

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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What's in a Name- When is a Festival NOT a Prohibited Festival?

This relates specifically to the Middlebury New Film Makers Festival, tentatively scheduled for later this year. The Governor's latest addendum cancels all fairs and festivals. But this prohibition is related to open, mass congregate affairs such as Field Days, Champlain Fair, Renaissance Fairs, Harvest Fairs and the like. The Middlebury event would be guided more by the same gathering guidelines pertinent to churches and retail establishments with limits on occupancy. At this point the organizers desire to make this year's event a Vermont event only and discourage out-of-state visitors. But things are changing weekly, it seems to stay tune on this one. To answer the question, this festival is not a festival at all in spite of being called a festival, and being festive does not make it prohibitive.

Where Are We, Number-Wise

Three days with no bulletins. Since Friday 15 new cases of CV-19 were recorded in Vermont. The infections didn't occur over the long weekend, we'd have to wait another week or two for that. This is just the recording dates. In the meantime, we can figure somewhere around 65 known cases exist in Vermont, with one hospitalization and 24 people being monitored. The wide area testing going on now should help provide a more complete picture. Right now the number of recoveries is about keeping pace with the number of new infections.

What Happens With Reported Violations of the Governor's Orders?

These reports are forwarded to the Police Department, regardless of the method of reporting. As of Friday, May 22, the department has received 14 reports of violations and has investigated each and every one. In all cases agreements were reached on strategies to conform to the orders.

From the Department of Health:

It's All About You

If the pandemic is teaching us anything, it's how each of our personal decisions and actions can make a difference. There's a reason we are flattening the curve, and we encourage Vermonters to take a moment to reflect and recommit -- How did things go this past holiday weekend? What worked well for any gatherings and outdoor activities, and what needs some tweaking to better keep yourself and others safe from the virus?

As you enjoy what spring and summer has to offer, keep up the good work - remember to keep a physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others who are not part of your household, and wear a face covering in more crowded areas.