

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Support for Tough Times

Out of work, stay at home orders, the disorienting effect of going out in public surrounded by masses in masks keeping their distance from you, no shaking hands or other human touch, all compounded by disturbing incidents of racial abuse...it seems all news is bad news. Coping with this can be a challenge. The Counseling Service of Addison County lets us know they are here to provide support:

COPING WITH COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT LINE 388-7641

You might have never considered calling the Counseling Service before. But CSAC is here to help. **CSAC's Coping with COVID-19 Community Support Line** offers *free* supportive phone counseling, information and referrals, and real-time connection to Addison County community members. CSAC can be reached at:

802-388-7641 Monday through Friday 9am-3:30pm; Friday Evening 5-10pm; Saturday and Sunday 9am-10pm CSAC's 24/7 crisis services are available 24/7 at 388-7641. For more resources, visit **www.csac-vt.org**

A downloadable [Community Support Line](#) poster is also available on the [COVID-19 Resources Page](#) on the Town of Middlebury website.

Town Mask Resolution is in Effect

The Selectboard passed a resolution on June 9 recognizing that wearing mouth and nose coverings plays a significant role in diminishing community-wide transmission of COVID-19. The text of this resolution follows:

1. All persons in the Town of Middlebury should wear face coverings to cover their nose and mouth whenever inside in a public setting or outdoors where it is not possible or likely to maintain at least six (6) feet of social distancing. Public settings will include but not be limited to retail establishments, food and beverage serving establishments and lodging facilities, service facilities, municipal owned buildings, and places of business.
2. This Resolution does not apply to State or Federal owned properties of which the Town lacks jurisdiction.
3. This Resolution is not applicable to children aged two or under, nor persons for whom the wearing of a mask presents a health hazard.
4. Masks and face shields are to comply with the current applicable United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) criteria.
5. Establishments where this Resolution applies should conspicuously post at or near each public entrance, signage stating the following or similar language:

“By Resolution of the Middlebury Selectboard, persons entering this facility should wear protective face coverings that cover their nose and mouth in order to assist with controlling the spread of the COVID-19 virus.”

Interim Report – Local Support and Community Action Team

This organization has a specific set of charges:

- Build recommendations to the Governor, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, and in some cases for Legislative Action;
- Share best practices and strategies for recovery between and among communities throughout Vermont; and
- Frame and implement efforts with a variety of partners to directly spur community and business recovery.

Simply put, this Team serves to gather information about local initiatives, validate and vet those efforts, and provide strategies to maximize our response for the benefit of all Vermonters. Toward these ends it is working to advance short-term, middle-term, and long-term recovery efforts.

You can read their interim report to the Governor 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/>

Services Update

There are no COVID-19 related service interruptions in the local police, fire, EMS, public works or public utilities sectors. Hospital capacity is not impacted and all are encouraged to seek emergency room or Express Care service if needed.

Another Word on the Winooski Outbreak of COVID-19

The outbreak in Winooski has added to the bulk of the 83 new Vermont Cases in the past week. Since this was confined to a limited geographic area and to a limited social group, this is not indicative of a “Second Wave” of COVID-19. Outside this area only about 9 new cases were confirmed statewide in the past week.