

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
February 10, 2021

**Announcement: Campus Areas Closed to the Public**

Access to the Ralph Myhre Golf Course and the portions of the TAM (Trail Around Middlebury) that run through College property are limited to *students who live on campus only*, **starting Friday, February 19**, until otherwise announced.

The closure of these areas is necessary to protect the health and safety of the entire community by reducing opportunities for virus exposure, while providing designated spaces for students living on campus to recreate. The entire campus remains closed to visitors, and faculty and staff working on or visiting campus must have approval to do so.

The parts of the TAM that will be closed stretch from South Street Extension to Weybridge Street and include the following sections:

- Ralph Myhre Golf Course and portions of the TAM that run through it
- The Red Kelly Trail
- The Class of 1997 Trail
- The section of the TAM that runs from College Street through the solar panel array north to Weybridge Street
- The Knoll

The College has created new gathering spaces for students on campus, with heated tents, fire pits, and an ice rink, and are organizing additional weekend events for students. Information about what's open and closed on campus will be updated regularly on the Campus Status webpage, where you can also find a link to the Campus Covid-19 dashboard:

<https://www.middlebury.edu/office/spring2021/covid-reporting-dashboard/campus-status>

**Infection Rate in Addison County Continues to Fall**

80 new infections were reported in Addison County in the past 14 days. That's nearly a 30% drop from a few weeks ago. The number is still significant, however, and new infections in the county are reported daily. As of yesterday, the aggregate infection count in Middlebury since March is 109, and that's about 17% of all infections in the county. Compared to burgeoning numbers in Bennington, Rutland, Franklin, and Washington Counties, Addison seems to be holding our own and taking safety protocols seriously. We're awaiting with bated breath to see if there are any adverse effects from the gatherings last weekend and the coming long weekend.

**Vaccination Clinics Reach People Impacted By Health Disparities**

The state's efforts to vaccinate Vermonters in some communities where people speak languages other than English began last week with two clinics.

The clinics focus on households with members aged 75 and older — and their family members age 16 and older — who require linguistically and culturally appropriate services, he said. This includes working

with cultural brokers, having interpreters on hand or easily accessible, and providing accurately translated materials.

Vermont still has much more to do to address the significant disparities in the rates of COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, and death among communities of color. It is hoped this coordinated vaccination effort is an important step in working with trusted community partner networks to reach some of the most historically underserved people in Vermont.

### **Prepare For Your Vaccination By Creating An Online Account**

Good news! Even if your age group is not yet eligible, you can still get a step ahead by creating your account in the VDH system. That way, when your age group is up, it'll be smooth sailing to sign up for your first dose. Learn more: [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine). Need help? The folks at Ilsley Library can help guide you through the process.

### **If You Had Super Bowl Shindig...**

If you had a Super(bowl) Sunday gathering with people outside your immediate household, you should be quarantining and getting tested. If not quarantining, please do not risk spreading infection- avoid gathering, wear your mask, wash hands often and get tested. It's important to lower the risk of spreading COVID-19. Get tested ASAP — and again on day 7 or later. If the test you take on day 7 is negative, then your quarantine can end. (Otherwise, you should be in quarantine for 14 days). Find free testing near you at [healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing](https://healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing)

### **Emergency Order**

While not announced yet, expect the Governor's Emergency order to be extended through March 15.