

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Our Porter Hospital Sends a “Thank you”

It’s been an unsettling and trying time for our local Porter Hospital. As they begin to emerge from almost 4 months immersed in the COVID-19 pandemic and restore basic health care services, they are stepping back to send a huge “thank you” to everyone inside and outside Porter who helped them navigate through this trying time. Check out this message from the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems:

<https://www.facebook.com/VAHHS/videos/346539689656971/>

Things look pretty good, but we’re not out of the woods yet. A more practical way to acknowledge their thanks is not reprise the situation that put such stress on health care systems in the first place!

School Daze to School Days

Yup! Enjoy your summer- you’ll be back in the bricks and mortar classrooms in the fall. The saying “The more things change the more they stay the same” won’t apply to school this fall. Pre K- 12 will be opening up under a different set of protocols to mitigate community spread of the virus. Specifics are still under development. Same is true for colleges and universities. And regarding higher ed, the McClure Foundation announced today that they will fully fund one class at CCV this fall for graduating seniors. That’s books, tuition, et al. No plans for college? This is a good way to jump start post-secondary education.

Trails and Tribulations

It just goes to show you, when you head out to the trailheads for a day of outdoor recreation, the predators, just like COVID-19 bugs, are likewise lurking out there. The police have received a number of reports of car breaks at the trail heads. Credit cards, etc. have been stolen and used elsewhere. The investigation is moving along quite well, and images of the thieves are posted on the Middlebury Police Facebook page. Lock your vehicles, do not leave valuables exposed.

More on the Winooski Outbreak

As we mentioned before, the outbreak in Winooski occurred primarily within a family and social group of new Americans. It’s a bit of an outlier and not indicative to what we see in Addison County. There have been a total of 74 cases up to today in this event in Winooski. The median age for those infected is 20. The ages range from 1 to 82. None required hospitalization; 44% were children. 80% of the people who tested positive had no symptoms. This is the entire virus issue in miniature. You don’t know who has it, you don’t know if YOU don’t have it. It’s easily spread among those who don’t take precautions. So keep your distance and wear your mask and practice good hygiene.

Friday is Announcement Day

The Governor’s Emergency Order expires Monday, June 15. On Friday the Governor is expected to extend the order with another addendum. It will all depend on data. So stay tuned for Friday.