

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
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**Dreary News**

For something uplifting, read Jim Gish's reports on the rail bridge project downtown. Things are improving daily and the end is in sight! But if you're going to see Jim downtown, stay socially distant and wear your mask – we don't want these great reports and photos to stop because Jim got sick!

The virus is spreading somewhat unabated. One-hundred, forty-six new infections today, 92 of them in the problem counties of Chittenden, Washington, and Orange. The other 54 are spread around the state, 2 more in Addison County. This gives us 716 new cases in the past week. 23 current hospitalizations. Another new death, which makes 4 new deaths in the past week of vulnerable adults. Someone gave them the infection.

Here's the bad news from the region, for the week of November 11-18. These are NEW infections in that week:

CT- 11,999 MA- 16,798 NH- 2,384 ME- 1,317 RI- 5,730 NY 32,710. A real good reason not to travel or to bring travelers into your home. Infections in nursing homes and schools are not due to cases spread within those institutions- the infections have been brought in from the outside.

**Gov's Orders**

Today the Governor reinforced his orders of the past week. Recreational sports are still paused. Outdoor recreation, such as walking and hiking, is limited to 2 people from different households and they must be masked. Intra-household activity still has no limit. For gatherings, some adjustments have been made. 1 person from a different household can gather at another household for the holidays.

The effect of the Governor's orders won't be known for another two weeks. Like COVID growth, everything is always 2 weeks behind.

**Vaccine**

Pfizer is filing required paperwork for emergency approval of their vaccine. The earliest we could see the vaccine in some limited quantities is the week of December 10. Remember, this won't be broadly available. The vulnerable, healthcare workers, and first responders will get vaccinated on the first cycle. Limited, yes, but progress is being made.