

For the Week of March 15, 2021

Manager's Message
Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Women's History Month - Colchester Historical Society Remembers Fanny Allen

Frances (Fanny) Margaret Allen, daughter of Vermont's most famous Revolutionary War hero, Ethan Allen, was the inspiration for the founding of Fanny Allen Hospital in Colchester. She was the first woman born in Vermont to enter the order of the Religious Hospitalliers of St. Joseph at the Hotel Dieu ("Hotel of God"), the first hospital established in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Sadly, tuberculosis took her life at age 26, but her memory was preserved in the hearts of the women of her congregation in Montreal as well as in the hearts of many Vermonters who were inspired and converted to a deeper faith by Fanny's life's example.

Interestingly, Fanny Allen's body was not interred in the Colchester cemetery that bears her name, but beneath the chapel of Hotel Dieu in Montreal. The former Fanny Allen Hospital is known today as the Fanny Allen Campus and is part of the UVM Medical Center.

COVID UPDATE:

Vermonters have done great job trying to keep this virus at bay. Vaccinations, physical distancing, wearing of masks and staying home when you're sick will help our social and economic recovery.

Social Gathering Rules: Two unvaccinated people or households can now gather at a time. Everyone should wear a mask and stay six feet apart. You can do so with multiple households, as long as it's just one at any given time. People who are vaccinated don't count against the limit. Kids can have playdates again.

Restaurants can seat six people at a table and they can be from different families.

<https://apps.health.vermont.gov/COVID/faq/#4761>

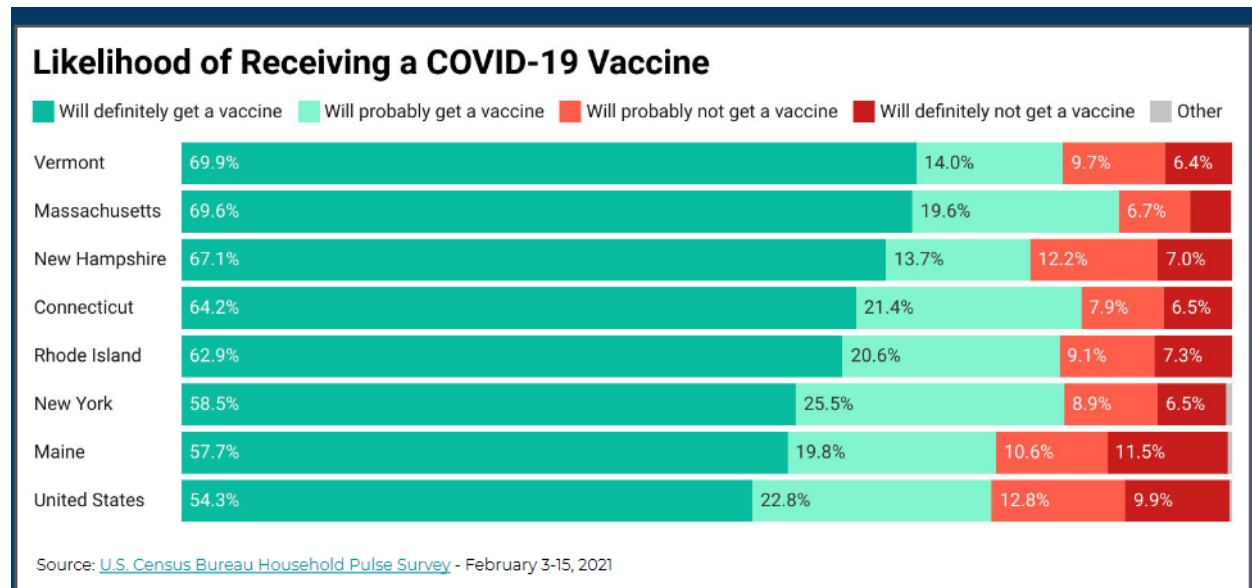
Vermont Health Department of Health Vaccine Video focuses on pregnancy, breastfeeding, and fertility questions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldq1kyVwZHk>

Vermont Vaccine Q&A: <https://apps.health.vermont.gov/COVID/faq/#vaccine>

State Weekly Data: About 20% of outbreak-associated cases are attributed to workplaces. Nearly all of the cases associated with workplace outbreaks were among staff only. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-3-12-2021.pdf>

Vermont Vaccine Dashboard: As of 3/15, 143,144 people received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 76,320 people received their second dose). 26% of Vermonters aged 16 and over received at least one dose. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-dashboard>

Vaccine Rollout and Phasing: Registration is currently open for residents and staff of long term care facilities, Vermonters who are 65+, those 16+ with certain underlying health conditions, teachers, on site school staff, child care workers, health care personnel, and specified public safety employees. Those without internet or who speak a language other than English can call 855-722-7878. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>



Food for those in need: Vermont Farmers to Families
<https://humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help>

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Director Parks & Recreation

- We are currently taking registrations for Colchester Youth Lacrosse for the spring season. League teams start for grades 3-8
- The Summer Camp/Program brochure is available online at our website www.colchestervt.gov Hard copies will no longer be mailed to each household.
- April Vacation Camp for grades K-5 still has a few spots available. You can register on the Parks and Recreation website www.colchestervt.gov
- Pavilion rental applications are still on hold as we await group gathering sizes for the summer from the State of Vermont.
- As parks begin to open please follow all State of Vermont Outdoor 4.1 Recreation and Fitness guidelines - <https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-stay-home-stay-safe-order#outdoor-recreation-and-fitness>
- With warmer weather arriving and snow disappearing, we will start to put up court nets once it appears appropriate.
- The Airport Park Ice Rink may be finished for the season as warmer temperatures have arrived.

Colchester Police Department
Chief Douglas Allen

After a long cold winter full of challenges, it was a welcome relief to enjoy some warmer weather and see snow packs starting to reduce. A sure sign of spring here at CPD is the expiration of the annual winter parking ban on March 15th. If a snow event occurs, a snow emergency may be called that would prohibit parking for a short period.

Please use caution if you choose to go onto the ice as the warming sun and winds affect ice quality very quickly.

We'd also like to remind drivers that with clear dry roads, speeds on our local roadways start to increase. One of the very few "silver linings" from the pandemic was the 30% overall decrease in motor vehicle crashes we saw here in Colchester. As we open up

our community, we ask that everyone continue to drive safely, courteously, and attentively.

Since February 11th, CPD has responded to 790 calls for service. These calls resulted in 35 arrests on 58 criminal violations including, Heroin Trafficking, Receiving Stolen Property, and Lewd and Lascivious Conduct, among others.

For more about Colchester Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5555.

Upcoming Town Meetings

Agendas available at: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt>

- **Planning Commission:** March 16 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/9359846003>; Zoom Meeting ID: 935 984 6003:
 - Live stream:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLljLFn4BZd2MtMV4SzmzYI6grkrjrcbym>
 - Mail or email public testimony prior to the hearing (shadd@colchestervt.gov or Town of Colchester Planning Commission, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446)

- **Development Review Board:** Next meeting: April 14 at 7:00 PM via Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/9359846003>; Zoom Meeting ID: 935 984 6003
 - Live stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
 - Mail or email public comments prior to the hearing (lriddle@colchestervt.gov) or Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446) or participate at public comment periods during the Zoom meeting.

- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Next meeting: TBA

- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month. Next meeting: March 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Dial: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 940 0941 6919; Passcode: 291046

- **Library Board of Trustees:** Next meeting: March 18, 2021 at 4:30 PM. Dial: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 915 3778 8889 Passcode: 167274.

- **Selectboard:** -Next meeting: March 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Attend via phone: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 989 5883 0839; Passcode: 161599. Alternatively, send a note to TownManager@colchestervt.gov with “Citizens to be Heard” in the Subject and your name. As with in-person Citizens to be Heard, we ask that you **SHARE YOUR ADDRESS**. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting



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and included in the information packet at the next meeting. Watch the meeting online via live stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>

Selectboard Agenda: www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

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