

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
September 16, 2020

**Porter Announces Updated Visitation Hours**

Visiting hours at Porter Hospital are now 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This does not impact Helen Porter or change any other element(s) of Porter's Welcoming Policy.

But prior to visiting a patient, make sure you know the rules, 'cuz rules is rules and they are there to ensure safety during the pandemic. You can find those rules here:

<https://www.portermedical.org/patients-visitors/visiting-patients/>

Visit, but come prepared!

**Dr. Fauci Commends Vermont And Recommends Staying the Course**

Dr. Fauci said he has been working hard to communicate to the nation about how to open up the economy, get our children back to school and get people back to work in a safe, prudent, measured way.

"There were certain parameters that would make that easy. And I was sitting here listening to the numbers that (Gov. Scott) said, and I would wonder if I could bottle that and take it with me when I go around talking to other parts of the country," Dr. Fauci said.

"I believe strongly that if we do what you've been doing in Vermont in the rest of the country... that we cannot only get through the fall and the winter, but we can come out on the other end better off than we went in," he said.

This is a shout out to all who have been persevering and following all the recommendations. You're setting an example for the rest of the country!

**Dr Fauci on the Vaccine**

Dr. Fauci explained the process to develop a COVID-19 vaccine and why they can trust it. Dr. Fauci explained the multiple layers of checkpoints, including an independent data and safety monitoring board, a safety pledge by the Food and Drug Administration, and the scientific community, that is watching and "are not shy about giving our scientific opinions."

"So I can tell you, based on my experience and what I'm seeing, if there's a vaccine – which I'm fairly certain there will be – that's safe and effective, I, for one, would not hesitate to take it, nor would I hesitate to recommend that my entire family do it," Dr. Fauci said. "So I feel good about it."

**COVID Report on Other Schools**

At this time fewer than six confirmed cases associated with two schools, Crossett Brook Middle School in Duxbury, and Hartford High School.

Dr. Levin has said all along, this is not unexpected,” Dr. Levine said. The Health Department’s contact tracing team has been reaching out to close contacts, to provide the guidance they need, and to identify anyone who may need to quarantine.

As of Tuesday morning, 23 people had been identified as close contacts at Crossett Brook, and contact tracing teams have reached out to all of them. The investigation at Hartford is continuing, but thus far there have been no associated close contacts. So far, so good in Middlebury.

Now that we’re a week and a half beyond the Labor Day weekend, we’ll see if COVID has spiked following any social activities. As with the schools, so far so good.

### **College is Ready to Move to Phase 2**

As of Thursday, students who have completed the Phase 2 training may do the following:

- Patronize local restaurants, shops, and businesses in Addison County, provided they follow both Vermont and College guidelines and the restrictions imposed by the businesses.
- Participate in outdoor recreational activities in Addison County where state and College guidelines must be followed—including walking, jogging, hiking, bicycling, and golfing (with scheduled tee times at the Ralph Myhre Golf Course, at no charge). Recreational indoor and outdoor activities are limited to 10 people at this time. *Note: Students will not be permitted to use the TAM this Sunday, September 20, before 1 p.m. due to a community race.*
- Gather in groups of no more than 10 people, including residents of residential spaces, or to the maximum posted capacity of the space (whichever is fewer). This applies to all gatherings—indoors or outdoors, on or off campus.
- Participate in organized indoor gatherings with no more than 50 people, only after being approved in advance by Event Management.
- Participate in organized outdoor activities with no more than 75 people, only after being approved in advance by Event Management.

Guidelines for supervised athletic practices will be determined by the Athletics Department. These practices, unlike impromptu games, are planned and supervised, with mitigation measures enforced by on-site coaching staff. The same goes for artistic performances, where guidelines will be determined by our arts faculty in collaboration with our health and safety officials.

The Phase 2 announcement will be published in the Addison Independent this week, and you can also follow this on the College’s COVID-19 site. As of today, 0 cases of COVID, 0 quarantines, 0 isolations.

<https://www.middlebury.edu/office/midd2021/covid-reporting-dashboard>

Reminder- The campus and its facilities remain closed to public use, including sections of the Tam through the campus. However, Ralph Myhre golf course is open.

