

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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More Food on the Way

The state is planning to operate a food distribution point in conjunction with the Vermont Foodbank in the Middlebury area starting next week. The dates have been finalized, July 6, July 20, and tentatively August 3 and 17. Claiming food is by registration only. But hold on! They haven't yet finalized the on-line form. That should be coming this week. As soon as we know what it is we'll post it in our EMD bulletin. The precise location of the Food Bank has not yet been announced, most likely NOT the airport.

More on Masks

Wearing a mask in the recent hot weather was a joy, wasn't it? Here's a tip- the cloth masks can be very warm and stuffy. They should also be washed often. Perhaps if you can have several of them, they can be rotated about. Even hanging them out in the sunshine can help decontaminate them. If you've worn the mask in a potentially contaminated environment, and then handled the outside of the mask, and then rubbed your eyes or touched your face...oh oh, you see where this is going.

I see there are a number of much lighter masks commonly for sale- they resemble surgical masks and are marketed in boxes of 50 as "One-Use Masks". These aren't as stuffy in the hot weather and yet provide a bit of a 2-way shield. You can extend the life of a "one-use" mask by hanging in the sunlight or washing in a gentle mode and letting it air dry.

And masks should be stored in a paper bag, not in plastic!

Canada Remains Closed

Talk about a wall! The border, both ways between the US and Canada, remains closed except for essential travel. The former June 21 opening date has been extended by both sides indefinitely.

Youth Is Wasted on the Young

From the "I wish I knew then what I know now" department comes Florida, Texas, Southern Cal, and Arizona. From Saturday to Sunday, 6 new cases of COVID were reported in Vermont. In that same time period in Florida, 10,000 new cases were reported. Mostly the young, with the median ages between 30 and 40 with many in their teens and 20's. It won't affect the young'uns that much, but with a 14 day incubation period, we hope mom, dad, and grandparents keep their social distance and masks on. These states are also considering putting their re-start in reverse. Just something to keep in mind here in otherwise healthy Vermont.

Vermont is still hovering in the area of 200 known cases of COVID and no new deaths have been reported in a couple of weeks. Middlebury remains in the aggregate count of between one and 5 cases since March.