

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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A Lot of COVID Here

Addison County residents have registered 168 positive COVID infections in the past two weeks with 63 in the last two days. Middlebury's aggregate case numbers (since March) now stand at 63 and climbing through Wednesday; Vergennes stands at 53, Bristol 38 and New Haven at 30.

None of the numbers in Addison County have been classified as "outbreaks". That is, they are spread throughout the county as well as the state with some little bunches here and there. The state has registered 415 new infections in the last two days.

156 Vermonters have now perished due to COVID with all but 10 being under 65.

It takes 5-7 days after being infected to become contagious. With the time lag in reporting this brings us back to the recent holidays. We are now aware of a busload of people returning to Vermont from the events at the capitol, none of who were masked. We will be following up with any known people in Middlebury to ensure they follow the quarantine provisions. Those on the bus were notified they were expected to quarantine on arrival in the state.

COVID Vaccinations and Anaphylaxis

Addressing a concern over an allergic reaction to the COVID vaccination, Dr. Levine reports that CDC studies have shown that out of 2,000,000 vaccinations to date, only 21 cases of anaphylaxis have occurred. The onset of these reactions occurred during the 15 minute post-shot observation period.

Prisons and Schools

Marble Valley Correctional Facility in Rutland has been locked down due to COVID until the state can determine the extent and route of COVID into the facility. A total of five prisons in Vermont are taking action against COVID positives of staff.

Schools, on the other hand, have remained in good shape with no indication of intra-school spread. Those with COVID have primarily contracted it on the outside.

Vermont Vaccinations

The supply of vaccinations coming into Vermont remains uneven. In spite of that 21,000 Vermonters have been vaccinated to date. Vermont is ranked #2 in the nation in the pace of administration of the Vaccine.

Phase 1-A vaccinations should wrap up in a few weeks, the next group to go will be the age group 75+, then 70+, then 65+, then the general population, hopefully near the start of spring. In the meantime COVID runs rampant. Employ all countermeasures that you can... mask up, no gatherings, social distance, wash hands frequently. All this, while fighting off COVID, has also reduced Influenza infections which are now significantly lower, nationwide, than experienced in the past, accounting for 9 deaths nationwide.