

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
June 24, 2020

Spigot Opening

With this morning's torrential rain, we called the Governor's office to see if maybe he left his "spigot" open a bit too much. The Governor assured us he had nothing to do with the rain, but like the dry economy and recent hot, dry conditions, spigot openings of all sorts may bring some relief. He expects to make an announcement this Friday, especially in the area of cross state travel and a broadened range of "No Quarantine Necessary" from points outside Vermont within driving distance.

State Parks

State parks are opening Friday for tenting, RV, and lean-to rental. The state has developed an updated web-based reservation system to help with securing a camping area. Cabins, cottages, and indoor rentals are still closed. <https://www.vtstateparks.com/reservations.html>

Outbreaks and Clusters

Recent clusters of COVID-19 have been discovered in the Brattleboro and Fair Haven areas, one to a family group similar to the Winooski outbreak, and the other within a business. VDH is working to box-in these clusters. As things open up, more of these types of cluster are expected but should not slow down the phased re-opening of Vermont. Statewide, things remain stable and the rate of infection growth is very small.

Privateering

In every crisis, it seems, there are some out there who will seek to profit. In this case, we learn that some of the Farmers to Families food after collection is being diverted to the internet for sale. This deprives people and families who need the food from getting it. Both the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety are committed to prosecuting those who are privateering.

What About Mask Scofflaws?

The Middlebury Selectboard passed a resolution strongly encouraging people to wear mouth and nose coverings when going into buildings open to the public where one could be within 6' of others. This is not an ordinance and there is no fine. It's like recommending you to wear a coat when it's cold or galoshes when the rain, snow, and slush are on the ground. No coat in the cold weather – your risk of getting sick goes up. No mask with COVID-19 present- your risk of infection (spreading or catching) goes up. It's pretty simple.

North to Canada

As far as we know, non-essential travel by foreign nationals to Canada is still prohibited. Below is a link to the Canadian travel rules:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/travel-restrictions-exemptions.html>