

## 2/24/22 Municipal & First Responder Call Notes

### I. Welcome and Introduction: VEM Director Erica Bornemann

- Welcome participants on the call.
- This is the weekly call for first responders, EMDs, RPCs, and municipal officials.
- We will be updating the VEM webpage where the Call Notes are currently posted and keeping the survey link used to ask questions active. You can submit your questions there and we will post questions and answers to that VEM webpage as appropriate. That page can be found at: [vem.vermont.gov/covid19firstresponders](http://vem.vermont.gov/covid19firstresponders).
- On today's call we will be joined by William Moran, the EMS Chief at AHS. We will be providing an update on impending hazardous weather, an overview of the State's response to COVID-19, and we will have time for additional questions at the end of the call.
- A reminder to participants that participants are on mute and will remain on mute until questions at end of the call.

### II. COVID-19 Overview/VDH Comments: William Moran, EMS Chief AHS

- **Overall update on COVID-19 in Vermont**
  - VT total cases 111,794 (206 new today)
  - Averaging 204 cases per day for last 7 days (lowest since Halloween 2021)
  - 28% decrease in last 7 days, 45% decrease in last 14 days , down 89% since omicron peak on Jan 10
  - 7-day % positive is 4.9%
  - 593 total deaths, no new deaths today
  - For hospitalizations: 37 total cases, 6 ICU, 1 vented
  - New hospitalizations have been stable over the last 7 days
  - 23% decrease in overall hospitalizations, 44% decrease in ICU admissions in last 7 days. (Lowest ICU number since 10/21)
- Continuing to identify areas that need additional vaccination clinics. Work is being conducted in order to maintain footprint across state offering testing for general public. Hospital counterparts are clear that staffing is short; these needs will be significant as we move into future.
- Many folks are looking for testing kits. For testing needs a system will soon be in place where public safety agencies can request take home kits to address crisis staffing issues. More details next week.

### III. SEOC Overview/VEM Comments: VEM Director Erica Bornemann

- **SEOC status:** The SEOC remains partially activated every workday from 0800 until 1600. Watch Officer is available 24/7.
- **Hospital Operations Support:**
  - **Staffing support:** SEOC is currently supporting staffing needs in hospitals. This need seems to be winding down as covid cases are decreasing.
- SEOC continues to support blood donation events

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- **Demobilization:** Demobilization planning for SEOC is ongoing. SEOC will probably demobilize in next few weeks.
- **Hazardous Weather:** Winter storm warning tonight to tomorrow 6"-12" inches of heavy wet snow. Over 12" inches in Southern Vermont. Northern Vermont will see less than southern counterparts. People should plan on travel interruptions. Snowfall rates may exceed 1"-2" inches per hour.

### IV. Questions from Call Participants

- **No question were submitted in advance**