

# Week Ending June 27, 2020

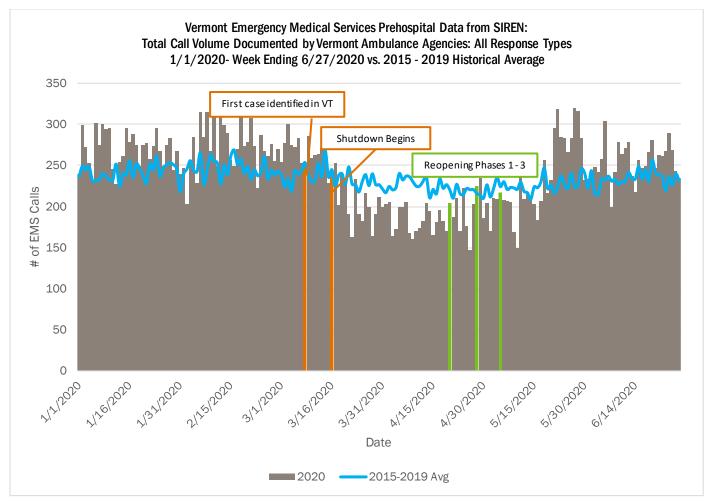
Data from the Statewide Incident Reporting Network (SIREN) and the Vermont EMS Office were analyzed for COVID-19 topics of interest for the week of June 21, 2020 – June 27, 2020. Topics of interest include:

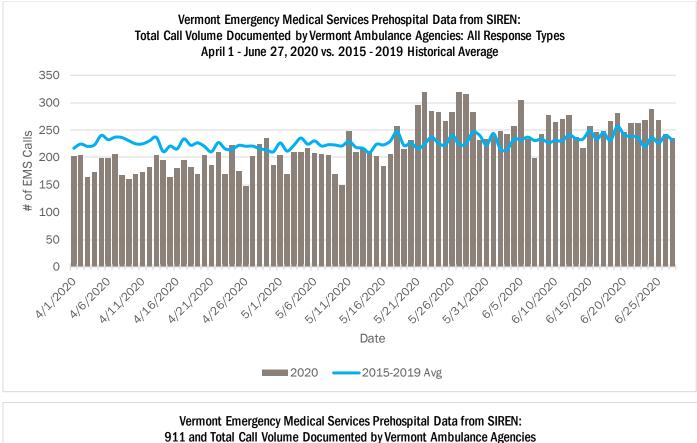
- Assessing the impacts of COVID-19 on the Vermont EMS system, including reduced call volume.
- Measuring the PPE consumption ("burn rate") in Vermont EMS.
- Evaluating potential EMS COVID-19 calls through supplemental questions.

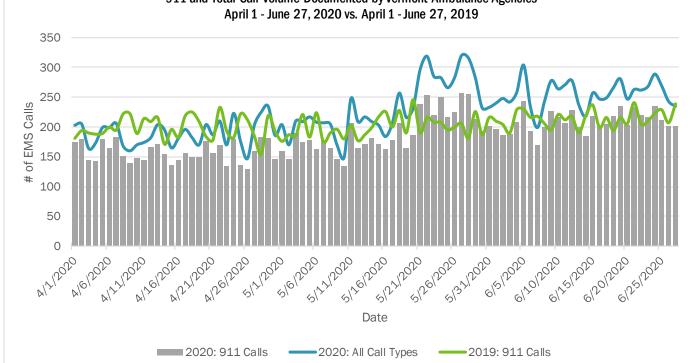
The data in this summary are preliminary and subject to change.

### **EMS Call Volume**

The graphs below display call volume data for 2020 compared to the 2015-2019 historical average for Vermont ambulance agencies.







\*First response agency data were excluded from analysis. This is to account for the increase in the number of first response agencies reporting data into SIREN as time progresses compared to the number of agencies that reported data into SIREN historically.

\*\*Numbers may be underreported due to potential lag in reporting.

## **Vermont Emergency Medical Services Data**

Measuring the PPE consumption rate, also referred to as the "burn rate", helps the state and EMS agencies plan and optimize the use of PPE for response to COVID-19. The burn rate can help the state better understand the specific resource needs that exist and help the state advocate for PPE resources at the federal level. This information can be used to estimate how long the remaining supply of PPE will last, based on the average consumption rate, and can help make projections for future needs.

	Week	Cumulative
	June 21 - June 27, 2020	April 5 - June 27, 2020
Documented Amount of Disposable PPE	2,509	27,520
Face Mask	607	6,034
Face Shield	166	2,045
Gloves	818	8,386
Gown	87	1,794
N-95	368	4,240
Protective Eyewear	463	5,021

\*Please note that the PPE numbers listed in the table above only represent what was documented in the PPE grid in SIREN by EMS providers. Therefore, it is possible that the numbers in the table above are an underrepresentation of the actual amount of PPE used.

### **COVID-19 Supplemental Questions**

	Week	
	June 21 - June 27, 2020	
Was the patient screened by EMS for COVID-19 symptoms?		
Yes	955	
No	112	
Has the patient had contact with someone being monitored for or diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of symptom onset?		
Yes	8	
No	721	
Unknown	288	
N/A	50	

# Vermont Emergency Medical Services Data

Did the patient have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath)?		
Yes	79	
No	921	
N/A	66	
If EMS suspects or knowns that the patient has COVID-19, was the receiving facility notified?		
Yes	95	
No	74	
N/A	862	

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