

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
April 6, 2020

Predators in Time of Crisis

To date in this pandemic we have been witnessed to innumerable acts of kindness and consideration. A sense of community spirit- pulling together to get through the difficult times ahead. However, as in any crisis, predators and privateers among us rise up to take advantage of the vulnerable. Be wary of internet orders for protective equipment like masks and predatory calls. Take basic precautions to protect yourself and your family – keep your vehicle doors locked when unattended, watch over your neighbors, and call the police if you see something out of place. Middlebury Police are on the road 24 X7. If you think it's suspicious, it probably is ... call.

What to do When You See Violations of the Governor's Orders

The Vermont Department of Public Safety (DPS) is keeping track of compliance with the Governor's orders. They are primarily concerned with businesses and places of lodging. DPS has established a uniform reporting system, on-line. The form can be found at dps.vermont.gov scroll down to "Executive Order Reporting Tool", click on the green bar and follow the prompts. You may also call the police at 388-3191 to report violations. As of now, the Governor has not provided an enforcement mechanism, but is seeking voluntary compliance and is trying to evaluate the scope of compliance.

Protective Masks

The Surgeon General of the U.S. and Dr. Levine of the Vermont Department of Health recommend you wear mouth and nose coverings when venturing out in public. The CDC has provided simple instructions on making your own masks. Be aware, these masks do not supplant social distancing and hand washing and other protective measures. These homemade masks are more intended to stop the wearer from spreading the disease. While offering some protection against transmission to the wearer, they are not a fully preventative device, especially if not handled or cleaned properly. Even the N95 masks only stop about 95% of the microns. Homemade masks filter out and stop far less. Social distance, hand washing, minimizing contacts with surfaces and others, and proper hygiene with the mask improve your chances of contracting CV-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

One of the many varied instructions on making homemade masks:

https://about.kaiserpermanente.org/content/dam/internet/kp/comms/import/uploads/2020/03/02_COVID_Mask-Instructions_v9.pdf

Statistics as of 1:00 p.m. April 6

Current COVID-19 Activity in Vermont

Addison County remains the second most active county behind Chittenden County in Vermont with 40 positive tests.

Positive test results*	543**
Total tests conducted	6,633
Deaths+	23
People being monitored	68
People who have completed monitoring	745

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

**One report was received on 3/22/2020 and not counted until 4/3/2020 and is now reflected in the cumulative. One report was received 3/23/2020 and not counted until 4/3/2020 and is now reflected in the cumulative.

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

Hospitalization Rates

Hospitalized patients with COVID-19	28
Hospitalized patients under investigation for COVID-19	63

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