

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
April 17, 2020

**Work Crews vis-à-vis Governor's Orders**

In the April 16 bulletin we mentioned work crews and yard maintenance. Today, the Governor has authorized such outdoor work with the following conditions:

1. limit 1 to 2 person workers on a crew
2. workers must wear masks

This is consistent with our opinion rendered in yesterday's bulletin. We want to limit the spread of disease, not work. The spread of this disease or lack thereof is in your hands, our hands, and requires people to use their heads. A cavalier approach is far too risky. Looking healthy is not an indicator of being CV-19 free. This is a robust, dangerous disease from which no one has immunity.

For contractors, its simple formula- sick workers= no work. Too many sick people = more stringent no-work orders. Easy way to avoid this. Operate trucks so fresh air comes in, wipe down common surfaces in trucks, occupants wear masks, limit 2 workers to a crew in so far as possible. The beast is out there and it's hungry – don't feed it.

**Business Opening Information**

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development has information on business resources and openings. <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19>

**Red Cross Blood Donor Update**

The previously announced blood donor event scheduled for Hepburn Rd at Middlebury College on April 22 is cancelled!

**Farmers Market Update**

The Governor has authorized the re-opening of Farmer's Markets effective May 1. The provisions of social distancing and the wearing of masks will still be in effect. So if you go – mask up, keep your distance. Wash your re-usable bags after use.

**Reminder on Hand Sanitizer Use**

Hand sanitizer is not a replacement for a vigorous soap and water hand wash and should not be used in lieu of that. Hand sanitizer is a good 'field expedient' disinfectant when soap and water is not readily available. When using it, rub vigorously front and back of hands, fingers, between fingers, get it under the nails. Keep using it until it completely evaporates. If you wipe it off, you're defeating disinfectant quality of it. In addition, good nail maintenance and cleaning is very helpful.

### **Statistics**

Cumulative positive test totals to today stands at 779. Deaths are up to 35, but these did not occur overnight. This reflects the recording process- 5 certificates were received at the health department today for deaths occurring in the past week. The Health Department congratulates all those who are self-distancing, wearing masks, and following the Governor's Orders for slowing the transmission down.

### **Fake Message Alert**

The State maintains an emergency alert system called "Vermont Alert". The Attorney General is investigating a fake alert going out on email purporting to come from the State of Vermont called "Vermont E Alert. Note the "E" before alert. This is not an official site and should be disregarded.

### **A Final Note For the Weekend**

This link sent along by our Town Health Officer, Tom Scanlon. Little did Hawkeye Pierce and the M.A.S.H. Unit realize at the time that they were making a very good P.S.A. for Corona Virus prevention:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulAtw24YgrM>