

## Call 211 with questions about COVID-19

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May 12th, 2020



### Bookmark for updates:

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

[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](#)  
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

# YOU'RE INVITED!



I'd like to invite you to participate in an online call with me tomorrow evening. For more than a month I have been hosting a 7 am coffee call on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and a variety of folks have attended to ask questions,

share information, or just say hello. In an effort to make this more accessible to a larger group, on Wednesday's, starting tomorrow May 13th, I will host this at 5:30 pm. Information on how to connect is below.

You will see notice further on in this letter that the governor will be extending the State of Emergency that was due to extend on Friday. He is expected to make a number of announcements related to modifications to the order should be anticipated regularly. Retail shops will begin [gradual opening Monday May 18th](#). The Governor is requiring that all staff wear a mask to protect customers. Shoppers have been requested to wear masks, but are not yet required by the Executive Orders to do so. Retail shops can require shoppers to wear masks and can deny service to those who choose not to. Full and part time Vermonters and visitors should anticipate they will likely need a mask to go back into their favorite retail locations.

[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

## Directives

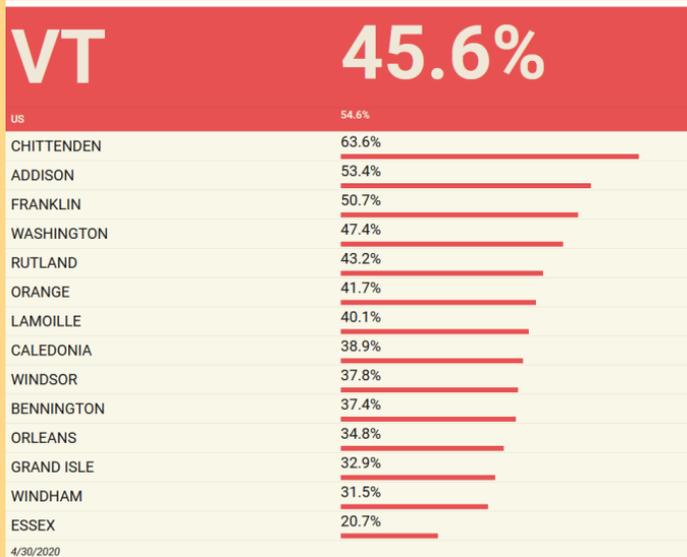
[Directive 1 - Continuity of Education Planning.pdf](#)

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

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

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

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



## VT Digger [Census Restarts Vermont push](#)

Here is another plea to take the census. The forms were mailed, but if you get your mail at a Post Office box, you will not receive it as the Census will only mail to physical addresses. In that case you can go to <https://2020census.gov/> put in information, and do your census right on line.

Why does this matter? Funding for schools, roads, healthcare. And yes, there is also a political reason. Our country and state allocate representatives of the people to government based on population. After the census is done, a committee in Vermont will look at where the population has grown and where it has shrunk. In places that it has grown, more representatives will be added. In places where population has shrunk, representatives could be taken away. This is to try and equalize how many citizens each legislator represents. If your town or county has a low response to the census, the odds increase that your town or district or county will lose representation.

Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow – I'm looking forward to getting out and away from my desk and doing yard work this weekend. I hope to "see" some of you tomorrow at 5:30 pm!

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## Governor Scott Press Conference:

Following remarks, the Governor and administration officials will be available for questions from members of the media. Wednesday May 13th at 11:00 a.m.

GENERAL PUBLIC VIEWING: Most Vermont TV and radio stations live broadcast the briefings. The Governor's media briefing will be available to stream through ORCA Media's youtube channel, linked here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-xsDpLca0iRMj4dQrqum7uoXaQmqeGvT>

The Legislature has adjourned until Tuesday, March 24th. The State House will be closed during the adjournment. All staff except essential security and IT personnel will work remotely. Please direct questions to the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, via email using the provided link, in case of emergency call Capital Police at 802-235-3275, please wait 5 ring until you receive an answer.

[leg@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:leg@leg.state.vt.us)



### [Watch legislative committees](#)



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#### Follow my work in the Vermont House of Representatives:

[Vermont Legislature Website](#)  
[My Voting Record](#)



#### Town Websites

[Dover](#)  
[Readsboro](#)  
[Searsburg](#)  
[Stamford](#)

Coffee with Laura call at 7 am Monday and Friday | Wednesday at 5:30 pm You can join that call here:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/734376857?pwd=Z1BmNmliwCWXJMWxVZTFaZE96MmIQQT09>

Meeting ID: 734 376 857 Password: 003089 or by calling mobile +16465588656,,734376857# US (New York) +13126266799,,734376857# US (Chicago)

*Many thanks to Representative Dylan Giambatista for putting together this video on how to follow the legislature while we are quarantining.*

### Emergency Order Extension Announcement

On Friday, May 15, Governor Phil Scott will announce an extension of the State of Emergency and modifications to the Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order. Adjustments to the order and additional guidance in the weeks ahead will safely restart Vermont's economy through a phased approach, that modifies operations to reduce risk. As from the beginning of this emergency, a close eye will be kept on the data in Vermont, regionally, and around the country.

This phased restart for the lodging industry will mean all lodging properties (including hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, inns, short term rentals, and all public and private camping facilities and RV parks) must remain closed per existing orders (including the relevant exemptions) and should cancel reservations between May 15, 2020 and May 22, 2020.

Effective May 22, the Governor hopes, subject to additional public health data and input from the Department of Health, to authorize modified lodging operations with specific health and safety requirements, and occupancy/capacity limits, for the purpose of serving Vermont residents and non-residents who can verify they have met the 14-day quarantine requirement. Please note, however, that this is subject to change based on the data and assessment of the Department of Health.

Further, all reservations from out of state guests who cannot meet the mandatory 14-day quarantine requirement must be cancelled through June 15, 2020. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development also advises that reservations for stays after June 15 may still need to be cancelled or restricted pending any additional guidance or future Executive Orders.

Additional guidance will be forthcoming on Friday, including details on what the first phase of reopening lodging will look like. Again, you can expect mandatory health and safety regulations, occupancy/capacity limits, and reduced ability to book out of state guests who have not quarantined for 14 days. Current guidance for lodging and accommodations as well as campgrounds, RV parks, and seasonal resorts remains in effect at this time.

[Wardsboro](#)  
[Whitingham](#)

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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-](mailto:bdcc-covid-questions@brattleborodevelopm)

[questions@brattleborodevelopm](mailto:questions@brattleborodevelopm)  
[ent.com](mailto:ent.com) Direct  
link: <https://zoom.us/j/781064798>

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State Resources for COVID-19

[Department of Health](#)  
[Department of Labor](#)  
[Agency of Commerce](#)  
[Department of Motor Vehicles](#)  
[Department of Taxes](#)  
[Department of Public Service](#)  
[Secretary of State](#)  
[Veterans Affairs](#)  
[Department of Children & Families](#)

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### [Dover commercial businesses program](#)

The intent of the 2020 Commercial Emergency Assistance Program (Emergency Assistance) is to provide monthly economic assistance to businesses located within the Town of Dover impacted by the 2020 COVID-19 State of Emergency declaration by the State of Vermont.

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### Increase in violence against women being reported

If you don't feel safe at home due to domestic or sexual violence threats, please call VT Domestic Violence Hotline 800-228-7395

We appreciate your patience during this unprecedented time as we work to protect the health and safety of our state while slowly reopening the economy. We realize the tremendous burden this pandemic has caused you and your business. If the data continues to move in the right direction, Friday should be a first step in getting our world-class lodging sector up and running again.

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*From the New York Times: [How Pandemics End](#) An infectious outbreak can conclude in more ways than one, historians say. But for whom does it end, and who gets to decide?*

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## [Message from Grace Cottage](#)

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### Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020



Time [Barack Obama to Deliver Commencement Address During Star-Studded Virtual Graduation Special](#)

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### Calling all Health Care Workers, First Responders, and Child Care Providers: Get Tested for COVID-19!

What:

Pop-up COVID-19 Testing Site

Tuesday, May 12, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Bennington College, 1 College Drive, Bennington, VT (follow signs for the Pop-Up Testing Site)

Thursday, May 14, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Brattleboro Union High School, 131 Fairground Rd, Brattleboro, VT

Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Upper Valley Aquatic Center, 100 Arboretum Ln, White River Jct. VT

[100 Activities for Coronavirus Quarantine](#)



**VT Helplink**

Alcohol & drug support center

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

**Municipalities:**

Vermont has received a federal disaster declaration DR5342 which opens up federal disaster funds to assist State agencies, municipalities and critical private non-profits in Emergency response costs related to COVID-19.

The declaration will provide 75% federal funds to qualified applicants for emergency protective measures including; Emergency Operations Center operations, medical sheltering, medical supplies, provisions of food/water/ice/medicine, security and law enforcement for temporary facilities, and communications of general health and safety information to public.

COVID-19 FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FACTS <https://vem.vermont.gov/covid19/disaster/faq>



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-

How:

[Register here!](#) Registration is required.

The Health Department is offering free and fast COVID-19 testing for health care workers, first responders, and child care providers serving essential workers on the dates listed above. This clinic is part of the State of Vermont's efforts to ramp up testing and prevent the spread of COVID-19. The test will tell you if you have a current infection. It is not a serology/antibody test, which means it will not tell you if you were infected in the past.

Planning Considerations for Reconstitution

Thursday, May 14, 2020 from 12 PM – 1 PM ET

Please join the Region II National Preparedness Division for a webinar to learn about best practices for the reconstitution of operations to enable organizations to return to normal, or new normal after an incident. FEMA National Continuity Programs can help you and your organization make informed decisions on how to plan for and return to operations once it is safe to do so. This info-sharing event will include what factors to consider and provide ideas on how to accomplish bringing resources back to the workplace while preserving the integrity of your essential functions. Guest speaker Jose R. Marchand-Parnell, will provide guidance and best practices as it relates to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This webinar will be delivered entirely in Spanish. Link to

register: <https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/r2planning4restitutionspanish/event/registration.html>

Helping Helpers

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 6 PM – 7:30 PM ET

Please join the FEMA Region II National Preparedness Division for a webinar designed to help strengthen responder resilience. Times of crisis can be frightening, life-altering and trying, but they can also bring out the best in people. Disaster plans primarily focus on how to help crisis survivors, but who's helping the helpers? The police, first responders and CERTs who help people get back on their feet after a disaster need help too. Members from FEI Workforce, a company with a long history in enhancing workforce resiliency, will offer insights on how to support your community. Link to

register: <https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/r2certhelpers/event/registration.html>

Helping Children Cope During COVID-19

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 3 PM – 4:30 PM ET (Spanish)

Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 3 PM – 4:30 PM (English)

Please join the Region II National Preparedness Division for a webinar to learn how to help children and adolescents cope during the stressful experience of COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought out emotional reactions in children that may be difficult to cope with. In this webinar, we will discuss strategies and activities to promote positive coping in children. The webinar in Spanish will feature guest speaker Dr. Ivelisse

7787 or [HCA@vtlegalaid.org](mailto:HCA@vtlegalaid.org) for free help. More info here: [www.vtlawhelp.org/health](http://www.vtlawhelp.org/health)

[Windham Regional Commission Resource Guide for Individuals](#)



#### Have you taken the Census?

If you have not completed your census yet, now is a great time. You can complete it without leaving home or coming in contact with another person. There are three simple ways to complete the Census:

- Online: Go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). Can't find your 12-digit code that you received in the mail? No problem. Just follow the instructions and you will still be able to complete the questionnaire on-line.
- By Phone: Call 844-330-2020 to get started in English. The 2020 Census can be completed by phone in 14 different languages.

Regardless of how you respond, your answers will be kept confidential. Every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life and the U.S. Census Bureau cannot release any information that identifies you individually.

As of Wednesday, April 8, Windham County had the second lowest census response rate (24.9%) in the state, according to the U.S.

Morales from Americanos Puerto Rico. The webinar in English will feature Yvonne Muzquiz from Americanos. Link to register (Spanish): <https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/helpkidscopev19span/event/registration.html>

Link to

register (English): <https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/r2helpkidscopev19/event/registration.html>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, or if you need assistance navigating government services at (802) 384-0233 or [Isibilia@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:Isibilia@leg.state.vt.us)

Kind regards,

Rep. Laura Sibilia  
Dover, Readsboro, Searsburg, Somerset, Stamford, Wardsboro, Whitingham

## **COVID-19 Temporary Emergency DOVER FOOD SHELF**



Mount Snow Sundance Base Lodge

Brought to you by [Shires Housing](#), [Town of Dover](#), [Mount Snow](#)

with help from the [VT Foodbank](#)

In this time of uncertainty and need, we want to offer a little assistance

### **COVID-19 DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD RESOURCES**

March 31, 2020 3–6 pm Mount Snow Sundance Base Lodge  
April 7, 2020 3–6 pm Mount Snow Sundance Base Lodge  
April 8, 2020 11–12 Foodbank Butterfield Common Dover  
April 23, 2020 3–6 pm Mount Snow Sundance Base Lodge  
April 30, 2020 3–6 pm Mount Snow Sundance Base Lodge  
May 7, 2020 3–6 pm Mount Snow Sundance Base Lodge  
May 12, 2020 11–12 Foodbank Butterfield Common Dover  
May 21, 2020 3–6 pm Mount Snow Sundance Base Lodge  
May 28, 2020 3–6 pm Mount Snow Sundance Base Lodge

#### **To Donate or for Questions**

contact COVID-19 Emergency Dover Food Shelf Becky Arbella at (774)402-0079 or email [becky.arbella@shireshousing.org](mailto:becky.arbella@shireshousing.org)

#### **Deerfield Valley Food Pantry has Year Round Food Assistance**

April 16, 2020 1–3 pm Deerfield Valley Food Pantry 7 Church St Wilmington  
April 18, 2020 9-11 am Deerfield Valley Food Pantry 7 Church St Wilmington  
May 14, 2020 1-3 pm Deerfield Valley Food Pantry 7 Church St Wilmington  
May 16, 2020 9-11 am Deerfield Valley Food Pantry 7 Church St Wilmington  
Please visit <http://www.deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org> for a full calendar  
contact the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry (802) 464-0148  
7 Church St Wilmington, VT 05363

Census Bureau. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into our community, county, and state every year for the next decade. This money means better health care, schools, roads, job opportunities, housing assistance, disaster assistance and more. With so much at stake for Vermonters, every response counts!

Brooks Memorial Library Staff are available to assist the public in accessing the Census questionnaire. Call 802-254-5290 ext.1206 or email [info@brookslibraryvt.org](mailto:info@brookslibraryvt.org) for assistance. For more information on the 2020 Census, visit: [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

**Special enrollment period for uninsured Vermonters extended to May 15**

## MEAL ACCESS for Families with Young Children.

Have your children lost access to meals they were receiving at child care? Every school district and supervisory union in the state is providing FREE meals to all children 18 and under. Dial 2-1-1 to find out how you can begin accessing nutritious meals for your children 0-18 years old.

Feeding your child three square meals a day while schools and childcare are closed can be difficult, but there are many resources to help! Programs like 3SquaresVT and WIC are also available to provide assistance during these uncertain times.

For more information about these programs and to see how you can apply, access the Hunger Free Vermont COVID-19 response webpage at <https://www.hungerfreevt.org/coronavirus>.



If you have any questions, reach out to Keely Agan at Hunger Free Vermont [kagan@hungerfreevt.org](mailto:kagan@hungerfreevt.org) (802)448-4396

