City of Burlington COVID-19 Update

Burlington COVID-19 Resource and Recovery Center (RRC)

May 2021

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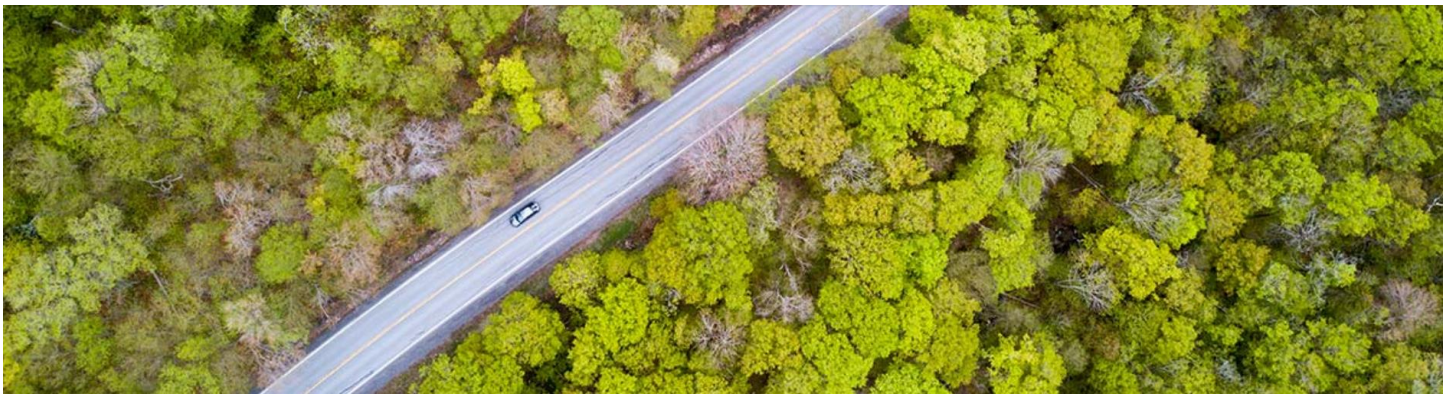
Highlights:

- Vermont Forward Plan - Reopening Guide
- COVID-19 Case Status
- Updated Guidelines on Masks
- Early Learning Initiative – Scholarship Program for Childcare
- VERAP – Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- Moving On, Moving Up - Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) job training program

Vermont Forward Plan



The "Vermont Forward Plan", was recently announced which will go into effect over the upcoming months. The goal is to be reopen for all activities by the 4th of July. This plan offers a reopening guide to help Vermont residents and local businesses see the future path for the return to unrestricted travel, business operations, and event gatherings. The plan was developed by the Department of Health, the Department of Public Safety, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and uses vaccination data to ensure a safe reopening of the state.

Key Updates include:

May 14 –
Gathering Update – If an event does not have a way of determining if an individual is vaccinated, assume all are unvaccinated for capacity limit. Events and gatherings must follow the Universal Guidance (in English), **which includes physical spacing and mask requirements.**

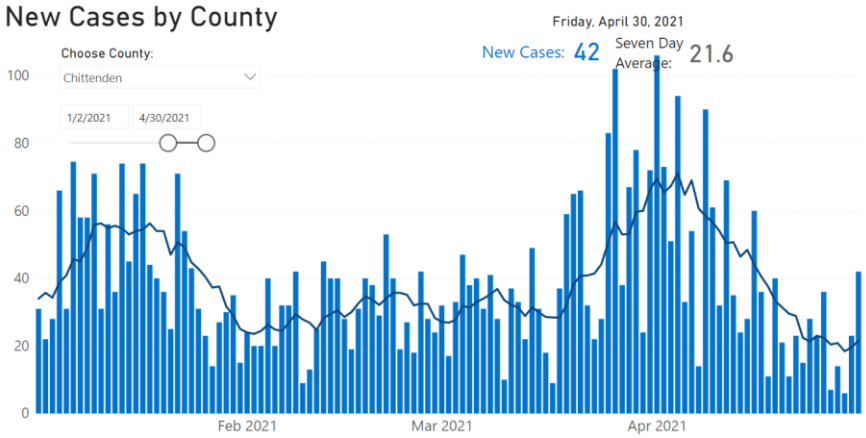
- **Indoor Gathering Limit:** One unvaccinated person per 50 square feet up to 300 unvaccinated people (whichever is less), plus any number vaccinated people as Universal Guidance spacing allows.
- **Outdoor Gathering Limit:** Up to 900 unvaccinated people, plus any number of vaccinated individuals as Universal Guidance spacing allows.

Travel Restrictions Lifted – Quarantine and testing is longer required for travel when returning to Vermont. However, certain quarantine and testing restrictions may still apply to international travel. Guidance may vary by state, so before scheduling a trip, check your destination's travel guidance.

July 4 – **All Restrictions Lifted**

- Gatherings and events – no capacity restrictions, outdoor events encouraged
- Mask and physical distancing requirements – not required but highly encouraged
- Business Operations - Universal Guidance (in English) encouraged for all sectors

COVID-19 Case Status



The City continues to monitor the presence of COVID-19 in the community. **Recent reports show that there is decreasing cases in our region, as of the end of April.**

- Seven day average (as of end of April) - 21.6 reported cases
- Largest age group testing positive for COVID-19 (past 4 weeks) – age 20-29
- Recent data shows that **over 61% of Vermont's community members have received at least one dose of the vaccine.**
- COVID-19 cases related to older community members are going down as many are taking advantage of vaccinations. **While these numbers show good progress, we still need to continue to be careful at this time.**

<u>What you can do:</u> Please continue to wear a mask, follow the State's guidance around gathering with people outside your household, and consider the free testing (which is a simple, self-administered swab of your nose, not the earlier test that went far back in your nose) available at 405 Pine Street in Burlington every day between 10:00am-6:00pm. Getting a vaccine can also greatly reduce the transmission of the virus within the community.

Early Learning Initiative

first steps Scholarship Program

Need help paying for child care? Your child may qualify for the First Steps Scholarship Program

Eligible families could receive a ***First Steps Scholarship*** through the City of Burlington, to help with tuition costs for full-time child care at qualified programs! To apply, families need to be Burlington residents, meet the income guidelines below, and have a child the ages of 8 weeks to 2 ½ years. Use the link for more details!

Family household income must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

Household Size	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Yearly Income at or below	$61,400	69,050	$76,700	$82,850	$89,900	$95,150	$101,250

HOW TO APPLY:
Applications are being accepted for the 2020–2021 scholarship application period. To apply, call or email Paula Bonnie at paula@letsgrowkids.org or 802-398-5464. You may also contact the RRC Call Center at 802-755-7239 for assistance. Phone interpreter services are available.

Learn more at www.burlingtonvt.gov/it/earlylearning.

Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program was created to **help renters dealing with financial challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic**. For qualifying households, the program offers rent and utility assistance to help Vermonters avoid eviction or loss of utility service.

The program helps households with paying **current and past-due rent balances, current and past-due utility and home energy costs, and other expenses related to housing**. Utilitity assistance can include electricity, gas, water, sewer, trash removal and energy costs, such as fuel oil. Applications will need to be filled out by both the renter and the owner of the property, and direct payments will be made to the owner.

Website: https://erap.vsha.org/ (in English)

For Application Assistance and Language Support, contact:

AALV – Association of Africans Living in Vermont
http://www.aalv-vt.org/
(802) 985-3106

CVOEO – Financial Empowerment for New Americans Project
https://www.cvoeo.org/
(802) 860-1417 x117

USCRI Vermont – U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

https://refugees.org/uscri-vermont/
(802) 655-1963

Moving On, Moving Up

READY FOR A CHANGE?
Start a NEW CAREER in healthcare and MOVE UP!

Earn HIGHER WAGES as a Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA). This LNA training program will provide participants:

- A 10-week course delivered online and in person
- 32 hours of PAID practical training, after completion of the course
- Full preparation for the Red Cross LNA Licensing Exam
- Professional development
- Moving On, Moving Up is partnering with UVMMC, Ethan Allen Residence and Cathedral Square
- Free for all qualified applicants

Schedule:
Coursework is three nights a week, 6:00-9:00pm.

To Apply:
Visit www.burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19/LNA
For questions, email CEDOLNA@burlingtonvt.gov.
Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning May 10.

COVID-19 Information

The Vermont Department of Health has individual language pages with COVID-19 health information:

Arabic: https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources#Arabic
French: https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources#French
Kirundi: https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources#Kirundi
Nepali: https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources#Nepali
Somali: https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources#Somali
Swahili: https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources#Swahili
Vietnamese: https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/resources/multilingual-resources#Vietnamese

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