

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
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**CDC Expands List of COVID Symptoms**

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as more is learned about COVID-19.

**Assistance to Dairy Farms and Even Field Days and Fairs**

25 Dairy farms have gone under since March 1. In an effort to check further losses, the Governor announced a 50 million dollar relief program through the Federal CARES grants for Dairy operations, dairy farms and milk producers. More on the program, including application and webinars, can be found at this link: <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/covid-19-information/vermont-covid-19-agriculture-assistance-program/dairy-assistance-vermont-covid>. Aid is NOT first come first served, and the deadline for applying for aid is October 1<sup>st</sup>. No awards will be made until all applications are in and vetted. So you've got 2 ½ months to look into this and provide data for the application. This aid includes reimbursement for the provision of PPE to Ag workers, loss of income, product loss, and a number of other things.

\$500,000 is also slated to be provided to the various Fairs and Field Days that have not been able to open this year.

**Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Programs - Health Care Stabilization and Hazard Pay**

Also announced today was assistance to health providers. \$275 million dollars is slated under this Health Care Provider Stabilization and/or Front-Line Employees Hazard Grant Programs. While the applications for these programs are not yet live, you can sign up to receive an e-mail as soon as the applications open, by completing the online form **at this link** [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O5O0IK26PEOcAnDtzHVZxvfgWkK\\_oARJtaZfOH6fNQtUM0dKTFo2SVhVOEdXNDBWNEZIT1dUSIJMMC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O5O0IK26PEOcAnDtzHVZxvfgWkK_oARJtaZfOH6fNQtUM0dKTFo2SVhVOEdXNDBWNEZIT1dUSIJMMC4u). More information about the specifics of each program is available on AHS CV-19 site at <https://humanservices.vermont.gov/help-and-resources/covid-19-information>.

## Quarantine Is Important

Vermont's numbers and infection rate are the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in the country. You've all done a fabulous job in keeping it that way. The numbers are low not because the disease is waning, it's because fewer people are rendering themselves vulnerable and making sure they don't infect others. If you are coming from an orange or red county and stayed overnight, you need the 14 day quarantine without symptoms or 7 days + a negative test. Pop-up tests are on-going through the state, though Middlebury's are mostly full this month. The Governor is resisting making mask wearing enforceable as the numbers in Vermont remain low, but it requires voluntary cooperation. Face coverings should be worn indoors away from home when others are around and outdoors in the presence of others when you can't maintain social distancing. And it's not just the Gov or Dr. Levine, or the CDC that says this. Here Bill Nye the Science Guy demonstrates the benefit of the mask. And if Bill Nye the Science Guy says so, who's to argue?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EV4lcXlpxcM>

## What's Going on Elsewhere

**Mississippi** has imposed mandatory use of face masks and limited nonessential gatherings in 13 counties, including those that cover the state's most populous cities, as COVID-19 cases have surged .

**Michigan** sent a letter to the White House requesting the use of Michigan National Guard forces to help the state respond to the pandemic through December 31.

**Florida** on Sunday reported the largest single-day increase in positive coronavirus cases in any one state since the beginning of the pandemic with 15,299 people testing positive, for a total of 269,811 cases. California had the previous record of daily positive cases totaling 11,694 four days ago. New York had 11,571 on April 15.

**Texas**, The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) is sending an additional 580 medical personnel as the state sees a surge in new COVID-19 cases. Texas also had a record high number of hospitalizations for the 14th day in a row after reporting 327 new hospitalizations on Sunday, bringing the total to a new high of 10,410.

**Mexico** has the fourth most COVID-19-related deaths (35,006 deaths) in the world, surpassing Italy.

With all this going on the Canadian border remains closed indefinitely and the European Union is prohibiting travel from the U.S. Canada is a critical trading partner with Vermont, but it's shut down.

HEY ALL – DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN HERE! IT'S IN YOUR HANDS! Quarantine when you're supposed to and protect yourself and others.