

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
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### **One Year of COVID**

Today is the 1-year anniversary of the W.H.O. declaring a world-wide pandemic. It is also the 1 year anniversary of the first EMD Bulletin published by the Town. Today's bulletin is the 197th bulletin in the series. A year ago we were in the midst of a lot of unknowns. Today the Governor announced that he hopes by the first week of April a schedule and timeline will be released for the remaining bands and general open registration. President Biden mentioned May 1 as a target date, this refers to eligibility for all adults, and not that everyone will be vaccinated by May 1. That will take a few months.

And all of this is dependent on vaccine availability. Johnson and Johnson vaccines are sluggish, with 500 doses coming in this week, none next week, but 4-5,000 *hoped* by month's end. The next age band, 60+, will depend on supply.

### **Spigot Opening**

1. Two non-vaccinated households can gather together. It can be any two and not restricted to any specific two households.
2. Restaurants can now seat up to 6 people at a table, and they don't have to be related or within the same household. Other guidelines, including room capacities, remain in place.

### **CVS Pharmacies Added as Vaccination Sites**

The CVS pharmacies in Barre and Morrisville are now offering vaccinations on a registration basis. Registrations can be made through [healthvermont.gov/my vaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/my-vaccine) or through [CVS.com](https://CVS.com). CVS is part of the federal pharmacy program so it adds to, but does not take away from the federal allotment sent to the state of Vermont. Next week other CVS pharmacies will go on line.

### **Current Eligibilities**

Any of the 1-A, Phases 2,3,4,5-A and 5-B and ages 16+ with health problems are eligible to register for vaccines. So if you are in one of the age bands, 75+, 70+, 65+, health care, public safety, you are still eligible to register for the vaccine.

### **Hockey Team Outbreaks**

Several hockey teams in the state had had infections within their teams. There is no indication of competition related or cross-team infections. This just emphasizes the fact that the disease is very transmittable, very viable, and very much still out there.

### **American Rescue Plan**

President Biden signed the bill which will provide cash for many people at \$1,400 per person. In addition there are provisions for rent/mortgage/ utility relief; aid for child care, and many other provisions to aid

people in getting through the remainder of this pandemic. There are many, many parts of this bill, it's over 600 pages long so a bit too much to report here. Check our federal congressional delegations websites and follow news sources for more details.

### **Emergency Order**

The Governor will sign an extension to the emergency order on Monday, extending it to April 15.

### **New COVID-19 Vaccine Video in Multiple Languages**

Well, we haven't added any music or videos to our bulletin in a while, so here you go. A new Health Department video, Sara Asks, was inspired by community education sessions held with VDH partners to answer some commonly asked questions around the COVID-19 vaccine. This first video centers on pregnancy, breastfeeding, and fertility questions. Video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Idq1kyVwZHK>

The video is available in English, Arabic and Nepali, with more languages coming soon. The videos (and other resources) can be found on our Multilingual Resources web page.

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources>

### **Wondering What You Can Do Now That You're Vaccinated?**

Find a summary of guidance around prevention, gathering, travel and close contacts on our website: [healthvermont.gov/myVaccine#vaccinated](https://healthvermont.gov/myVaccine#vaccinated)