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News & Updates for the Windham - Bennington Vermont House District
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June 16th 2020



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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](#)

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

Good evening,

Next week will hopefully be our final week before



adjourning for the summer. I will be posting a comprehensive tracking of where relief funds have been spent and other adjournment pieces of legislation. Happy Father's Day to all of the biological and stand in fathers! I hope you are able to find enjoyment this weekend.

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

Directives

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

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

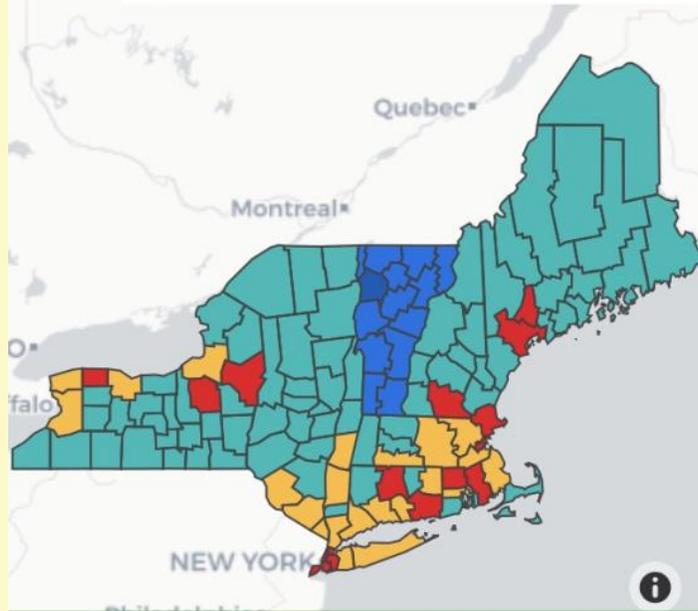
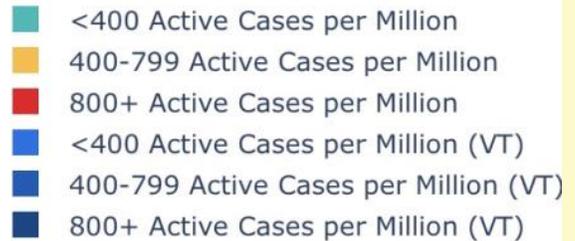
[Directive 3 - Department of Motor Vehicles Suspension of In-Person Transactions.pdf](#)

[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](#)

Note: Vermont counties are provided for informational purposes only as Vermont is not subject to this policy. Instead it is monitored with separate metrics.

Last updated 6/19/20



Updated: June 19, 2020 (Next Update: June 26, 2020) | Map of quarantine and non-quarantine counties throughout New England and New York. For update quarantine guidance, go to the [Cross State Travel Section](#) of the Vermont Agency of Commerce Website

GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT ANNOUNCES NEXT RESTART STEPS FOR HOSPITALITY SECTOR

Details include: Increased capacity size for event venues and restaurants to begin June 26, some mass transit exemptions lifted, requiring teleworker when possible, lifting pre-order requirement for farmers markets, outdoor sporting for up to 150 players and spectators, opening of pools and beaches, drive in fireworks and parade events allowed.

Montpelier, Vt. – As state data and expanded testing and tracing capacity continue to support



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reopening, Governor Phil Scott today announced the state will raise occupancy limits for event venues, arts, culture and entertainment venues, as well as restaurants.

Beginning June 26, these venues can expand capacity for events and dining to 50% of approved occupancy size or one person per 100 square feet of customer facing space. This change will allow for indoor events of up to 75 people and outdoor organized events of up to 150.

“We know the virus is still among us, which is why we must keep some restrictions in place to avoid significant spread of COVID-19, but I also know how devastating these restrictions have been on all businesses and especially for the hospitality sector,” said Governor Scott. “We continue to work with our public health experts as well as representatives of the hospitality sector to find ways to further open dining, events and travel without reversing the positive gains we’ve made to slow spread of this virus.”

This next step follows recent steps to ease [quarantine restrictions](#) for travelers and for Vermonters who may be returning from another state.

“We are committed to working collaboratively with these critical sectors and will continue to provide support to Vermont’s tourism and hospitality economy in its recovery,” said Agency of Commerce and Community Development Secretary Lindsay Kurrle. “The summer season is essential to their viability long term. We are encouraged by these reopening steps and hope to continue to find creative solutions that can increase capacity limits while keeping public health at the forefront of Vermont’s reopening.”

As with every reopen step, this move includes health and safety precautions, developed by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), Department of Health and Department of Public Safety. These precautions include, but are not limited to, distance requirements between tables, cleaning and hygiene procedures, and training and education to limit spread of COVID-19. Health and safety procedures for all sectors can be found at accd.vermont.gov.

For details on the increased capacity size for event venues and restaurants, visit <https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order>.

ACCD has also updated its [Drive-in Operation guidance \(Section 5.2\)](#) to make clear firework displays can move forward with drive-in viewing options. The Administration has credited towns for their creativity in adapting some Fourth of July

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Regional Resources

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[BCIC - Regional Development](#)
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Windham County
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[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](#)
[Agency of Commerce](#)
[Department of Motor Vehicles](#)
[Department of Taxes](#)
[Department of Public Service](#)
[Secretary of State](#)
[Veterans Affairs](#)
[Department of Children & Families](#)

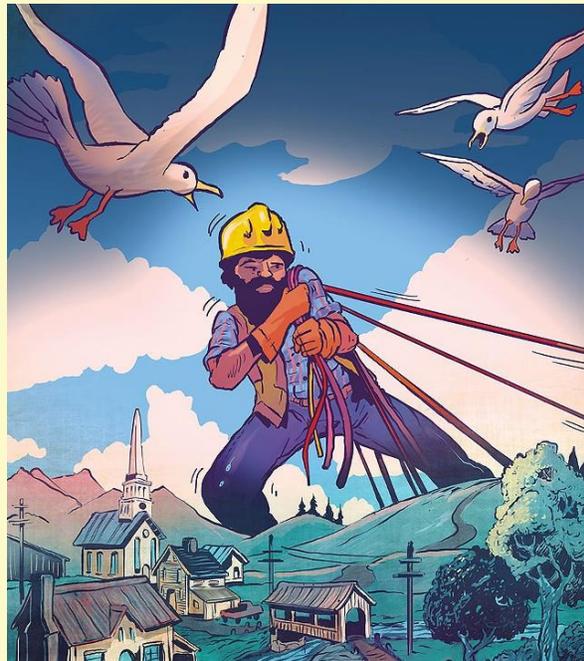


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festivities to move forward in modified ways that follow guidance for gatherings and dining.
For more information on:

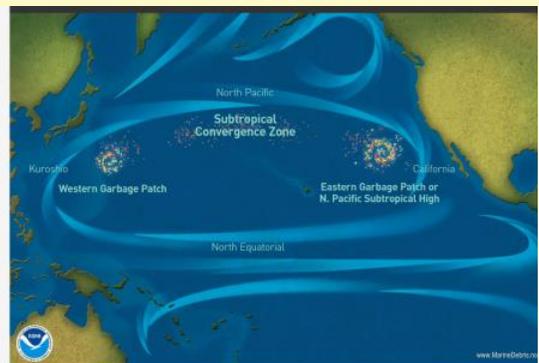
- COVID-19 health information, guidance and case data, visit www.healthvermont.gov/covid19.
- The Governor's actions, visit governor.vermont.gov/covid19response.
- The state's modeling, visit dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/covid-19/modeling.



Lawmakers Scale Back Plan to Pump \$100 Million Into Broadband

Great Pacific Garbage Patch
The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a collection of marine debris in the North Pacific Ocean. Also known as the Pacific trash vortex, the garbage patch is actually two distinct collections of debris bounded by the massive North Pacific Subtropical Gyre.

MAP BY NOAA



The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is one of five plastic accumulation sectors in our planet's oceans and is located halfway between Hawaii and California. It is about two times the size of Texas.

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

[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. 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 online.
- 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. 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,

Vermont's [Single Use Plastics Ban](#) goes into effect July 1

In 2019 Vermont passed a law banning single use plastics. The bill, [S.113](#), prohibits retailers from providing customers with single-use plastic bags at checkout and plastic stirrers starting July 1, 2020. After July 1, 2020, stores and food service establishments may provide paper carryout bags at check-out, for a minimum of \$0.10 each. Plastic bags will be allowed in stores and food service establishments for:

- Containing loose objects within a store:
 - Packaging loose items, such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, coffee, grains, bakery goods, candy, greeting cards, or small hardware items
 - Containing frozen foods, meat, or fish
 - Containing or wrapping flowers
- Containing prescription medications
- Containing laundry, dry cleaning, or other large garments

Plastic Straws

- Food service establishments will no longer automatically provide plastic straws to customers.
- Food service establishments may provide straws made from an alternative material.
- Any customer may request a straw.
- Hospitals, nursing homes, and other care facilities may continue providing plastic straws.

Plastic Stirrers After July 1, 2020

- Food service establishments will no longer provide plastic stirrer sticks to customers.
- Food service establishments may provide stirrers made from an alternative material.

Expanded Polystyrene

After July 1, 2020, stores and food service establishments will no longer provide or sell food or beverage containers made of expanded polystyrene including: plates and cups, trays, egg cartons, take-out containers

Expanded Polystyrene is still allowed for: trays used to package uncooked meat, fish, poultry, or seafood, products packaged out-of-state, products packaged for sale out-of-state.



Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Summer Food UPDATES

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 for assistance. For more information on the 2020 Census, visit: www.2020census.gov.

Food: We are offering meals for all children in our towns aged 18 and under. The meals will be offered from June 15 – Aug. 21. We will distribute meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Children will receive 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches (4 meals) each day.

- Stamford School 11:40 – 12:00
- Readsboro Bandstand 11:00 – 11:20
- Halifax School 11:00 – 11:20
- Searsburg 11:40 – 12:00
- Whitingham (old post office) 11:40 – 12:00
- Jacksonville Library 11:40 – 12:00
- Wilmington (old high school) 11:00 -11:20
- Wilmington TVES 11:40 – 12:00

Serving kids favorites including Quesadillas, Grinders, Wraps and Tacos and always fresh fruit and vegetables. Please call 464-1300 ext 126 for more information or to inform us of any dietary restrictions



[A Deadly Mosquito-Borne Illness Is Brewing in the Northeast Prevention](#)

[Utilities boost incentives to reduce home heating, energy costs](#)

[UVM basketball game was a major spreading event, VTDigger survey finds](#)

Windham Regional Broadband Project Webinar
Feasibility Study for the Windham Region CUD

When: June 24, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

Where: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82783247868>

Please register with Susan

Westa, swesta@windhamregional.org. Space is limited.

The webinar will be recorded and posted on WRC's website for all to view.



<https://www.hungerfreevt.org/coronavirus>

- [Sibilia: 2020 reelection announcement](#)

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

Kind regards,

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

Following remarks, the Governor and administration officials will be available for questions from members of the media.

Monday June 17th 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>

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 (802)448-4396



