

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
May 8, 2020

Quarantine Changes

The quarantine period has been reduced from 14 to 12 days, according to the Deputy Sec'y of the Department of Health at Thursday's briefing. At today's Governor's conference the Governor mentioned the 14 day quarantine. I would tend to go with the VDH experts. Hopefully there will be some agreement on this to avoid confusion. We're telling people 12 days.

If you think you've been exposed, you'll need to wait 6-8 days before being tested, otherwise you could get a false negative. Dr Levine suggests keeping a diary of sorts on people you've interacted with. If you get a positive test, it will help with their contact tracing efforts.

Don't Delay Care!

The hospital cares, and they have capacity, so no need to shelve the care they can give you! Porter Hospital has provided us a helpful video. If you are sick, don't wait to call a doctor. If you've got a heart problem, potential stroke, or other serious medical condition, get to the emergency room! Don't wait! Arrive alive and survive!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0L1ZiVsP6G4&feature=youtu.be>

Trends and Expectations

At today's Governor's conference, Agency of Financial Regulation Sec'y Mike Pieciak reported on CV-19 trends in Vermont. Things look good for us, not so much for the surrounding states. Vermont's aggregate numbers are expected to double over a period of months, New Hampshire, on the other hand, is doubling every 2 weeks. You can find his Power Point with all his data here:
https://dfr.vermont.gov/sites/finreg/files/doc_library/dfr-covid19-modeling-050820.pdf

Summer Camps and Child Care

Child Care providers may begin opening their facilities for planning and preparation purposes on May 18 to prepare for a full opening on June 1st. However, the opening must follow the current orders on no more than 10 people in a room. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), Agency of Human Services and VDH will be coming out with guidelines next week. This is NOT a mandate to open, but open if you can under these guidelines.

For summer day camps and overnight camps – guidance will be forthcoming based on current conditions along with YMCA and American Camp Association best practices. There will, of course, be guidelines developed by the ACCD. Under these, not all camps may be able to open for economic or other reasons. The State, however, will fund a re-start program to help cover the cost of preparations as well as helping with the provision of disinfectant and cleaning supplies.

VDH will also provide testing for summer camp and child care staff.

Can I get My Haircut?- I'm Getting a Bit Shaggy

Next week the Governor is planning on releasing information on the opening of in-person businesses and is expecting they can open soon. In the meantime if your coif is getting out of control, wear your mask and no one will recognize you. In fact, even your hair is looking good, wear it anyway!

Stats

Recovery numbers are growing faster (737) now than new case numbers (919) with just under 20,000 tests. Testing is getting into high gear. We see one new positive case was attributed to Addison County, the first in 3 weeks. We're not sure if this was the case of the Massachusetts man who came to Middlebury for sheltering. Only 5 people are currently hospitalized in Vermont for CV-19 treatment. The numbers indicate about 129 people statewide known to be infected. We can be pretty certain at this point that Middlebury current infections are 1 or less.

What Happened With the Marriott Testing on Tuesday?

All persons tested- employees and occupants -were negative for CV-19.

More Classic Looks at Dealing With Corona Virus

To end the week on a lighter note, here we have the great Red Foxx dealing with the Corona virus 40 years ago. The more things change the more they remain the same, it seems. It leaves one with the impression that "We've been down this road before".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l0G1vZgBi0>