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# 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

### **NEW IN VERMONT**

The CDC has updated recommendations for non-essential mass gatherings. As of March 15, Gov. Phil Scott has amended his emergency declaration to prohibit gatherings of more than 50 people or 50% of a location's capacity.

Gov. Phil Scott has announced a Continuity of Education Plan for the orderly dismissal of all schools, and cancellation of all school related activities, no later than Wednesday, March 18. Read more <sup>C</sup>.

On March 16, reported another four cases of the new coronavirus COVID-19. Read more. Details of other cases announced in recent days can be found in news releases available on the 2020 News Releases page.

Gov. Phil Scott called on Vermonters to help protect our most vulnerable – the elderly and the very ill – and appounced several strategies to help slow the spread of the new corporavirus. They include restricting visitor CONTINUE READING

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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. More ()

#### Lung Injury Associated with E-cigarette Use

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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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