

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
April 2, 2020

**PRIVATE RENTALS BRINGING IN PEOPLE FROM QUARANTINED STATES**

We are currently investigating reports that private off-line rentals are accepting people from areas subject to travel prohibitions into our area. We have reported one such case to the State and are investigating others. Those who are ignoring the Governor's order and potentially risking the health of others may be subject to criminal and/ or civil prosecution through the Office of the Attorney General.

**Better Middlebury Partnership Information**

The BMP is tracking business status- open/closed and are providing a link for that information. open/closures we're keeping the list as updated as possible: <https://experiencemiddlebury.com/quick-list-business-directory/>

If businesses spot any inaccuracies or if they aren't included and should be, they can email Karen Dugay of the BMP at [karen@bettermiddleburypartnership.org](mailto:karen@bettermiddleburypartnership.org).

**Single Point For Town and COVID -19 information**

The [Town of Middlebury](#) has created a COVID-19 resource and information page. All town bulletins are posted there as well as business and resource information and updates and bulletins from UVM health and Porter Hospital.

**Updates from the VT Department of Health**

**Medical surge preparations**

Gov. Phil Scott today (April 2) announced additional medical surge locations to prepare for a surge of COVID-19 patients and the need for additional hospital and medical capacity. In partnership with the Vermont National Guard, the State is creating two additional high capacity care sites for surge: one in Essex Junction at the Champlain Valley Exposition, which will provide 400 beds staffed primarily by Vermont National Guard personnel; and another in Rutland County, supported by the Rutland Regional Medical Center, which will provide 150 beds.

**Forecasting of COVID-19 cases**

State officials provided an overview to the media of projections of COVID-19 cases and hospitalization needs. The current models project the "peak" of cases between mid-to-late April and early May. Officials emphasized that the sacrifices Vermonters are making by staying at home are working, and the following weeks will be critical to saving lives.

**Volunteering**

Gov. Scott is calling all Vermonters into service with the launch of a new website allowing people to sign up for volunteer assistance to support the state's response to COVID-19: <https://www.Vermont.gov/volunteer>.

The website directs those with medical and healthcare skills to the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC), and those with other needed skills to a quick registration process to sign up to help.

### **Current COVID-19 Activity in Vermont**

*As of 1:00 p.m. on April 2, 2020*

Positive test results*	338
Total tests conducted	4,711
Deaths+	17
People being monitored	127
People who have completed monitoring	677

\*Includes testing conducted at the Health Department Laboratory, commercial labs and other public health labs.

+Death occurring in persons known to have COVID-19. Death certificate may be pending.

### **Hospitalization Rates**

Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	29
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	42

Hospitalization data is provided by the Vermont Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition and is based on hospitals updating this information as they are able.

These tables, a map of case numbers by county, and a chart of case number totals are available on our [COVID-19 web page](#) under *COVID-19 Activity in Vermont*.

### **Middlebury Police Recognizing Health Care Workers**

In the coming week, and for the duration of this contagion, Middlebury Police cars will be emblazoned with white ribbons to recognize the yeomen work of Porter Hospital and Nursing home nurses, doctors, and support staff for their incredible work. As our cars patrol the town, we want people to know that we appreciate them and have their back and will offer whatever support we can. Nursing is often a thankless job. Not anymore.

### **ACTR Update**

ACTRS has reduced capacity on the busses down to six passengers on the standard 22 passenger bus which includes the driver. Eight on a 28 passenger bus and four on our 14 passenger busses. This allows for social distancing and the seats have been taped off to insure that proper spacing is being followed. We are evaluating the need to further screen a passengers destination to ensure that it is an essential destination.

Load counts have been greatly reduced with 2, 3, or 4 passengers a typical load for a segment allowing spacing for all, including the drivers. All of the busses are sanitized with a bleach and water solution

after every shift. Drivers have been provided with hand sanitizer and a disinfecting wipes. We have made dust masks available and are working through VTRANS to secure a better mask for staff. ACTR is looking for sanitizing product daily.

Further actions are being discussed at agency level as well with VTRANS and the FTA to ensure that ACTR is safeguarding staff and passenger's to the best of their ability. This is a time when ACTR does not mind seeing empty or nearly empty busses and only want to be transporting someone to work, groceries, a pharmacy, or other essential destination.