

# VT. GOVERNOR ZUCKERMAN NEWSLETTER

MARCH 19, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATE

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<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/vt/dol/unemploymentinsuranceclaim>

Specific guidance for Employers:

<https://labor.vermont.gov/covid19/employers>

Employer Assistance (Unemployment Claims): 1-877-214-3331.

## Resources from the Department of Health

For daily Department of Health updates including the number of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19.

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus>

## Resources for Education

Agency of Education Guidance to Schools

<https://education.vermont.gov/news/covid-19-guidance-vermont-schools>

Schools will become physical day care centers only for children 6 and over, with no more than 10 children in a classroom at one time.

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL PUBLIC EVENTS ARE CANCELED.**

In the meantime, you can:

PRACTICE  
SOCIAL  
DISTANCING

TAKE A WALK

CALL AND  
CHECK IN ON  
FRIENDS AND  
FAMILY  
(VIDEO CHATS  
ARE EXTRA  
SPECIAL)

Plan and plant a Victory Garden, just like some of our grandparents did beginning after the Great Depression.

Even though we Vermonters live in a farming state, there will likely be food distribution interruptions over the next 18 months. I encourage all Vermonters who have the ability to start planning/planting!

**Let us know what else you are doing.**

**We will be posting resources on our [website](#).**

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Education Secretary Dan French said that a number of educators and school support staff would be exempted from the order to remain at work to provide day care for parents working on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19.

Those exemptions include: educators who are over 60 years old, educators with compromised immune systems, those living with others with compromised immune systems, suffering from anxiety, pregnant, or taking care of infants.

VERMONT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT has issued this **Essential Persons List** for Covid-19 Response

It includes staff and providers of childcare and education services, healthcare providers, public health employees, firefighters, first responders, pharmacy staff, grocery workers, and many more. The full list is here: [https://vem.vermont.gov/sites/demhs/files/Essential%20Persons\\_03182020.pdf](https://vem.vermont.gov/sites/demhs/files/Essential%20Persons_03182020.pdf)

We will add updates as we receive them.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Zubereman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned on a light-colored rectangular background.