

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### NEW IN VERMONT

Gov. Phil Scott called on Vermonters to help protect our most vulnerable – the elderly and the very ill – and announced several strategies to help slow the spread of the new coronavirus. They include restricting visitor access at long-term care facilities, prohibiting non-essential gatherings of more than 50 people or 50% of a location's capacity, whichever number is lower, 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](#).

[What this means for Vermonters](#)

The Governor also 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. The Governor directed child care centers across the state to close normal operations but encourages continued operation exclusively where needed to provide child care services for workers who are essential to Vermont's ongoing effort in community mitigation of COVID-19. [Read the](#)

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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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#### Zika Virus 2016 - 2019

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