

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Fraud and The Stimulus Check

No surprise here. Scammers are making a concerted effort to separate you from your stimulus check. Checks should be electronically deposited to your account starting this week. The IRS will NOT send you an email. The IRS will NOT call you on the phone. The IRS will not post something to your Facebook page. Be careful of “Phishing” attacks through email asking you to confirm your bank account or ID. Delete these immediately, do NOT open links associated with them. Do NOT provide any information over the phone. The IRS knows who you are, if you provided them your direct deposit bank account they already have that and don’t need to ask you for any other information.

Things Appear to be Improving , BUT

There have been 177 new CV-19 positive tests between April 7 and 14. That means 24% of the total number of positive tests for CV-19 have occurred in just the past week. 21% of the deaths attributed to CV-19 have occurred in the past week. Certainly, increased testing has increased the number of positive tests, but the number of deaths is not related to how many tests are given. This thing is still out there and is still dangerous. Wear a mask in public, many people are doing it. It’s fashionable. Maintain social distancing. Going otherwise is not worth the risk – to you, your loved ones, or others. Like the great philosopher Yogi Berra once said- *“It ain’t over till it’s over”*.

Some Recreation Areas Are Closed

Some areas managed by Middlebury Recreation Department are closed – the Tot Drop area, the pavilion at the rec park, and a few others. This is done to prevent congregating in these areas and fostering community-wide transmission of CV-19 . If it is posted and taped off then this means its closed and off limits. Generally all trails and wide open areas are open.

Restrooms and Water Fountains

These are found in many buildings open to the public. Facility managers make a conscientious effort to wipe down door handles and other surfaces. These facilities need to remain open. The choice is yours whether or not to use them. Like any other item that is handled by multiple people, clean your hands after touching surfaces therein. If you can avoid using them, then stay away from them. When you touch a contaminated surface and don’t clean your hands, then whatever next you touch you will transmit that contamination- bacterial, viral, to the subsequent surface.

Status of Vermont National Guard COVID-19 Support

Sometimes the question arises as to what the National Guard is doing. The guard has been activated and has been providing personnel, planning and logistical support to Vermont during the CV-19 event. Below is a summary of guard deployments:

Activated/Deployed Resources:

Medical Logistics Planners: 1 personnel and 1 support for the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)

University of Vermont Medical Center Clinic Support: 30 personnel

Medical/Logistics Planners (alternate care site): 6 personnel

Essex Regional Alternate Care site in Essex (set up completed 4/7): 181 personnel.

SEOC liaisons - 3 personnel

Joint Operations Center Augmentation- 3 personnel

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse Support: 11 personnel

VTNG is providing logistical support to food shelves and a mass feeding plan.