

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
December 31, 2020

Goodbye 2020

Enough said about that. We look forward to a healthier 2021. Hopefully the downward trend on new infections will continue. For the next 3 weeks we'll be seeing the effects of Christmas and New Years celebrations with fingers crossed. Reminders:

- For the period from December 23 – January 2, one household may gather with one other trusted household. That is a maximum of two households getting together during this period.
- Staying home and with people you live with is still the lowest risk. Gathering with people you do not live with is not recommended for people who are at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19 or for the people who care for them.
- If you do get together with another household, the Health Department strongly encourages getting tested 7 days afterwards. Find a site near you at healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing.
- If you gather with anyone from out of state, everyone in both households must quarantine for 14 days, or 7 days with a negative test.
- The travel policy has not changed. If you travel outside of Vermont, you must follow quarantine requirements.

The Region Is Improving, But Is Still Very Active

Numbers from Tuesday the 22 through Tuesday the 29:

CT- 13,823; MA- 27,914 ME- 3,624 NH- 4,282 NY- 79,314; RI- 5,371 VT-594

The only area under control of the US Government that is close to Vermont in the rate of infection is the Northern Marianas. I suppose it helps being a small area surrounded by water.

Vaccines

Things have slowed down. 10,000 Vermonters were vaccinated in the first week but the supply train has run into heavy traffic apparently. Vermont did not get the 34,000 dosage units as anticipated by today. Considering the scope and scale of producing and delivering millions of dosage units this is somehow not surprising. This will push the schedules back a bit. All the more reason to be careful. Part of this re-shuffling of vaccine administration resulted in the dropping of some emergency responders from the vaccination list, including the police. Working in a COVID environment for 10 months has taught us to consider that everyone we engage is a potential carrier and to reinforce internal rules on safety practices. These will continue, vaccine or not. There have been no staff losses due to COVID. Regardless, police service continues unabated, our building is open and available as it has been since the beginning of the pandemic. We welcome walk-ins and those seeking assistance.

VDH Is Taking a Well-Deserved Break

For those who follow such things, the VDH dashboard will not be updated on January 1st. Expect renewed data input on January 2.

From the local "COVID Command Post" we extend you all our wishes for a safe New Years Eve and a happy and healthy New Year- oh, did I mention wear your mask, wash your hands, don't congregate and keep a safe distance!