

## 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

### CURRENT STATUS IN VERMONT

On March 13, Gov. Phil Scott called on Vermonters to help protect our most vulnerable – the elderly and the very ill – and announced several mitigation strategies to help slow the spread of the new coronavirus. They include restricting visitor access at long-term care facilities, prohibiting large, non-essential gatherings of more than 250 people and suspending out-of-state travel for state employees. Gov. Scott declared a state of emergency to help ensure Vermont has all the necessary resources to respond to this evolving threat. [Read the executive order](#).

On March 11, 2020, health officials announced a second case of novel coronavirus COVID-19 in Vermont. This Chittenden County case is considered presumptive positive, pending confirmation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [Read more](#). The first case, [announced on March 7](#), is in Bennington County.

**NEW:** Travelers returning from [most of Europe](#), China, Iran and South Korea should stay home and monitor their health for 14 days. Call Health Department epidemiology and infectious disease staff at 802-863-7240 for

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#### [Hepatitis A and B](#)

Vermont is experiencing a statewide increase of hepatitis A, and Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD declared an outbreak in mid-January 2020. The Health Department has been offering free hepatitis A vaccine clinics in places that serve high-risk individuals, such as shelters, syringe services programs, and meal sites.

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#### [Lung Injury Associated with E-cigarette Use](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and state and local health departments, including the Vermont Department of Health, are investigating a multistate outbreak of severe lung injury associated with e-cigarette use.

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