

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
June 19, 2020

A typical Friday with the Governor, more things loosening up.

Farmers Market Update

On Friday, June 19, the following Phase 2 Farmers Markets Guidance will become effective for all markets:

<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/Farmers%20Market%20June%2019%20Phase%20II%20Restart%20Guidance%20.pdf>

Booth spacing is reduced from 12' to 6'

Outdoor dining, with similar guidance to restaurants, is permitted;

Pets are allowed at markets; and

Entertainment, similar to guidance followed by restaurants, is permissible- so if anyone knows any local musicians who have entertained at the Midd Farmer's Market, you may want to let them know...

Fireworks, Fireworks, Flash , Bang, Boom!

Fireworks shows may go on. The condition is that spectators must be in cars, like a drive-in movie...or in trucks, or vans.

More Places to Travel to/From Without Quatantine

The "no quarantine necessary" map has expanded with some counties in CT and MA opening up. Basically, in MA- the Berkshires from VT to CT along the west side of the state along the Rte 7 corridor through Litchfield County, CT to the Danbury area and the I-91 corridor from VT to the Holyoke/ North Hampton/ Springfield area. In addition Tolland County in CT is open- that's the county on the Boston Red Sox Nation side of the Connecticut River (as opposed to Yankee land on the other side) from Vernon to UCONN. The I-91 and I-95 / Merritt-Wilbur Cross Parkway corridors in CT are still quarantine land. I'd use compass directions but Connecticut is too small to have a north and south, it's just glacial moraine that keeps the Sound from bashing lower MA. Here's a link to the map:

<https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

And Dining ...

Governor Phil Scott announced that, effective June 26, event, arts, culture and entertainment venues, as well as restaurants, can expand capacity for events and dining to 50% of approved occupancy size or one person per 100 square feet of customer-facing space. This change will allow for indoor events of up to 75 people and outdoor organized events of up to 150 people.

So what if you're having a barn dance and there's no fire marshal's occupancy limit? Don't let thought of this cause a major cranial malfunction. You know the rules by now. When in doubt, let common sense prevail. Some images to guide you: if the attendance resembles the contents of a sardine can- it's a

problem. If it looks more like traffic cones on a highway construction project or the shot pattern on paper at 50 yards with #4 shot from a 2 ¼" shell from a shotgun with cylinder bore it's probably ok. You can find all the nuances at the following link, without any colorful analogies:

<https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance>

Last Word for the Week

It's going to be hot this weekend. If you're out in the hot sun, don't suffocate yourself with a mask. Wear it if it's safe and it doesn't stifle your breathing. Keep it simple. It's not a choice like walking on a tightrope across the abyss, where falling off one side causes you to be dashed to bits on the jagged rocks below, the other side gets you swept away in the torrent. If the mask inhibits breathing outdoors, stuff it in your pocket and keep your social distance, practice good hygiene. Just stay safe and stay healthy and minimize the risk!