

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
October 5, 2020

Addison County COVID Outbreak/ Cluster

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the waterIn the past week, culminating in today's report of 26 new positive cases in Addison County, there have been 28 total new cases in Addison County in the past week, bringing aggregate county numbers to 111. 26 farms workers at Champlain Orchards tested positive as they came out of their 14-day quarantine after September 28. These are outdoor workers and were not involved in retail or warehouse operations. Dr Levine states there is no risk to anyone who has purchased or consumed products from the orchard. The workers arrived on the same flight into JFK and all took a chartered bus directly to the orchard. The transport company was notified. The orchard is working cooperatively with VDH and the Agency of Agriculture to put safety procedures in place prior to opening their retail sector.

A media briefing was held at 3:30 this afternoon. Follow the Addison Independent for further details.
<https://addisonindependent.com/>

How Easy it is to Get COVID

Well, if you're a Pat's fan, ask Cam Newton. Now we have 40 new cases of players and staff on the Tennessee Titans all testing positive as well. And thanks to media coverage, we can see further examples of how even the high and mighty are susceptible when acting, frankly stupid, by that footage from the soiree in the Rose Garden, setting an example for us all on how to get COVID by not wearing masks in a congregate setting. We've lost count on how many from that event were infected, which includes the President, a former governor and many staff people, all of whom should have known better. Behavior we should not emulate. Those who refuse to mask up when going into stores, take note.

Testing

Lots of available testing out there. Go to Kinneydrugs.com or to <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing> to find out when and where testing is done at their outlets. Do not call individual pharmacies for appointments. The Department of Health District Office on South Village is still doing testing on Tuesday. October 6 and 13 so far listed this month but expected to run Tuesdays through the end of October. Registration can be found at this link:
<https://vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration>

Spoofing That Isn't Funny – In This Case Porter Hospital's Number

A resident recently reported two occasions of calls from the Porter Hospital number (388-4701) that ended up being a scamming company using the Porter number to obtain Social Security info. The caller mentions that they are reaching out in regard to a Social Security Card discrepancy and ask for social security numbers. The person receiving the calls wanted Porter to be aware of this for future scam attempts.

Never give out this information to anyone who calls or emails you. That's not how legitimate businesses operate. Protect your information. Feel free to give such a caller COVID, just not your information.