

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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What's Going on North of the Border

We focus on New York and New Hampshire but give scant attention to Quebec. For those Quebecois out there: The Canadian Province of Quebec is allowing stores with an outside entrance for customers to open, but this does not include Montreal, Canada's second largest city. Retail establishments there must wait until May 11. While P.Q. makes up 24% of Canada's population, 54% of the Covid-19 positive tests cases reside there and 60% of the CV-19 deaths occurred there. Consistent with the rest of the world, congested population centers = more community-wide transmission of the disease. The bug doesn't care whether you speak French or English, clog or barn dance, without proper protection, it can get you.

Aid For Ag Ops Announced

U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today that agricultural businesses are now eligible for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs. SBA's [EIDL portal will reopen today](#) as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the *Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act*. The legislation, signed into law by the President one week ago, provided additional funding for farmers and ranchers and certain other agricultural businesses affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. See the full article at: <https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/sba-make-economic-injury-disaster-loans-available-us-agricultural-businesses-impacted-covid-19>

More CV-19 Testing Sought- Call Your Doc If...

VDH is now urging all providers to refer patients with even mild symptoms for testing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has expanded its list of COVID-19 symptoms. In addition to fever, cough and shortness of breath, symptoms may include:

- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

We also urge you to test symptomatic children (defined as those younger than 18 years) for whom infection with SARS-CoV-2 is a reasonable possibility, even if symptoms are mild. As always, health care professionals should use their clinical judgment, using the expanded list of symptoms, to determine which patients should undergo diagnostic testing. Patients should continue to consult their provider to be considered for testing.

Navigating healthvermont.gov

At any time you can go to healthvermont.gov, click on the banner at the top of the screen that says "Corona Virus" [READ MORE]. When you get to the next screen there will either be a box on the right

side that says "Current Activity in Vermont", or on the bottom right of the screen you'll find a menu, at the top of the menu is "Current Activity in Vermont". Click on this and you'll get the stats we quote as well as a town by town listing. The new data is generally posted by mid-late morning everyday. Any new bulletins are also posted to that site. It's pretty informative and easy to navigate. My initial foray into computing was with a Commodore 64 and IBM Basic and I haven't progressed much beyond that. If I mention something is "easy to navigate", it surely is.

As If On Cue:

On the heels of our last two bulletins- The state has a new category in their CV-19 stats- Recoveries. So you can put away your algebraic work on advanced statistical probabilities with respect to the present state of CV-19 and do simple subtraction. Today's data shows an aggregate of 908 confirmed cases since March, with 52 deaths and at least 706 recoveries. Recoveries are documented by follow-up contact and/or by a lapse of 30 days since the confirmed test. So where are we? Let's see - 908 minus 706 minus 52 (I'll leave the difference to you, you probably won't need a slide rule or calculator!) Not as dramatic as a big number but a far more realistic contemporary measure.

Coming Attractions

On Monday, May 11, the Governor will provide an update on the State of Emergency. This is likely to continue but with a number of "spigot opening" revisions; On Friday, May 8, we'll hear about High School Graduations and child care and summer camps.

Home Schooling Blues

Sit back and enjoy our own Clint Bierman of the Grift as he reports on the trials and tribulations of home schooling during CV-19...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=87&v=P8qeFb_I350