

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
May 22, 2020

**Bon Appetite**

Big changes today. Restaurants and Bars can open, effective TODAY, May 22, for outside consumption, with conditions. DLC rules have been temporarily amended to allow restaurants and bars to be creative in establishing outside areas for service, normally prohibited by DLC rules. These must be approved by the town. Some of the local restaurants are already getting into gear for this- Two Brothers and Fire and Ice for example.

HOWEVER: If the Commissioner of VDH has determined that a COVID-19 outbreak has occurred and restaurant and bar operations cannot safely operate in a way that 1) limits the exposure of customers and staff to COVID-19 and 2) does not threaten to overwhelm our hospitals and healthcare resources, he is hereby authorized, with approval of the Governor, to notify and require any or all restaurant or bar operations to return to certain standards of operation.

**Fairs and Festivals Are Out This Year**

Due to the logistics and time required to plan fairs and festivals, coupled with the uncertainty of the progression or lack thereof of CV\_19, all fairs and festivals are cancelled. And again, another HOWEVER-The prohibition shall not prevent fairgrounds and other indoor and outdoor venues from operating for sporting, entertainment, concerts and other events in accordance with then applicable VDH/ACCD guidance on gathering size, occupancy limits, distancing and other health and safety requirements.

**So What Guides The Governor on 'Spigot' Opening?**

Okay, for those who like looking at graphs and charts, here is a link to the information that the Governor relies on when deciding when and how much to open the state:  
[https://dfr.vermont.gov/sites/finreq/files/doc\\_library/dfr-covid19-modeling-0502220.pdf](https://dfr.vermont.gov/sites/finreq/files/doc_library/dfr-covid19-modeling-0502220.pdf)

They are also monitoring Quebec, New York, Mass., and New Hampshire, which are seeing upticks in numbers – sure- big population numbers, but trends are trends and 3 of the borders are wide open.

**COVID-19 Testing in Middlebury- Here's the Link**

As of 3:30 pm, May 22, there are still openings for the Middlebury test at the American Legion Post on May 29. Most are late morning and afternoon. Keep scrolling down on the site and you'll come to the test sites on the 29<sup>th</sup>, then keep going down until you find one that has a sign up button for Middlebury.  
<https://humanresources.vermont.gov/popups>

**Coiffures, Barbers, and Salons**

They can open May 29. Below are the rules:

- Operations are limited to 25% (twenty-five percent) of approved fire safety occupancy; or 1 customer per 200 square feet; or 10 total customers and staff combined, whichever is greater.
- Additionally, operators should separate customers in chairs, to achieve physical distancing of 6 feet for any activity that will occur for more than a few moments (e.g. a retail transaction).
- To the greatest extent possible, operations shall be by appointment only with specified time periods for each client. No walk-in appointments or at home visits (house calls) are allowed.
- Operations may serve only Vermont residents or others who have completed the prescribed quarantine.
- For retail sales, curbside pickup is preferred; no testing / demonstration of products is allowed; and cashless/touch-less transactions are strongly preferred.
- Operators must maintain a log of customers and their contact information for 30 days in the event contact tracing is required by the Health Department.
- Only hair care services shall be offered during the first phase.

### **Holy Moly!**

- Religious facilities and places of worship may resume operations Saturday, May 23 subject to the mandatory health and safety guidance <https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order>, and:
- Outdoor, drive-in, and remote services remain the preferred method of operation.
- Operations are limited to 25% (twenty-five percent) of approved fire safety occupancy; or 1 person per 200 square feet, whichever ensures physical distancing.
- Physical distancing between household/family units should be observed.
- Facial coverings are recommended.

### **Next Bulletin**

A lot to chew on in today's bulletin. So much so that the next bulletin won't be out until Tuesday, May 26, unless there is a drastic change in any of this. Enjoy the next few warm, sunny days, you've earned it! And while you're at it, stop to remember those veterans who never made it home and the parents and loved ones who grieve for them, and those who did make it home who will carry the scars forever. Lest we forget.