

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
June 8, 2020

Link to Register For Food Bank

The Food Bank will be in our area Wednesday, June 10. Register at the link below. You'll be provided a time and location to pick up food. You must be registered; this is not a first come first served basis as in the past. vem.vermont.gov/pods

Take Me Out to the Ballgame, or Make That a Practice

From the latest guidance document (Effective 6/15):

- **Sports involving no or low-contact** (e.g., tennis) **or short-duration, incidental contact** (e.g., soccer, softball, baseball, lacrosse, volleyball, hockey) may initiate expanded team practice sessions that include small-sided, intra-squad scrimmages.
- **High contact sports**, or those which necessitate significant, longer-duration, close contact (e.g., wrestling, basketball, football) are not currently allowed to engage in intra-squad scrimmages or inter-squad games, but may conduct no and low contact physical conditioning and skill building drills.
- Keep participants in small groups. Group numbers, including players, coaches and officials, may not exceed current limits on social gatherings - currently 25 or fewer individuals. Wherever possible, the same coach(es) should remain with the same group each practice.
- The number of spectators should be limited as much as possible and in no case should the number of spectators exceed current limits on social gatherings.
- Prioritize outdoor, as opposed to indoor, activity (e.g. training sessions and matches) as much as possible.
- During times when players are not actively participating in practice or competition, attention should be given to maintaining social distancing by increasing space between players on the sidelines, dugouts, or benches.
- During competition, alter spacing of participants, officials, and coaches to achieve physical distancing to the greatest extent possible (e.g., consider moving baseball/softball umpires behind the pitcher and moving the catcher further behind the plate).

- All players, coaches, officials, staff, and spectators must have a cloth facial covering in their possession to be used, as necessary, when physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Face coverings should be worn as much as possible.
- Equipment, and other supplies touched by participants, must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly. Limit sharing equipment as much as possible.
- No spitting on the field or sideline. (for those ballplayers out there, the time honored dugout contests of spitting sunflower seeds into paper cups lined up on the dugout or through the catcher's mask are likewise a no-no.)
- No sharing of water bottles.
- Competition between Vermont clubs (i.e., inter-squad games) is currently anticipated to be able to resume starting July 1. Games must be conducted as individual sporting events; "jamboree" or tournament-style play (one team playing multiple games vs multiple opponents in a single day/weekend) is not currently permitted.
- Individual players from bordering states who belong to a Vermont-based club, organization or league may participate but must follow Vermont state recreational visitation guidelines.

Case Information

Like cluster flies and mosquitoes, just when you think they are gone they seem to pop back up, just to see if you're paying attention. And so goes Covid-19. Another new case in Addison County the last few days, the aggregate number is up to 65, but that's still lower than 4 other counties whose numbers are growing faster. 1,075 total cases now statewide, and nearly 43,000 people have been tested. Considering that the bulk of these tests administered in the past month have been with asymptomatic people who predominantly test negative, that's a good sign. The Winooski outbreak has contributed to a spike in overall numbers. In spite of all this, Middlebury remains in the 5 cases or less category.

Economic Mitigation & Recovery Task Force

The Local Support and Community Action Team released its Interim Report to the Governor on recommendations for social and economic recovery. The report was informed with input from thousands of community leaders, state officials, and individuals in every corner of Vermont. Read the report and recommendations here:

<https://www.vtrural.org/sites/default/files/content/reports/other%20reports/Local-Solutions-Task-Force-Report.pdf>

The Community Action Team also launched a website to share best practices and showcase stories about Vermont's recovery efforts. Learn more here:

<https://sites.google.com/vtrural.org/recovery-best-practices/>

Webinar For Restaurants

Restaurants-SCORE Vermont will offer a webinar for restaurants on **Tuesday, June 9th at 10:00 AM**. The training will provide guidance on complying with health and safety requirements and financial models for future breakeven sales level and customer counts. Register here:

<https://champlainvalley.score.org/event/restaurant-survival-strategies-post-covid>