

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Closure of Inns and Hotels

The Governor's order included a provision that hotels and inns must be closed unless supporting COVID-19 Operations. Currently in Middlebury, you'll notice activity at some of the hotels. They are providing lodging for displaced persons under arrangements with the Agency of Human Services, the Department of Corrections, or both. In addition, they are providing lodging for contract health care workers and drivers of delivery vehicles supplying grocers and pharmacies. These are within the COVID-19 response exemption. The Governor's order precludes them from taking at-large reservations during the prohibited period.

It is important that lodging is available as we get into the spring flooding and storm season to house displaced persons and utility workers should they be needed.

Hate Crimes In Time of Crisis

The Police Department is investigating a report that a local Asian worker was assailed with racist remarks, inferring that it was Asians who brought the COVID-19 crisis here. About a week later the Police received a bulletin from the FBI reporting that these types of attacks have been occurring around the country.

We encourage you, if you have been targeted for any kind of racist attack, to report this to the police as soon as possible. Middlebury Police consider this a hate crime and will investigate the report with the objective of identifying those responsible and bringing them to prosecution.

COVID-19 Information- Should the Infection Hit Home

Our local Porter Hospital and UVM Health network are a valuable resource to answer questions on COVID-19. The following are two typical questions that arise in this crisis, with helpful links to guide you.

What do you do if you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19?

https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19_What-to-do-if-you-are-a-close-contact-of-someone-with-COVID-19_final.pdf

What do you do if you test positive for COVID-19?

https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19_What-to-do-if-you-are-diagnosed-with-COVID-19_final.pdf

Town Service Update

As we reach the end of March, all town services are operational, though all buildings but the police department are closed. All roads are open. There are four primary grocers, Hannaford, Shaws, the

Natural Food Co-op, and Greg's Market. Suppliers are working overtime to deliver food and commodities to meet the demand. Canned foods, meats, frozen vegetables and toilet paper are consumed at a higher than normal rate as people respect the stay-at-home order and build up stores. Manufacturing is stepping up production and will eventually catch up.