

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
June 1, 2021

Forward Progress

- We need about 11,000 more vaccinations to hit the magic number of 80%. The Vax progress chart was last updated on May 26, it will be next updated tomorrow.
<https://www.vermont.gov/vermont-forward#progress&gsc.tab=0>
- In the coming week there are 39 pop-up locations and barnstorming vax events in the state, a few in Addison County. [Healthvermont.gov/my vaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/my-vaccine) has the entire list.
- Quebec is starting to get up to speed on vaccinations. There is a potential that before the month is out, we could start seeing more “PQ – Je me souviens” license plates cavorting about the state.
- 78.2% of eligible people in Addison County have been vaccinated – not bad, but we sit in 5th place behind Chittenden, Washington, Grand Isle, and Lamoille counties. Like my old coach used to say (sort of) “Let’s get on the stick and get the pick”.
- Only 2 new COVID cases in the state today; there have been no COVID deaths in over 2 weeks; and in A/C there have been only 12 reported cases in the past 14 days.

It Ain’t Over Till It’s Over

We just like to reinforce the need to get vaccinated for that 21% in A/C who still haven’t gone forward. Keep in mind:

- We’re still getting new COVID cases every day
- It starts with a trickle, but soon the great vacation diaspora will invade Vermont – some vaccinated, some not. They’ll be in the convenience stores and shops and grocery stores and creamery stands; in churches and bars and restaurants and beaches, farmers markets and parks. And even potentially crashing into you. Protect yourselves against the great unknown – masks have become the new fashion haute couture so not a bad idea to have them handy when going into crowded places. Couple that with the VAX and summertime should be free from COVID worry.

A Sure Sign The End Is Near

The State Emergency Operations Center and the VT Department of Health have ended their weekly COVID briefings for local emergency management directors. The Vermont Intelligence Center has long since stopped weekly briefings. The Governor’s weekly presser for COVID updates is now down to once a week (Tuesdays). But we will persevere here, though likewise slowing down as the pandemic emergency winds down. There isn’t much to report now for which the mass media isn’t already picking up. But that’s a good thing as we start getting back to other things.