

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
May 21, 2020

The Wild Blue Yonder and Salute to Porter Hospital, et al

The Vermont Air Guard will be off and going into the wild blue yonder in salute of hospital staff around the state on Friday, May 22. Expect a flyover at Porter around 12:15.

As part of Operation America Strong, an Air Force effort to salute healthcare workers across the country, the Vermont Air National Guard will honor Vermont's front line COVID-19 responders and essential workers with a flyover on Friday, May 22, 2020.

The formation of four F-35 Lightning IIs will takeoff from the Vermont Air National Guard Base in South Burlington at 12:00 p.m. for a flyover scheduled to last 90 minutes. The flight path will take them over Bennington, Berlin, Brattleboro, Burlington, Essex Junction, Middlebury, Morrisville, Newport, Randolph, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, St. Johnsbury, Townshend, White River Junction and Windsor.

Our healthcare professionals, emergency responders and essential workers have served on the front lines of this pandemic, putting the health and safety of their neighbors above their own and I cannot thank them enough for their commitment and service. They've worked long, hard hours and given so much throughout this once-in-a-century crisis. They are heroes to us all.

More Testing

Normally final exams are being administered at this time of year. If you miss them and have an unsated longing for them, here's a test you don't have to study for- the COVID-19 test! Several people that registered for testing in Middlebury did not show up yesterday. If you missed it, there's a "make-up" on May 29 at the American Legion Post 27 in Middlebury, so graduate Cum Laude! You don't have to be a Middlebury resident. Other pop-up tests are scheduled May 26 in Essex and Springfield; May 27 in Brattleboro, Morrisville, and Rutland; May 28 Barre, St Albans, Hartford, and May 29 St Johnsbury and Midd.

The Corona Virus Wall

We mentioned travel limitations to Canada in yesterday's bulletin. For those considering a trip South of the Border, down Mexico way (a song written by Irishman Jimmy Kennedy, for which I'll spare you the link), the border is closed to non-essential travel through June 22.

Protect the Children

Yet another state (Virginia this time) has discovered a case of Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), a syndrome linked to Covid-19. If not for yourself, protect the children ...once again.. Wear the mask! Good hygiene! Social distancing! Not much of it around, sure, but last month there weren't any ticks or dandelions, either. Now look about you! Like any nuisance, it can pop up anywhere, unfortunately, it's bad for kids, and one in Vermont is unnecessary and too many.

Still Lurking in Every Nook and Cranny

With more aggressive testing, seeking out the virus in all its little hiding places, 6 more positive tests came in since yesterday. Proof to be that you can run but you can't hide. Remember, there's a delay up to 3 days or more between a test and a result, and up to a 2 week incubation period between infection and a positive test. We'll see what a spate of nice weather brings when we start seeing today's testing results next week. Still no new cases reported in Addison County.

Economic Relief is on the Way

Governor Phil Scott announced Wednesday a \$400 million economic relief and recovery package, using funds from the \$1.25 billion the state received from the Federal CARES Act.

The two-phase proposal, which is expected to be the first of multiple packages necessary to fully recover, will start with \$310 million for immediate emergency relief to the most impacted sectors and businesses to be followed by \$90 million in long-term recovery investments.

The full media release is linked here:

<https://governor.vermont.gov/press-release/governor-phil-scott-announces-first-economic-relief-and-recovery-package>

Opening Up Bit by Bit

The Town is working with local restaurants to strategize opening up for outside dining and drink service. Some conflicts between DLC regulations and the ACCD guidelines are confounding these efforts. We're all working to make sure we can cease with the Raman noodles and frozen dinners and get out and have a nice, locally prepared meal and raise a toast to the hard work done by all in calming this ugly beast. The biggest obstacle, of course, is how do you enjoy that nice juicy steak or luscious salad bar while wearing a mask? (tongue-in-cheek of course).