

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
April 22, 2020

Regarding the Milk Supply

The following is taken from a letter from Agriculture Secretary Anson Tebbetts to retailers last week:

“...Given the stress on grocery operations, it appears that some Vermont retail stores are mistakenly limiting customers’ purchase of milk despite a currently robust milk supply. While we understand that some products have become more difficult to obtain, Vermont dairy supply has caught up with, and exceeded, demand.

We are writing to assure you that Vermont has ample milk supplies, and request that you remove any limits you may have established on the purchase of milk in your store, as this erroneously signals to consumers there is a dairy shortage. Restrictions in some stores are currently resulting in customers being unable to get the products they desire while stores are not able to provide for the customers’ needs, in the face of widespread product availability. Retail establishments are critical in how all communities will get through this time. Eating well, maintaining the economic engine in our food supply, and serving our customers is truly essential...”

Farmers Markets – Rules Still Pending

Markets can open May 1. The Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets is still developing protocols to guide markets when they open. Nothing has yet been posted to the VAAFM site.

Need a Cloth Face Mask- But Aren’t Handy With Needle and Thread?

The state has posted a list of organizations and businesses from where you can order/buy them:

These businesses are being provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute an endorsement of any of the products, services or opinions of the organization. Availability may vary. To add your business to this list, please contact Vermont Emergency Management at covid.jic@vermont.gov.

Codet-Newport Corp (Big Bill)*, 888-333-4819, info@bigbill.com *sells to businesses only

Commando, 800-506-6880

Evergreen Alterations, 802-379-1471

Exquisite Bridal, 802-274-6104

Turtlefur, 802-888-6400

WebIndustries, 802-552-1535

Notion Fabric & Crafts

Shapeshifters

Sharon's on the Common, 802-875-3000

Cleaning and Disinfecting Are Good- But Be Careful

The Centers for Disease Control has reported that calls to U.S. poison centers about cleaner and disinfectant exposures have increased by 20%. Please make sure you are using cleaning products and disinfectants safely:

- Follow the directions on the label
- Don't mix chemicals
- Wear protective gear (such as gloves)
- Use them in a well-ventilated area
- Store them out of reach of children

See the CDC's Cleaning and Disinfection for Households guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html>.

You can also chat with the Northern New England Poison Control Center <https://www.nnepc.org/> on their website, call 1-800-222-1222 or text POISON to 85511.

Walking is Great Exercise, Until It's Not...

Enjoy the trails, the diminished traffic, and hopefully someday better weather. If you're walking on the road without a sidewalk, please walk facing traffic and if walking in tandem move to single file on approach of a vehicle. Neither the mask nor the exercise will help if you contribute to a collision. Most drivers will grant you the room, but don't bet your life on it.

Interested in Further Detail on COVID-19 Infections?

Expanded data on mortality

Data about COVID-19 deaths are now included in the dashboard at healthvermont.gov/covid19 (*click on the map of Vermont*). Available now is a breakdown by sex, race and ethnicity of the number of deaths associated with COVID-19. The number of positive cases that result in death is included in the age group chart.

Race and ethnicity data

Data about race and ethnicity of COVID-19 cases are also included in the dashboard. We can use this data to help to prevent the spread of illness, improve care for patients, and present a more complete picture of how COVID-19 may be affecting everyone in Vermont.