

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency management Bulletin  
August 25, 2020

**Need a Drivers License? Registration? New Info from DMV**

Beginning August 31 three remote DMV locations (Montpelier, Rutland, and South Burlington) will be open, by appointment only. It is NOT yet possible to schedule an appointment. We expect the scheduling to be available Thursday (08/27) afternoon.

DMV is conducting exams in Berlin, Colchester, Montpelier, Rutland and South Burlington. All exams require an appointment. <https://dmv.vermont.gov/COVID/Appointments>

DMV phone lines are open with additional staff to handle the increased call volume. At times it may be difficult to get through to the call center. Consider using the DMV contact forms rather than calling. <https://dmv.vermont.gov/contact>

DMV encourage you to keep your license and registration current by renewing online. But if, for whatever reason, you are not able to, all registrations and licenses have a 90 day extension per Act 91.

Inspections with an 8 are due now. If you have a registration that expired in June or July it is valid and may be used for vehicle inspection.

If you have a license that expires today or expired in the last 90 days, it is valid.

Follow DMV COVID-19 Updates: <https://dmv.vermont.gov/COVID>

**To COVID Test or Not to COVID Test – This Sayeth VDH**

Wondering if you should get tested for COVID-19? Anyone *can* get tested, but not everyone *needs* to get tested. **The Health Department recommends testing for:**

- People with COVID-19 symptoms.( see your physician for referral, this is not what pop-up testing is for)
- People who have had close contact (within 6 feet for about 15 minutes or more) with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- People who are referred by their health care provider for testing for another reason.

**When is testing not recommended?**

VDH does not recommend people get tested just to make sure they're OK before visiting another household or attending a gathering. Testing only tells you if you had COVID-19 on the day you were tested. You could have already been exposed but may have been tested too early for it to show up on the test, or you could be exposed to COVID-19 after you are tested. Testing is not prevention, and a negative test does not necessarily mean it is safe to gather with others.

VDH does not recommend repeated or frequent testing just for peace of mind. While testing supplies are adequate, VDH needs to use what they have wisely.