

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Case Growth Blues

Unlike the weary traveler seeking lodging and confronted only with “No Vacancy” signs, COVID isn’t having that problem. As of today, Vermont aggregate cases are at 2,083; the Central Vermont “hockey” score stands at 43 positives and counting; Addison County has had 7 new cases in the past 14 days. Midd remains stable at 9 aggregate cases. The Central Vermont outbreak will remain active until 28 days have passed since the last related positive tests.

No surprises here. The health folks have been warning about a “fall festival” of case growth for months now. It’s here, just like the cool weather. Whether it stays or goes is up to us. And here we have “The Clash” taking on the persona of COVID and asking that very question.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QirsBCrXN10>

Vaccine Plans- From VDH

The State has submitted responses to a series of questions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, laying out the framework for vaccine distribution and Vermont’s preparedness, once a vaccine is produced and distributed to the state. The federal government, which is responsible for nationwide distribution of vaccines, still needs to provide details on many logistics surrounding a potential vaccine, and this interim COVID-19 vaccination plan will evolve as new information comes forward.

Safety comes first. Any vaccine must meet all FDA safety standards and be recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, free from politics. While the state will be prepared for any amount of vaccine, it is expected the initial supply of COVID-19 vaccine will likely be limited. Accordingly, vaccination efforts will need to prioritize groups that are most critical to the response, those who provide direct care and those who are essential to maintaining a functioning society, as well as those at highest risk for developing severe illness from COVID-19.

Halloween From VDH

Talk about a Halloween Treat! Here Bethany Yon from the Health Department treats us to some tips on how to have a COVID-safe Halloween! (Thanks to Moira Cook at the local District Office for sending this long!)

https://youtu.be/hSgQHP_eCiI