



City of Burlington COVID-19 Update

Burlington COVID-19 Resource and Recovery Center (RRC)

March 2021

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Highlights:

- New variant found in Vermont
- State travel update
- State announcement on gatherings
- Free vaccines now available to age 65 and older
- Vaccine for people with high risk health conditions estimated for late March
- How to register for a vaccine
- Emergency rental assistance program

New Variant

The City's Wastewater Monitoring Program has **found a different type of COVID-19 in Burlington that was first found in the U.K.** This information is not cause for panic, but it is an alert for the community to use extra caution. It is estimated that these **new types of the virus can spread 30 to 40 percent more quickly** than the strain of COVID-19 that is currently in the community. **Please help control the spread by doing the following:**

Continue to avoid gathering with other households and following State guidance



Wear high-quality, minimum two layer face coverings that are well-fitted to reduce gaps



Getting a test for COVID-19 if you have any symptoms, have traveled, or have attended a social gathering.



Getting a vaccine for COVID-19 if you are eligible



State Travel Update

Vermont travel guidance has been updated. **People who are fully vaccinated and are 14 days out from their final vaccine dose can travel to and from Vermont without quarantine restrictions.** In addition, a fully-vaccinated person who comes in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not be required to quarantine. **Anyone who is NOT fully vaccinated must conduct required quarantine when returning or traveling to Vermont.** Vermonters returning from an out-of-state trip must complete either a 14-day quarantine or a 7-day quarantine followed by a negative test.

State Announcement on Gatherings



Social gatherings involving multiple households, both indoors and outdoors, in public and private spaces are **NOT allowed for people who are not vaccinated** at this time. **Vaccinated individuals or households may get together with only one other vaccinated or non-vaccinated household at a time.** Businesses and organizations are still not allowed to host public multi-household social gatherings whether the attendees are vaccinated or not.

To see State guidance in English, visit:

<https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-be-smart-stay-safe-order>

Vaccine Distribution

Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are now available to people in Vermont age 65 or older! No walk-ins are currently accepted at this time and people must make an appointment in advance. Insurance is not required, and the vaccine is FREE.

Vaccines are currently available to:

- People of Vermont age 65+
- Frontline healthcare workers
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- Long-term care staff who have direct patient contact
- Emergency medical service personnel and responders

Upcoming Phases, dates not announced:

- People with high risk health conditions (estimated late March)

Options to sign up:

1. Register with the Vermont Department of Health online at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine> (online registration in English) or by calling the vaccine hotline at 855-722-7878 (For assistance in other languages press 1). Call Center Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
2. If you have eligibility questions or need registration assistance in another language, you can contact your case manager at the Association of Africans or the Refugee Program. If you do not have a case manager, call the Refugee Program at 802-655-1963 or the Association of Africans at 802-355-0795 and you will be connected with someone who speaks your language.



Image Credit: CDC

Emergency Rental Assistance Program



Start date: estimated mid-March 2021 (official date to be determined)

Who qualifies:

This financial assistance is for those negatively affected by the pandemic. Applicants will have some income and other requirements they will need to meet to qualify.

What the program offers:

The program can provide financial assistance to pay for some previous due rent and future rental assistance. Grants will be offered in three-month increments, and renters can apply for assistance for up to 12 months in total. There may be an option to apply for a three-month extension after that.

Process:

Both property owners and renters will need to submit an application, and the payment will go directly to the property owner. For questions or assistance with completing the application, call the Refugee Program at 802-655-1963 or the Association of Africans Living in Vermont at 802-355-0795 and you will be connected with someone who speaks your language.

To see updates on the program and the application in English, visit:

<https://www.vsha.org/>



Questions? Need Assistance?

Burlington's **COVID-19 Resource and Recovery Center (RRC)** is here to help, contact us at 802-755-7239 or recovery@burlingtonvt.gov and leave a message with your name, preferred language, and contact information and we will assist you as soon as possible. Our call center has phone interpretation services available. Our operation hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

Find Translations:

Vermont Department of Health

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/media/translation/covid-19-translations>

City of Burlington

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19/translated>

Vermont Multilingual Task Force:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3zjPpeFnXqvESr1y3d4DvQ>

The information in this document is subject to change as guidelines are updated on a national and state level

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