's Ski Season, on the Brink](#)
- [Vermont Could Receive First COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Early Next Month](#)
- [Despite Having GOP Governors, Vermont And South Dakota See Different COVID-19 Results](#)
- [Ticket Splitting, Ranked-Choice Voting & Maine's Close Senate Race](#)
- [Balint nominated as first female Pro Tempore](#)

Public budget forum to receive comments on FY 2022 state budget development

Commissioner of Finance & Management, Adam Greshin, has announced a public forum for comment on FY 2022 State budget development. Pursuant to 32



Town Websites

- [Dover](#)
- [Readsboro](#)
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- [Wardsboro](#)
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Regional Resources

- Bennington County
- [BCIC - Regional Development](#)
- [BCRC - Regional Planning](#)

- Windham County
- [BDCC - Regional Development](#)
- [WRC - Regional Planning](#)

Businesses are invited to join BDCC for this week's Resiliency Webinar Friday at 2:15. Please send questions in advance by emailing bdcc-covid-questions@brattleborodevelopment.com Direct link: <https://zoom.us/j/781064798>



- State Resources for COVID-19**
- [Department of Health](#)
 - [Department of Labor](#)
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 - [Department of Taxes](#)
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 - [Veterans Affairs](#)
 - [Department of Children & Families](#)



You aren't alone <https://vthelplink.org/>

V.S.A. § 306(d) the Governor is required to enable public participation in the development of goals and in the general prioritization of spending and revenue initiatives.

Members of the public with thoughts, comments or suggestions regarding the development of the FY 2022 budget are invited to participate via an online survey or through a link to a brief budget presentation and public comment page. To participate, go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWMB7M5>
or
<https://finance.vermont.gov/about-department/contact-us/public-comments-budget-process>

The Department of Finance and Management appreciates all feedback on the budget development process.



Need help paying your Medicare premiums? Need help paying for prescription drugs? If you have lost income you may get more help with Medicare costs and drug costs. Contact the Vermont Legal Aid Health Care Advocate at 800-917-7787 or HCA@vtlegalaid.org for free help. More info here: www.vtlawhelp.org/health

The word "Vermonters" does not describe a political party, a religion, a race or a gender.

We're all in this together.

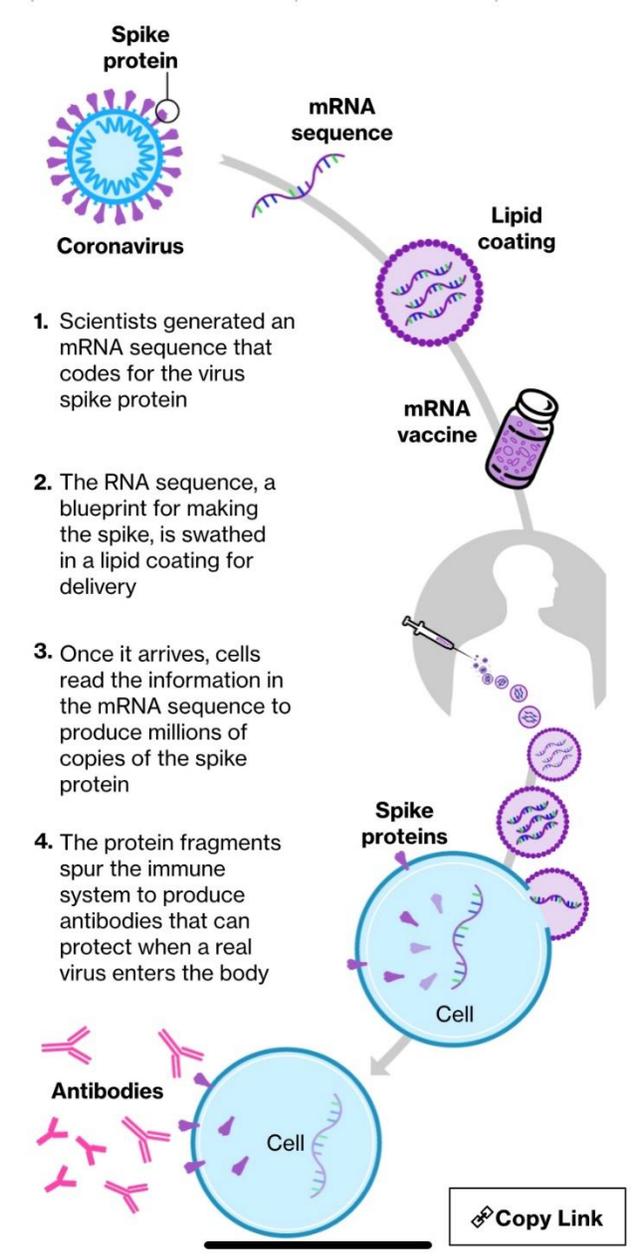
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2021 Reapportionment meetings now on the SOS website

Reapportionment occurs during the biennial legislative session following each Federal decennial census. The process primarily—but not exclusively—relies on the population figures gathered during the most recent census. Legislative districts are drawn and House and Senate seats are allocated to ensure that the populations of each district have relatively equal representation in both chambers of the State House. [Read about the process at the apportionment website](#)



Time to get your flu shot! [Similarities and Differences between Flu and COVID-19](#)



[Moderna, Pfizer Shots Look Strong. Here's How They Stack Up](#)

SCOTT ADMINISTRATION RELAUNCHES ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM WITH NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING

Montpelier, Vt. – Governor Phil Scott today announced the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) has relaunched the State's Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) Incentive Program with a new round of \$950,000 in incentive funding available to income-qualified applicants to purchase or lease new PEVs. The program was first [proposed by Governor Phil Scott](#) in his FY2020 budget, and the [first round of the program launched](#) in December 2019.

“Transportation is responsible for a large part of our greenhouse gas emissions and replacing combustion vehicles with electric vehicles is a key strategy for meeting Vermont’s greenhouse gas reduction requirements,” said Governor Scott. “These incentives make the transition to electric vehicles more affordable for Vermonters and get us closer to a sustainable transportation system.”

Incentive amounts range from \$1,500 to \$4,000 based on income level and whether the vehicle is an all-electric or plug-in hybrid model. Under the new eligibility criteria (modified in July 2020), individuals or married couples with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of up to \$125,000 (depending on tax filing status) may be eligible for incentives, with larger incentives available to individuals or married couples with an AGI of \$50,000 or less.

“We’re very encouraged by the success of the first round of the EV incentive program,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. “We hope the new round of funding enables more Vermonters to make the switch into driving fully electric vehicles, which are a win for any household budget and a win for our environment.”

Vermonters can apply through a participating auto dealer or independently with a consumer-direct application. Incentive funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional information on income eligibility, eligible PEVs and application instructions, as well as other EV incentives, please

visit www.driveelectricvt.com/why-go-electric/purchase-incentives.

Community Bank Lobby Closed

To Our Valued Customers:

At Community Bank, N.A., the safety of our customers, employees and communities will always remain our top priority. Like you, we’ve been closely monitoring updates and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as data from our states about the current surge of COVID-19 (coronavirus). We’re committed to being proactive and responsive to the needs of our customers during this time.

Based on the current information, we’ve made the decision to temporarily close all branch lobbies and operate through the drive-thru starting on Wednesday, November 25th. Lobbies at branch locations will be available by appointment only. These guidelines are a proactive approach to this evolving situation. We

believe they are both conservative and prudent considering the current information the CDC has provided about COVID-19. We will continue to monitor updates and are prepared to take additional measures as necessary. We understand the vital importance of having access to your accounts. During this time, we strongly encourage you to use Community Bank's digital tools and phone banking options that will allow you to bank from the comfort and safety of your home. Our [online](#) and [mobile](#) banking tools provide 24/7 digital account access and the ability to transfer funds, check account balances and activity, pay bills and more. If you're not enrolled yet in online or mobile banking, please visit [cbna.com](#) or call us for assistance. Our customer service can be reached at corpcom@cbna.com or [1-866-764-8638](tel:1-866-764-8638) Monday through Friday from 8am to 6pm (EST). Additionally, we're continuing precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of everyone: Enhanced cleaning protocols for high-touch, high-traffic areas in our facilities. Always asking our employees to remain home when sick. Travel restrictions for employees. Finally, beware of scams—the coronavirus could entice cyber criminals. Community Bank will never contact you to provide or verify your personal account information including full social security or account numbers, online banking account username or password.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding in this difficult time of uncertainty. Together, we can all do our part to help protect our local communities. Please visit [cbna.com/coronavirus-update](#) for the latest updates from Community Bank as the situation evolves and visit [cdc.gov](#) for updates from the CDC.

Sincerely,
Your Friends at Community Bank, N.A

As always, if you have suggestions, concerns or critiques please be in touch so we can schedule time to discuss.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, or if you need assistance navigating government services at (802) 384-0233 or lsibilia@leg.state.vt.us. Follow my regular posts online at <http://www.laurasibiliavt.com>

Kind regards,

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