

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
October 16, 2020

### **Emergency Order Extended**

As expected, Governor Scott has extended his emergency order through November 15. All provisions of the order remain in place. The Governor expressed his concern over complacency and pointed out that elsewhere there are reverses in the opening efforts due to increases.

So folks, do we go forward or backward? The choice is yours.

### **Hockey**

Someone crossed the blue line ahead of the puck or something in the Montpelier area or the fore checking line stayed out too long. The COVID count from the Civic Arena in Montpelier, youth and adult hockey, is up to 18. In New Hampshire, hockey programs have accounted for 153 cases of COVID which have resulted in the State shutting down all hockey rinks. The concern now is that these teams may be seeking ice time at Vermont rinks. An example of going backward. See the preceding note.

### **Free College Training – Act Fast!**

Joyce Judy of Vermont State Colleges announced today free college training for the fall, commencing November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Vermont State Colleges for Vermont residents. The conditions are:

- You must be a Vermont resident
- Due to COVID, you have lost your job, laid off, been furloughed, couldn't continue employment due to childcare shortfalls, your employing industry has changed due to COVID, your hours have been cut.
- Courses must be in the following disciplines: Health care; early childhood education; business; manufacturing.

For complete details, go to: <https://ccv.edu/2020/10/12/training-for-vermonters-impacted-by-covid-19/>

### **Numbers**

So we have what, 620,000 residents in Vermont and 618,000 of these are not known to have or have had COVID 19. Aggregate numbers as of today stand at 1,915 with 58 deaths. But it's like Russian Roulette. You don't know where it is, who has it, or when it might come to a neighborhood or hockey rink near you. Some people are more vulnerable than others. Why take the chance. And go to the Cross State Travel map to see what's going on around us. I don't know if I have COVID or whether its boiling up out of asymptomaticville and I'll be sick in a few days. I don't think I've been exposed, but then again, I don't know. That's a lot of uncertainty. I'm not inclined to get sick and even more so, I'm not inclined to pass it along to others. So the mask goes on when I venture out near others.

### **VDH Provides Their Take on Halloween**

Halloween may look a little different this year, but we can still find ways to celebrate safely. Please be sure to stay home if you or anyone in your family is sick. Making these three things a part of your Halloween plans will make everyone safer:

### 6-foot Spaces

Keep a safe 6-foot distance between your family and other people who don't live in your household. Bring a flashlight so you're visible in the dark. You can get creative if you're giving out candy. Need ideas? Have bags ready to grab on your front steps or slide the treats down a "candy slide!"

### Masks on Faces

Make sure you and your family are wearing a face mask or covering when you go out. Find a fun way to make it part of your costume. But don't wear a costume mask over your face mask, which could make it harder to breathe.

### Uncrowded Places

Keep your group small and skip crowded indoor parties. If you're trick-or-treating, and one street or neighborhood seems too busy, move on to the next one.

### **Out of the Mouths of Babes Oft Time Comes...Germs?**

Vermont Schools with Positive Cases :

Vermont Schools have seen positive cases throughout the state:

Williamstown Middle / High School

Sharon Academy

Hartford High School

Crossett Brook Middle School

Bellcate School

South Burlington High School

Williston Central School

Essex Elementary School

Union Elementary School

### **The Region**

The national positivity rate for COVID-19 tests across the United States has jumped from 4.7 per-cent to 6 percent in week-to-week comparisons, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) region has surpassed 300,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus as of Wednesday. Over the past two weeks cases have been on the rise in the region, falling in line with trends across the United States.

The past 7 day increases in COVID in the region:

CT- 2,497; MA- 4,215; ME- 197; NH-549; NY-9.874; RI- 1,388 VT-65

Something to think about as we get into the weekend with Thanksgiving 5 weeks off. Over the river and through the woods, indeed. Remember, whether we go forward or backward- the choice is yours.

