

February 9, 2021

To whom it may concern:

The Health Department has detected an increase in COVID-19 activity in Franklin county.

What we know is: **Enosburgh** and surrounding towns of **Franklin, Richford, Sheldon** and **Montgomery** have all had increased rates of new cases over the past two weeks. Cases have impacted multiple households and workplaces. These cases are not known to be associated with any outbreak, which is an indication of more widespread community transmission.

We are sharing this early signal to encourage community-wide public health interventions. We are asking for your partnership and recommend taking the following steps to slow the spread of infections in your town:

1. **Increase messaging about COVID-19 prevention** across platforms such as Front Porch Forum, the town website, local newspapers, and social media. Include the following talking points in your messages:
  - Our town is seeing an increase in COVID-19 activity.
  - Take these prevention steps to help slow the spread:
    - Stay home if you are sick.
    - Wash your hands often.
    - Keep your social circle to only the people you live with.
    - Stay at least 6 feet apart from people you do not live with.
    - Wear a mask any time you are around people you do not live with.
  - We are monitoring the map of recent cases by town on the Health Department's website to know when spread begins to slow down in our town.
  - If you have gathered with people you don't live with, you should quarantine, and we encourage you to get tested right away, and then again 7 days after the gathering.
  - If you had close contact with someone with COVID-19, follow quarantine guidelines. Answer the phone if a contact tracer from the Health Department calls you.
  - Avoid non-essential travel. If you travel out of Vermont, you must quarantine when you return.
  - Remember that we're all at risk of getting this virus. Offer to help community members who are affected by isolation and quarantine. We thank you for being understanding and supportive of one another during this time.
  - Find more information at [healthvermont.gov/COVID-19](https://healthvermont.gov/COVID-19).
2. **Regularly share information about where to get tested.** Find testing opportunities in your area on the [COVID-19 testing web page](#).
3. **Refer to the [map of recent cases by town](#) to monitor the spread in your town.** Read the Frequently Asked Questions above the map to learn more about what the map shows. Transmission is decreasing in your town when the color gets lighter. Transmission is increasing when the color gets darker. The map is updated every Friday.

4. **Check out additional resources** at [healthvermont.gov/COVID-19](https://healthvermont.gov/COVID-19) to stay informed on the latest guidance and information.
- [Read more about prevention steps.](#)
  - [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
    - [Frequently asked questions about quarantine](#)
    - [Frequently asked questions about travel](#)
    - [Can I get together with friends and family?](#)
  - [Current Activity in Vermont](#)
  - [Information sheets, toolkits, posters, infographics, and translated materials](#)
  - [Vermonters traveling out of state](#)
  - [Chart: What is quarantine, isolation and self-observation?](#)

We hope this information is helpful. Thank you for your actions to help prevent further spread of the virus. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to St Albans District Director, Erin Creley at [erin.creley@vermont.gov](mailto:erin.creley@vermont.gov) or (802) 355-8030. Due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of people with COVID-19 or any more specific information about cases than what is provided in this letter.

Sincerely,

Vermont Department of Health