


# MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Independent School Heads  
FROM: Daniel M. French, Ed.D., Secretary   
SUBJECT: Strong and Healthy Schools Survey  
DATE: September 28, 2020

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## Purpose

This memo outlines upcoming survey activity which will play a role in Vermont's ongoing COVID-19 response. Survey results will inform current and future guidance, enable coordinated support efforts across the state, and meet federal reporting expectations.

The [Strong and Healthy Schools Survey](#) will support a monthly collection of Continuity of Operations questions and a twice-yearly extended collection comprised of both Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Learning questions.

These data will be shared with the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation, who are leading the data modeling effort, and the Vermont Department of Health.

## Responses and Timing

As you engage with the survey, please answer the questions to the best of your ability and in a manner that best reflects, when appropriate, a monthly average.

This survey will be deployed the last Friday of each month and will be due the following Friday (i.e., a one-week timeframe to complete the response).

Please note that the first deployment of this survey is the extended version of this measure and you will have an extended period to complete it. It includes both the Continuity of Operations questions as well as the Continuity of Learning questions. Please review the survey immediately upon receipt so you can gauge the amount of time you'll need to set aside to complete it with your internal leadership teams and prepare accordingly.

This survey is a **required** activity, designed to ensure that Vermont can maintain a strong, coordinated, statewide response to the ongoing emergency.

## Survey Timeline

First **EXTENDED** Release Date: Monday, Sept. 28, 2020 [Due: Friday, Oct. 9, 2020]

### Monthly Release Dates:

- Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 [DUE: Friday, Nov. 6, 2020]
- **Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 [DUE: Friday, Dec. 4, 2020]\***
- **Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 [DUE: Friday, Jan. 8, 2021]\***
- Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 [DUE: Friday, Feb. 5, 2021]
- Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 [DUE: Friday, March 5, 2021]
- Friday, March 26, 2021 [DUE: Friday, April 2, 2021]
- **EXTENDED** Friday, April 30, 2021 [DUE: Friday, May 7, 2021]
- Friday, May 28, 2021 [DUE: Friday, June 4, 2021]
- Friday, June 25, 2021 [DUE: Friday, July 2, 2021]

\*Survey deploy and/or due dates adjusted due to conflict with state holiday.