

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
January 11, 2021

**Emergency Management is More Than Just COVID**

With the onset of the pandemic, these bulletins have been primarily focused on outreach. However, we take the opportunity to include other items of public concern or advisories within the scope of emergency management. There is currently heightened concern over the upcoming inauguration and other events that may be targeted for disruption. This affects everyone. Many websites and other media commonly used for organizing these activities have been shut down. The Department of Public Safety, through its fusion center, is asking anyone with information about violent activities or those actions that endanger public safety, to submit tips at the following:

[www.vtips.us](http://www.vtips.us), call 1(844)848-847, or text keyword VTIPS to 274637 (CRIMES).

**In the Meantime...**

COVID numbers are still growing. Addison County has experienced 211 new infections in the past 14 days, and this number grows daily. Since Friday, the state has experienced a total of 459 new infections. More concerning are the hospitalizations. VDH reports that today 47 people are hospitalized with 10 in the ICU. As we have oft-stated, it takes 5-7 days post contact for signs of the infection to begin showing. General malaise, headache, chills, your lungs hurt, deep coughing, fever, loss of taste, then “oh-oh”.

So these numbers over the weekend are for contacts from the week before. One person infected can in turn infect many more people unwittingly before the symptoms show up. We now have 156 dead. Borrowing and paraphrasing a line from Ma. Congressman Seth Moulton addressing the House, “How many more Vermonters, Mr. Speaker, how many more”. The question is more appropriately addressed to us, as only we can stop the growth.

**Sports Remain on Hold**

Governors in the region, including Governor Scott, have signed onto the interstate sports ban for scholastic and youth sports, extended now through January 31.

And speaking of extensions, it will be no surprise when Governor Scott extends the Emergency declaration Friday through February 15.

**Help from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development**

Unemployment Insurance programs under the CARES Act have been extended under the recent COVID19 economic relief legislation. Programs include Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Pandemic Unemployment. <https://labor.vermont.gov/COVID19>

Assistance (PUA), and the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program, which has been reinstated to provide an additional \$300 per week to claimants.

[https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/ppp-reopens-jan-11?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/ppp-reopens-jan-11?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, announced today that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) will reopen the week of January 11th for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers.

[https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/ppp-reopens-jan-11?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/ppp-reopens-jan-11?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

The U.S. Small Business Administration has announced that the deadline to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the COVID19 pandemic disaster declaration is extended to December 31, 2021.

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

ACCD has signage available for businesses and communities to help educate customers and visitors about guidance and restrictions. New signage has been added to reiterate the need to quarantine for those returning to the state, or for those visiting the state.

<https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business/restart/signage>

New resource guides are available to help small businesses. The Vermont Everyone Eats program has put together resources for the restaurant community and the Department of Mental Health has put together a business resource page for any business in need of mental health support with tips to stay mentally healthy.

<https://accd.vermont.gov/content/resources-for-the-restaurant-community-from-vermont-everyone-eats>

<https://accd.vermont.gov/content/small-businesses-and-the-challenges-of-covid>