

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
April 7, 2020

Porter Hospital- Masking Mandate; Request for Assistance

Porter Medical Center is deeply grateful for our community response to our efforts to meet the needs of our patients and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the past few weeks, federal and state guidance on the use of cloth masks has been evolving, and our UVM Health Network policies have been adjusted accordingly. We are now asking all patients and visitors who come to Porter for care wear a cloth mask. We are encouraging people to bring their own mask when coming to Porter, but masks will be provided to those who do not have their own. Therefore, Porter is once again reaching out to our community to ask for donations of homemade cloth masks. Instructions for making these masks are on our website: <https://www.portermedical.org/covid-19-response-fund/>

Porter has received hundreds of donated handmade masks and N95 masks to date and remains deeply grateful to our community.

Supply Chain Update

Vermont Retail and Grocers' Association (VRGA) Supply Chain Update as of 3/31/20:

Bread: Improving, supply recovered faster than expected

Eggs: Improving; big increase in cost

Cheese: Improving

Paper Products: Paper towels improving, bath tissue constrained

Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Isopropyl Alcohol: No improvements. New product delivery pushed out to next week.

Meat: Improving - ground beef is in tight supply, while the chicken supply is rebounding

Produce, Deli, Milk, Bakery: Ample

Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) as of 4/6/20:

ACCD is marketing SBA's Payment Protection Program that helps small businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. Employers apply via local banks and credit unions. Vermont lenders have received 810 complete applications as of 4/5.

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.

COVID-19 Data Resource

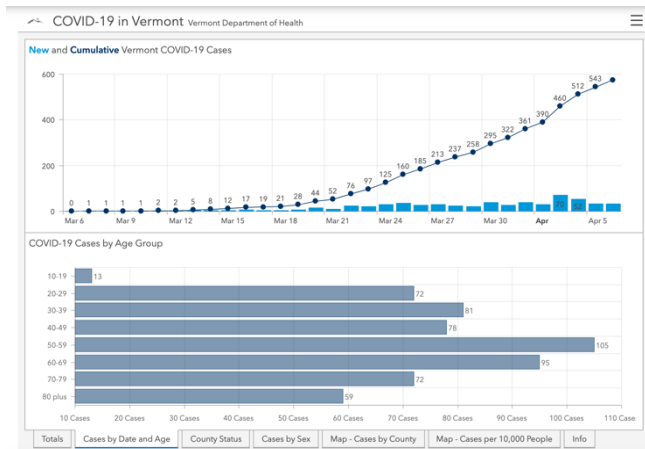
The Vermont Department of Health has launched a new go-to resource for Vermonters to see an in-depth picture of COVID-19 activity in Vermont.

The COVID-19 data dashboard can be found at healthvermont.gov/covid19. Visitors to the site can click on the map of Vermont to access a variety of case and other virus activity data in the state.

The new dashboard expands on the core data previously provided about the number of cases, people being monitored, hospitalizations and deaths.

You can now view:

- Cases by date (new and cumulative)
- Cases by age group
- Cases by gender
- Information at the county level – total cases, new cases, deaths, and cases per 10,000 people (presented in list and map form)



This information is updated by 11 a.m. daily and will allow all Vermonters to see more of what we know about cases right now and how they may be impacting the state.

The Health Department has also expanded its COVID-19 web pages to more easily deliver content to specific groups.

New pages include: Frequently Asked Questions, Long-term Care and Group Living Facilities, Schools and Child Care Programs, Coping with Stress, and more. All information,

resources and guidance on the website are continually reviewed and updated as needed.

Please visit and share healthvermont.gov/covid19.

Volunteering - Call For Help to Assist State Response

Gov. Scott is calling all Vermonters into service with the launch of a new website allowing people to sign up for volunteer assistance to support the state's response to COVID-19:

<https://vermont.gov/volunteer>. The website directs those with medical and healthcare skills to the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC), and those with other needed skills to a quick registration process to sign up to help. <https://governor.vermont.gov/press-release/governor-scott-calls-vermonters-to-service>

Stay Healthy

We hope you have enjoyed this spate of nice weather. Keep your distance, wear your mask, stay upright, stay on the green side of the grass!

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