

Town of Middlebury  
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**Are Roads That Bisect Midd College Campus Open?**

A recent question was posed – are roads that bisect or transect the campus open for public use/ accessibility now that the campus is closed for outside access? Roads that are under the ownership and control of the college, such as Old Chapel Rd, Bicentennial, Adirondack View, Porterfield Rd, Service Rd, Chateau Rd and the like are CLOSED to public access at this time. The Golf Course Rd remains open for those who plan on golfing at the Ralph Myhre course. Public highways such as College St, South Main St, Weybridge St, Hillcrest Rd, Shannon St, Storrs Ave, Franklin St remain open for public use. The Catholic cemetery on Hillcrest and the town cemetery off South Main St remain accessible.

With public concern over the return of students, the college is quarantining students within the campus and have closed the campus to outside entry. If you can avoid recreational use of intracampus public roadways like Hillcrest, Franklin, and Storrs it will help with the quarantine and minimize contact, at least for the next few weeks.

**All Is Well at Helen Porter!**

A report was released several days ago about a positive COVID test on an asymptomatic person at Helen Porter. Further investigation and a re-test of the samples revealed that this was a **false positive**. Good news, and a shout out to the staff at Helen Porter and Porter Medical Center for their comprehensive response and excellent work. This is wonderful news!

**From DMV -re Extension of Expiration Dates**

On August 25, 2020, Governor Scott announced DMV will continue to extend license and registration renewals for 90 days beyond their effective expiration date.

On March 16, 2020 Governor Scott announced DMV will be extending license and registration renewals for 90 days beyond their effective expiration date beginning March 13, 2020. If an individual's permit, temporary license or permanent license and/or registration has expired since March 13, 2020 police will honor a 90-day waiver of those credential expiration dates. The need to have a new photo taken has been extended for 4 years- you can renew your license without the need for a new photo. Once the state of emergency is resolved DMV will notify the public of any changes to this policy.

You can still mail in your license renewals or go online and process registration renewals. DMV is looking to decrease the need for our customers to have to appear in person at DMV branch offices.

**Resources for Schools, Colleges and Universities**

VDH is regularly adding new resources to our website to help schools preparing to reopen. Visit the VDH web page <https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/schools-colleges-child-care-programs> to see information for administrators, teachers and school nurses, such as: What do to if someone was infectious while at school.

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-School-Case-Quick->

[Reference.pdf](#) You can also find out What happens at the Health Department when someone tests positive for COVID-19, and more.

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-Flowchart-When-Someone-Tests-Positive.pdf>

### CDC Testing Guideline Change Does Not Alter Vermont Requirements

On Monday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention changed its testing guidance to say that people who are asymptomatic may not need to be tested, even if they “have been in close contact (within 6 feet) of a person with a COVID-19 infection for at least 15 minutes (...) unless (...) state or local public health officials recommend you take one.”

Vermont guidelines and recommendations for who should get tested are not changing at this time. The Health Department continues to recommend testing for:

- People with COVID-19 symptoms.
- 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?

- We do 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.

- We do not recommend repeated or frequent testing just for peace of mind. While testing supplies are currently adequate, we need to use what we have wisely.

The state also continues to require any asymptomatic person who has travelled to a non-approved county, who has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, to quarantine for 14 days.

If an asymptomatic person wants to “test out” of that quarantine, they’d need to be tested at day 7 or later (and then continue to remain asymptomatic for the remainder of the 14-day incubation period). For persons who chose to continue to quarantine for 14 days, and who do not develop symptoms, they can opt to not be tested.

If you do need testing, look for a clinic or pharmacy that offers testing near you, or register at a pop-up location: See how to get tested and to make an appointment

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-covid-19>

### **Town of Middlebury COVID Page**

Following up on the Citizen Comments discussion during Tuesday's Selectboard meeting, the Town has added a link to the college's COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard on the Town website, under the COVID-19 Resource Page (accessible from the top menu on the main page under "For Residents > COVID-19 Resources . It's on the lower right of the page!

[http://www.townofmiddlebury.org/living\\_and\\_working\\_in\\_middlebury/under\\_development/index.php](http://www.townofmiddlebury.org/living_and_working_in_middlebury/under_development/index.php)