

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
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**Not Much New Spigot Opening**

Minor changes today in the Governor's orders. The recent spike in cases coupled with the discovery of a more contagious variant of COVID in state, the B1.1.7 UK variant, as led to protective policies remaining in place. It appears the recent relaxation in the rules (bars and clubs opening, gatherings) has not been the cause of the recent spike.

Hospital visitation has been modified- for in and outpatient visits- a hospital may choose to allow a fully vaccinated person to visit as long as they can present their vaccination cards, are masked up, and follow all guidelines. This is an enabling policy change and not a mandate for hospitals- they can choose to have more restrictive visitation policies

It is anticipated that cases counts will remain high through April. Sometime in the next week the Governor indicates he will reveal his plan as we begin to emerge from the pandemic.

**What's Going on with COVID?**

We get a lot of questions from those concerned about COVID, especially the recent increase in cases. VDH has put together a concise summary of COVID activity in Vermont. It indicates that many of the cases are intra-family; the largest age group is the 20-29 age group followed by the age 10-19 group. To wit: those not yet vaccinated. This report will probably answer a lot of questions people have about what is going on with COVID, here is the link:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-3-26-2021.pdf>

This is updated every week or two.

**Age 50+ Vaccination Registrations Opened Yesterday**

More than 19,000 vaccination appointments in the 50+ age band were made yesterday. Next Monday, April 5, the age 40+ age band opens up.

**BIPOC Community Underserved**

Only a small percentage of the BIPOC community has received vaccinations in spite of outreach. The State will step up its outreach to this community to encourage more people to obtain vaccinations.

**More Vaccination Opportunities**

CVS, part of the federal pharmacy program, has added 3 more pharmacies as vaccination sites- Essex, Rutland, and Williston. Next week 12 Hannaford grocery stores will also be added as vaccinations sites through the state program. As always, you can access ANY of the sites through: [Healthvermont.gov/myvaccine](https://www.healthvermont.gov/myvaccine).

In addition. Another 5-6,000 extra doses of vaccine- Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J - are coming into the state next week on top of the proscribed allotment.

### **Vaccination Numbers**

As of this morning, 202,300 Vermonters have received vaccinations, of that 116,300 have completed the vaccination (single dose J&J or double dose Moderna and Pfizer). 86% of persons 70 and older have been vaccinated; 76% of those 65-69 have been vaccinated.

### **Doctors Day!**

Tom Thompson, President and COO of Porter Hospital reminds us:

Doctor's Day is celebrated internationally, though on different days and in recognition of different events. In the U.S., Doctor's Day is celebrated TODAY in recognition of the first use of general anesthesia on this day in 1842 by Dr. Crawford Long. (That must have been very interesting!) President Bush codified March 30 as the annual celebration in 1991.

While we celebrate many health professionals and support professions throughout the year, Doctor's Day is unique in its emphasis and diversity of background.

A thanks to those doctors that patch us up, sew us up, fix what ails us, and who are otherwise the cornerstone of our collective health especially in these days of pandemic!