

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Goings-on Behind the Scenes

The State has a lot of moving parts in the response to COVID. We know of the yeoman work being done by health care services ,VDH, and the Agency of Human Services. Here are some of the things going on behind the scenes:

Agency of Transportation (AOT) Support:

- AOT is continuing to provide 8 employees to support Department of Health PPE deliveries.
- AOT is providing 10 employees to support the Vaccine Depot operations.
- AOT continues to provide staffing support for multiple state agencies and departments for COVID19 related functions.
- AOT continues full activation of the Transportation Incident Command Center.
- AOT continues to monitor and manage traffic data and collection analysis from 19 border crossings.

Vermont National Guard Support:

- VTNG is supporting the Department of Health (VDH) in the Medical Countermeasures Warehouse for PPE collection, sorting, and distribution.
- VTNG is supporting VDH for COVID19 popup testing sites sample collection.
- VTNG is supporting VDH with a contract tracing task force with 40 service members.
- VTNG is supporting VDH in the assembly and warehousing of COVID19 collection kits.
- VTNG is maintaining the Essex Champlain Valley Exposition Alternate Care Site in standby status with 50 COVID19 beds and 200 general, nonCOVID19 beds for a total of 250 beds. No beds are in use currently. There are no pending admissions.
- VTNG is supporting the Vaccine Receiving/Staging/Storage Task Force.

Department of Human Resources (DHR) Support:

- Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers Deployed: 229 total; 28 currently activated.

Anticipated Aid To Child Care Providers

The COVID19 Relief and Spending Bills passed by congress includes “\$10 billion in child care funds to support providers who are struggling to stay afloat due to increased costs and reduced enrollment.” Preliminary estimates are an allocation to Vermont of approximately \$12,764,140. Department of Children and Families is currently analyzing the requirements and allowable uses for these funds.

Christmas Numbers

COVID doesn't stop for the holidays and neither does VDH. Seven more COVID deaths were reported over the weekend bringing the year's total to 129. This makes 71 reported deaths since early November. VDH reports the largest single age group for COVID infections in Vermont is the age 20-29 group,

followed closely by the age 50-59 group. Otherwise infections are pretty evenly spread through adults up to 70. And so it goes as we move to our 11th month of COVID response.