



Daily Update on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) June 12, 2020

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Find this update at healthvermont.gov/covid19 by clicking the “See the Latest Update” button.

Please visit the Vermont Department of Health’s updated COVID-19 web and data pages healthvermont.gov/covid19.

Outbreak Update

At a press conference Friday, Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD, said the Health Department continues to have strong collaboration with city officials and community partners in Winooski and Burlington to test residents and trace contacts to contain the COVID-19 outbreak.

As of Thursday evening, a total of 81 cases are associated with the outbreak, with the majority of cases in Winooski. Most of the rest are in nearby Burlington, with a small number elsewhere in Chittenden County.

There have been no deaths associated with the outbreak, but there is now one person hospitalized.

Only 18% of people associated with the outbreak are reporting symptoms. This indicates that the number of people who were asymptomatic is a contributing factor to the spread of the virus in the community. Vermonters are reminded that even though the overall rate of positives statewide is low, the virus is still circulating throughout the state.

People contacted as part of the Health Department’s investigation have been “incredibly cooperative” in following guidance to help prevent further spread, Dr. Levine said.

Vermonters should continue to follow universal precautions – wear a face covering, keep a 6-foot distance from others, wash their hands often and stay home if they are sick.

More than 3,000 specimens have been collected at the pop-up test sites that have been running in Winooski and Burlington. They will continue on a daily basis next week.

Test sites are currently scheduled through June 26. Find locations and make an appointment for sites in Burlington, Winooski and around the state at humanresources.vermont.gov/popups or by calling 2-1-1.

*****ATTENTION MEDIA:** To help ensure patient privacy at the test sites, photography and videos by news media will be restricted to certain areas.

Restart Vermont

Governor Phil Scott announced the second phase of the Administration's \$400 million dollar Economic Recovery and Relief Package. Phase 2 uses \$90 million to focus on Vermont's long-term economic recovery in four categories: financial assistance to struggling businesses, housing and community recovery, broadband expansion, and regulatory modernization. [See full details of the plan](#) which now goes to the legislature for consideration and action.

Department of Financial Regulation Commissioner Michael Pieciak also presented [new modeling data](#), which, despite rising cases due to an outbreak, shows Vermont is doing well overall.

He also noted areas surrounding Vermont are starting to improve as well, and additional counties have been added to [the map of places where quarantine is no longer required](#).

Commissioner Pieciak said new travel guidance going into effect Monday, June 15, will give certain types of travelers additional quarantine options.

People driving in a personal vehicle from home to Vermont **without making any stops** can complete their 14-day quarantine in their home state or get tested in their home state on Day 7 of quarantine. [See details about getting tested on Day 7 of quarantine](#). Travelers who need to quarantine in Vermont will also be able to do so in a lodging facility in Vermont. See details about cross state travel on [the Agency of Commerce and Community Development's website](#).

Protest Safely and Get Tested

To date, there have been no lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 associated with having attended any of the recent public protests.

We support Vermonters engaging in peaceful protests and other civic activities. We remind everyone that it continues to be important to follow universal precautions when you are out – wear a face covering or mask when near others, maintain 6-foot distance, and if you're sick, find actions to make yourself heard from home.

We encourage anyone who is participating in a public action to get tested for COVID-19.

Find a pop-up test site near you by visiting humanresources.vermont.gov/popups

Testing Information

COVID-19 Pop-Up Test Sites

Pop-up sites throughout the state are open for COVID-19 People who do not have symptoms of can make an appointment to be tested for the virus at pop-up sites located throughout the state to test for the virus.

Sites are currently scheduled through June 26, and all clinics operate from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Find locations and make an appointment at humanresources.vermont.gov/popups. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call 2-1-1 or 802-828-2828 for assistance.

Vermonters With Even Mild Symptoms Should Call Their Doctor to Be Tested

People with even mild [symptoms](#) are encouraged to call their health care provider to get tested. This includes parents of children who have possible symptoms. Your health care provider will ensure you receive proper care and treatment.

If you don't have a health care provider: Dial 2-1-1 to connect with a [community or hospital-connected clinic](#).

New on healthvermont.gov

[The Weekly Summary of Vermont COVID-19 Data](#) has been updated. Get more data at healthvermont.gov/currentactivity. Have questions? Click on "About Data Dashboard" to learn more.

Case Information

Current COVID-19 Activity in Vermont
As of 12 p.m. on June 12, 2020

Total cases*	1,119 (10 new)
Currently hospitalized	2
Hospitalized under investigation	14
Total people recovered	907
Deaths+	55
People tested	48,634
People being monitored	57
People completed monitoring	925

*Includes testing conducted at the Health Department Laboratory, commercial labs and other public health labs.

+Death occurring in persons known to have COVID-19. Death certificate may be pending.

Hospitalization data is provided by the Vermont Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition and is based on hospitals updating this information.

Find more information on new data dashboard at healthvermont.gov/covid19 by clicking on the map of Vermont. To allow time for analysts to verify an increasing volume of data, the dashboard will be updated no later than 12:00 p.m.

Guidance for Vermonters

- If you are having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 or go to the hospital.
- If you are having even mild [symptoms of COVID-19](#), call your health care provider.
- **Most information is available online:** Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet and [wear a mask when near others](#).

Traveler Information

Get the latest info about [travel to Vermont](#), including for quarantining and testing.

Anyone coming to Vermont is strongly encouraged to [sign up for daily symptom check reminders](#). The symptom check reminders, called Sara Alert, is not a contact tracing system. It is not GPS-based, so it does not monitor a person's movements or track their location.

Registration Open for Food Distribution

Registration is open for meal distribution sites in the month of June. Those who register are given a window of time to pick up Farmers to Families meals at designated sites around the state. To find a location and register visit: <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help>

Keep a List of Your Close Contacts

Health officials suggest that Vermonters keep a journal of contacts – a list of other people with whom you have been in close contact with each day. If you get sick, this will make it easier to get in touch with those people and so they can take precautions to prevent further spread of COVID-19, including being tested if recommended.

Take Care of Your Emotional and Mental Health

Concerns about our health and finances during the pandemic, and the unsettled state of national affairs, has left many of us feeling anxious, confused, overwhelmed or powerless.

If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs emotional support, help is available 24/7:

- Call your [local mental health crisis line](#)
- Call the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) at 1-800-273-8255
- Text VT to 741741 to talk with someone at the [Crisis Text Line](#).
- For more information visit healthvermont.gov/suicide.

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