

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
May 1, 2020

Farmer's Market FAQs

Its May 1st! Farmer's markets can open. But the opening is conditional and the state has provided an FAQ document link. The detail is a bit too long for this bulletin, but we recommend that you check it out should you plan on patronizing a market. We've sent this on to the Middlebury Farmer's Market along with a guidance letter from Secretary of Agriculture Anson Tebetts.

https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/doc_library/FarmersMarketFAQ_4.30.2020_0.pdf

A Good Indicator That the Worst May Be Past

Demobilization started on April 30 of the 4 temporary mortuaries supported by the VT National Guard. The first two at UVM Medical Center and Central VT Medical Center are being taken down.

Guidance for Nurseries, Greenhouses and Garden Centers

These businesses may resume in-person sales of seeds, annuals, vegetable seedlings, perennials, herbs, shrubs, trees, and other landscaping and gardening materials if their operations meet strict health and safety requirements. Details are here:

<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/agency-agriculture-food-markets-news/governor-scott-updatesoperations-greenhouses-nurseries-and>

Phased Restart for Addendum 12 Effective May 4

Find the full text of Addendum 12. <https://governor.vermont.gov/content/addendum-12-executive-order-01-20>

From Addendum 12:

Preventing outbreaks and limiting the spread of COVID-19 is the only way to avoid future business and social disruption. The success of this phased restart will depend in large part on the ability of employers and employees to adhere to the public health, safety, and social distancing measures essential to limiting the spread of illness.

Subject to compliance by all affected businesses and non-profit and government entities with the health and safety requirements set forth above and ACCD guidance developed in consultation with VDH and the Department of Public Safety/Division of Emergency Management, Phase 3 of this effort, effective May 4, 2020, will allow the following:

- a. Small crews of no more than ten (10) persons per location/job, to perform outdoor work and construction work in unoccupied job sites. An unoccupied job site may be a single unit in a commercial or residential structure. "Unoccupied," may include sites vacated for the duration of the construction work.

- b. Manufacturing and distribution operations may resume with a maximum of 10 (ten) employees in any location if they are low-density and ensure employees are at least six feet apart at all times.
- c. Supporting operations may continue with the minimum number of employees necessary to support curbside pick-up and delivery services, and in accordance with the guidance issued by ACCD.

Manufacturing, construction, and distribution operations. Subject to (1) compliance with the health and safety requirements set forth above and ACCD guidance and (2) the development of enhanced training programs as set forth above, effective May 11, 2020, manufacturing, construction, and distribution operations may restart with as few employees as necessary to permit full operations while continuing to maintain health and safety.

Education and Compliance. VOSHA, VDH inspectors and AAFM inspectors shall, in the ordinary course of the performance of their duties, ensure businesses and non-profit and government entities have awareness of and access to the information necessary to comply with the health and safety requirements of this Addendum 12 to the Executive Order.

Businesses and non-profit and government entities deemed critical in accordance with Addendum 6 to the Executive Order and ACCD Sector Guidance (Stay Home/Stay Safe), may continue to operate under pre-existing guidance and shall operate in accordance with mandatory health and safety and training requirements set forth above.

In accordance with Addendum 5 to the Executive Order (Order to Work From Home for all Businesses and Non-Profits) and Stay Home/Stay Safe, all businesses, non-profit entities and government entities shall continue procedures to support work from home and telecommuting for all workers to the extent possible.

To help steer businesses through Addendum 12, the Agency of Commerce and Community development has a resource page on their site <https://accd.vermont.gov/>. The Re-Start Vermont Action Team will also have helpful information through this site.

Numbers Numbers

Today's report lists a cumulative total of 879 infections, the increase mostly reported from inmates in the Northwest Community Correction Facility. The death toll is 50. There have been no new Addison County cases in two weeks and Middlebury infection numbers are in the 0-5 category. VHD anticipates an increase in numbers as they roll our broader testing in the coming weeks, but they view this more as a reality check rather than a surge.

Outside, Fresh Air, Exercise

This year's American Legion Baseball season is cancelled, so is Little League and a host of other sports. For you ballplayers out there, running an infield-outfield practice, a B.P. workout in the tunnel or on the field can still be done. 60'6" is social distancing acceptable! So is the spread on an infield or outfield. For other sports, just avoid close contact. The Governor is reviewing the issue of opening golf courses, we should know more about this next Friday. This weekend promises to be mild and outdoor accessible. Good luck to turkey hunters and anglers, and all those who enjoy the outdoors. 'Tis the season to shelve cabin fever!