

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
May 7, 2020

**The Latest Addendum to the Governor's Orders**

Yes, you can play golf, and courses are opening. The following is a summary of the orders in effect May 7. There is a lot of detail here. The bottom line is don't do things that may unnecessarily risk the spread of disease. If all this is reduced to a single sentence, that's what it says. This is just the 'technical manual' to follow when maintaining a CV-19 free environment.

And it appears right now that there may be no known cases of CV-19 in Middlebury. KNOWN cases, that is, it's the unknown cases that give us the heebie jeebies. Venture forth and let common sense prevail and let's be CV free!

Per the Gov:

Vermonters may leave home to get fresh air and exercise and resume limited social interactions and gatherings of 10 or fewer people, preferable in outdoor settings, provided that distancing and protocols for hygiene consistent with guidance from VDH and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), are observed.

- Vermonters may leave home to participate in outdoor recreation and outdoor fitness activities that require low or no direct physical contact.
- Continue to limit non-essential travel; all travel should be limited to Vermont to the extent possible and when you do travel, limit non-essential stops. Anyone who leaves Vermont for more than one day for non-essential travel is required to quarantine at home for 14-days upon their return.
- Older adults (age 65 and over) and people with underlying medical conditions should continue to shelter-in-place, and family and friends should do everything they can to help keep them safe.
- Members of one household may choose to socialize – and allow children to play – with members of another household, such as family, neighbors or friends known to be following VDH/CDC health and safety precautions.
- All Vermonters are encouraged to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth any time they are interacting with others from outside their households, including in congregate outdoor settings. Masks are not recommended for strenuous outdoor activity.
- Effective 5/7, all businesses and non-profits and government entities which support or offer outdoor recreation and outdoor fitness activities that require low or no direct physical contact may begin operations, subject to health and safety guidelines and training requirements. These include, but are not limited to state and municipal parks, recreation associations, trail networks, golf courses, big game check stations and guided expeditions.
- Campgrounds, marinas and beaches shall not be opened at this time.
- In addition, all businesses and non-profit and government entities which support or offer outdoor recreation and fitness activities must implement the following measures:
  - Require Vermonters participating in outdoor recreation and fitness activities to “arrive, play and leave.” Groups may not congregate before or after activities, for example, no tailgating.

- Post signage and institute registration processes that reinforce outdoor facilities are only open to Vermonters and those who have met the 14-day quarantine requirement.
- Post signage, discouraging contact sports and games.
- Eliminate services or transactions that result in touch points and/or staff-customer interactions that are not absolutely necessary.
- Reduce high contact surfaces and common areas, including closing waiting areas, removing picnic tables, closing play structures, and offering only rental equipment that can and will be thoroughly disinfected between users.
- Close indoor facilities that require in-person transactions (such as lobbies, pro-shops and other small retail operations, bars and restaurants), and deliver goods and services for curbside pickup, delivery or via online portals.
- Restroom facilities may only be opened if they can be regularly cleaned and disinfected in accordance with VDH/CDC

Yes, of course you'll have questions. You can always send them along. We'll try to apply common sense, the AGs guidelines, and the intent of the orders to steer you straight. Strict interpretation isn't always relevant and one size does not fit all. We get that.

#### **RETAIL AND GROCERS' ASSOCIATION (VRGA) MAY 5TH SUPPLY CHAIN UPDATE**

Bread – The supply is still limited but improving. More varieties are returning to shelves and demand is being met.

Flour – Flour and yeast are in limited supply, and it has been tough to keep up with demand.

Sugar – The supply is still working to catch up.

Milk – The supply is good.

Eggs – The supply is improving, and the price continues to drop. However, packaging is a pinch point with delays from carton suppliers. This will be resolved, but some bumps are expected.

Cheese – The supply is good.

Paper & Bath Tissue – The supply of paper towels is improving. Bath tissue demand continues to be high, but the product supply is increasing.

Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Isopropyl Alcohol – It is tough to keep up with demand.

Meat – There is lots of uncertainty in this area. Meat supply is plentiful; however outbreaks and limited staffing have constrained processing plant capacity. To expand supply, distributors are reaching out to alternative sources such as food service suppliers and or other meat wholesalers. Some retailers are managing supply by limiting the amount purchased at one time.

Produce, Deli, Bakery – The supply is good.

Pasta/Canned Veggies/Box Prepared Products – The supply continues to improve. The pasta supply has improved this past week, especially top sellers. Overall variety is still limited.

#### **Acknowledgement**

We receive a lot of positive feedback (unsolicited of course) on our bulletins. We've put out 41 to date. Thank you all for that. Very much appreciated. It lets us know that our messaging is not disappearing into some cyber black hole, but that thoughtful, concerned folks like you are getting the message. We hope they've been helpful- they are intended to be and to get through the muck of information overload. Plus they are gluten free, vegan acceptable, no growth hormones, have no harmful emissions, and no animals were harmed or trees cut down in the production. Really not much of a downside to them. And if you don't like the bulletins, you can one-touch delete them and off they go into that cyberspace black hole.