

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
April 10, 2020

**Governor's Emergency Order Extended**

Governor Scott has extended all emergency orders through May 15. All provisions of the order and all eight amendments remain in effect. This includes stay-at-home orders and business closing.

**Social Distancing is Working**

Stay-at home orders, no social congregating, closed churches, closed schools, closed businesses and other provisions of the order have created hardships and difficulties. Those of you who have followed the orders are to be commended. According to the emergency manager's briefing today with the VT Department of Health and Vermont Emergency Management current modeling shows that the mitigation measures have slowed the projected spread of COVID-19, but that the state has not yet hit its peak number of cases. To continue on this path, it is critical that Vermonters continue staying home and making their day to day sacrifices to help save lives.

Hopefully we're in the stretch run of this crisis and if we stay true to social distancing a little while longer we can get on the downslope. As a long time baseball coach, I used to tell my pitchers in the last inning "You've got 3 outs to go, reach down deep and empty the tank, don't leave anything on the field". The same applies here. These next 3 weeks are going to be critical in determining which way we go.

**Further Clarification on Enforcement of the Governor's Orders**

Briefly:

The intent of the order is to maintain social distancing to slow community wide transmission of the virus, and to avoid overstressing health care systems.

Priority enforcement is targeted at lodging entities who bring in renters from states and regions like New York and Florida where the virus is rampant.

Next on the list are in-person businesses or non-essential businesses that have decided to remain open in spite of the order.

Other, low level violations may be reported to the police who will notify the violator and refer the report to the Attorney General who will decide on a course of action. The Police Department will be focusing on the intent and spirit of the order.

Remember, you could be carrying the disease for days and have no symptoms, and yet be infectious.

**White Ribbons on Police Cars**

Middlebury Police cars, commencing today and until the crisis ends, will be displaying white ribbons as a perpetual reminder of the work that our local health care workers and their support staff are doing, lest we forget or take them for granted. They cannot bunker in at home, they must confront the effects of this virus face to face every day, every night.



**No Reports For Saturday or Sunday**

Unless the situation changes or there is other critical or time sensitive information to report, there won't be a bulletin Saturday or Sunday. We will be monitoring the crisis through the weekend and remain in touch with VDH and Vermont Emergency management, and of course, the Police will be out there all weekend reporting in if there are any changes.

Please have a safe weekend, for those celebrating Easter, enjoy.