

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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, whichever number is lower.

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.

On March 16, health officials reported another four cases of the new coronavirus COVID-19.

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 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.

What this means for Vermonters

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW

Travelers returning from Europe, the United Kingdom, Ireland, China, Iran and South Korea should stay home and monitor their health for 14 days. Call the Health Department at 802-863-7240 for monitoring information. If you have symptoms of fever, cough or difficulty breathing call your health care provider.

WHEN TO CALL

If you have questions about COVID-19: Dial 2-1-1. If you have trouble reaching 2-1-1, dial 1-866-652-4636.

If you are returning from Europe, the United Kingdom, Ireland, China, Iran or South Korea: Call Health Department Epidemiology at 802-863-7240

If you are sick or concerned about your health: Contact your health care provider by phone. Do not go to the hospital, except in a life-threatening situation.