

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
July 17, 2020

Emergency Order Extended

The Governor's Emergency Order has been extended to August 15. All Orders are in place until that date. This includes the moratorium on evictions as we mentioned in a recent bulletin. All the guidance can be found at the ACCD site. <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/administration-guidance>

No Quarantine Needed Map Shrinks a Bit

Due to the growth of the virus outside Vermont, some of the "No Quarantine Required" areas outside of New England have turned red or orange. Consult the map for information. A positive development is that most of coastal New Hampshire and Maine are now "No Quarantined Required" areas. Cumberland County Maine (Portland, Freeport and surrounding areas) is still in the quarantine required area. So if you thought of staying over in Scarborough to visit Cabela's you need to quarantine. Maybe hit the Kittery Trading Post instead. This is not an endorsement of either one, they are just famous navigational landmarks for down east sportsmen. And to be fair, LL Bean is in Cumberland County, so don't stay overnight in one of their camping displays. <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

The Manchester Cluster

When is a positive test not a positive test and how do you really know? Fifty-nine positive tests for COVID-19 were reported following "antigen" testing in the Manchester area. Pretty scary, eh? Antigen tests are considered presumptive tests and need to be confirmed before they are included as positives. So far, the standard testing method used by Vermont, the PCR test, has revealed that of 17 of those positive tests, only 2 have been confirmed, the other 15 were negative. The state is awaiting results on several more of the confirmatory tests with 11 of the antigen positives yet to be re-tested. Apparently the antigen testing may tend to create false positives as well as negatives and is not reliable. So stay tuned to see what's going on with that.

The Heat is On

The heat has apparently ignored the Governor's Orders and isn't quarantining prior to visiting Vermont. It's going to be very hot on Sunday, so dream of those crisp, sub-zero January days with heaps of snow around you. If that doesn't do it, the Vermont Department of Health has a "Hot Weather Tool Kit" in pdf form to guide you safely through. And no, it doesn't come with a block of ice or an air conditioner, just helpful information. https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ENV_CH_HotWeather_MediaToolkit.pdf