

Town of Middlebury
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Wide Area No-Quarantine Necessary Travel

The counties from which you can travel to Vermont, for whatever reason you'd like, has expanded greatly, and includes all the New England states PLUS most of New York, and selected counties in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, and the District of Columbia. Here's a link to the map of the no quarantine needed counties:

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

HOWEVER, there is a "B" side to all this – just like a dollar bill or 45 RPM records- that is, conditions: Travel must be in a personal vehicle only (your private vehicle). If you are traveling by common carrier- bus, train, plane- you still need to quarantine- 14 days upon arrival in VT or from your point of departure, or 7 days plus a negative COVID test. And you need the quarantine statement from ACCD if staying at commercial lodging.

Yes, you can stop for food and restrooms on the way (whew!), just follow safety precautions- carry hand sanitizer, wash up, mask up. We expect highway rest areas may be open soon so you won't have to suffer the ambiance and fetid air of the porta-johns. When traveling I was always told that the only things I should bring back are something to eat or play with. Applicable to these times. Leave the COVID where it is.

Size Matters

Effective today, arts, culture, and entertainment venues, as well as restaurants, can expand capacity for events and dining to 50% of approved occupancy size, with new maximum gathering sizes of 75 people for indoor events and 150 people for outdoor events.

Addison Falling

In spite of a few new cases, Addison County, once second highest for aggregate COVID infections, has now dropped to 6th place. Recent clusters in other areas and stability in our beloved AC is the reason. We figure there are about 200 active cases in the state right now, but expect that to go up, especially with the hullabaloo around July 4. There are four people currently hospitalized in the state, up from zero a few days ago. Like the temperature, infections are on the rise, albeit slowly for the most part.

About 63,000 people have either been tested or have completed monitoring to date, so in spite of little bumps here and there, we're in pretty good shape.