

Government Affairs Committee

Gov. Phil Scott Proposes \$7.7B state budget to meet 'historic moment'

as reported by vtdigger.org on January 18

'Big-ticket federally funded items in the governor's budget include \$145 million for housing initiatives, nearly \$200 million to expand broadband, \$51 million for cell towers and another \$72 million for water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure.

The spending plan also includes a \$50 million tax cut package, \$50 million to retire certain government debts and \$216 million for climate change and community resiliency projects.

The budgeting process in Vermont begins with the governor, who takes a first pass at the state's spending plan. The Vermont House then responds with its version, followed by the Senate.'

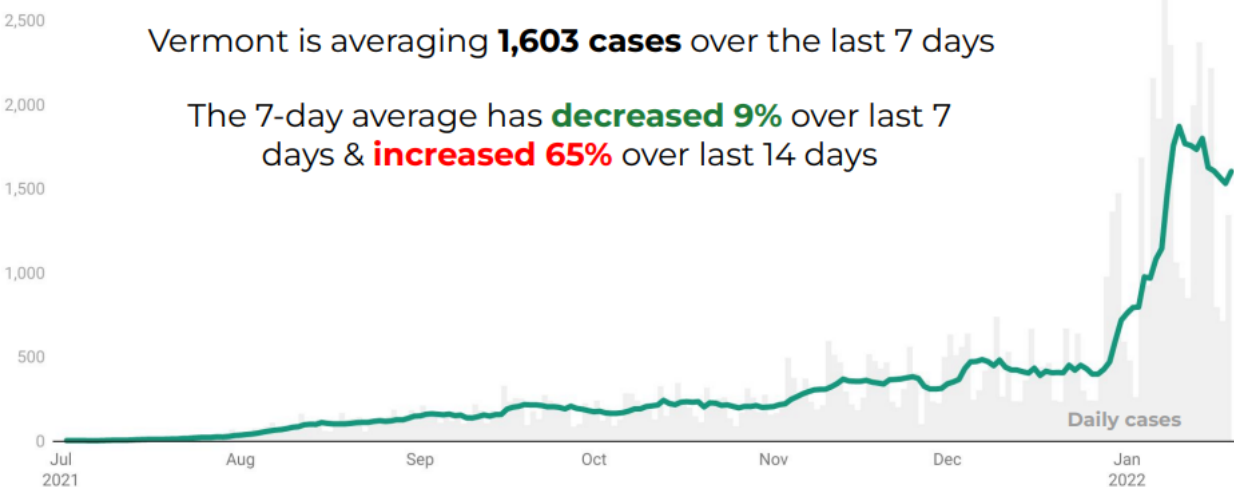
The rest of the article can be found at the following link:

<https://vtdigger.org/2022/01/18/gov-phil-scott-proposes-7-7b-state-budget-to-meet-historic-moment/>

Vermont Cases as Reported by the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation

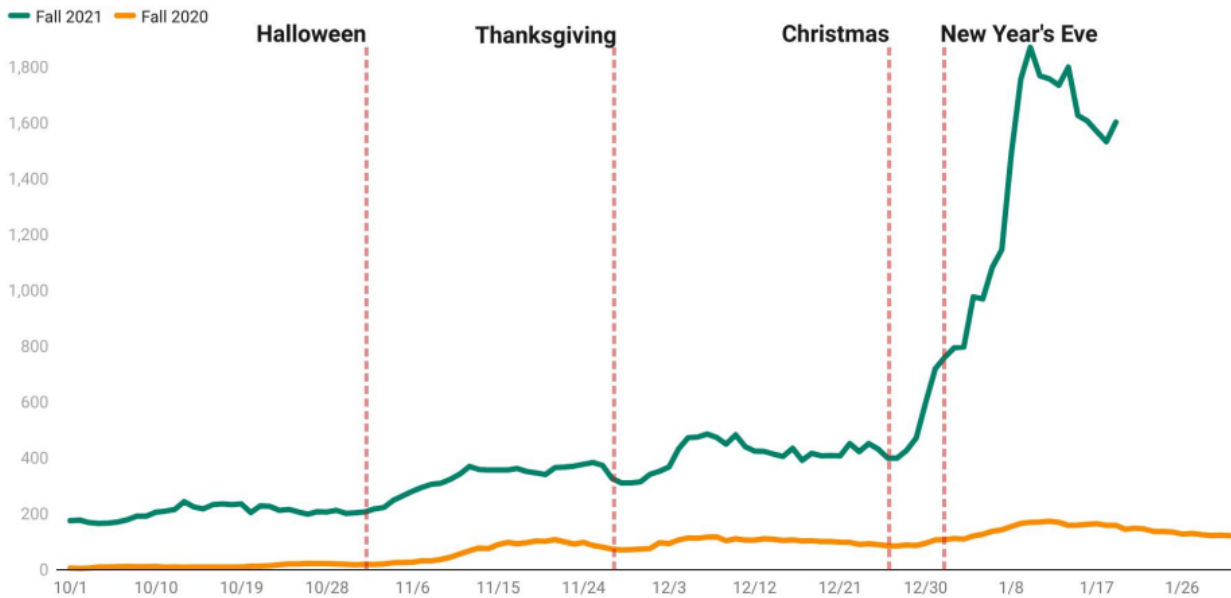
Vermont New COVID-19 Cases

— 7-Day Average



Source: VDH—January 19, 2022; created with Datawrapper

Vermont COVID-19 Cases Fall/Winter '20-'21 vs. Fall/Winter '21-'22



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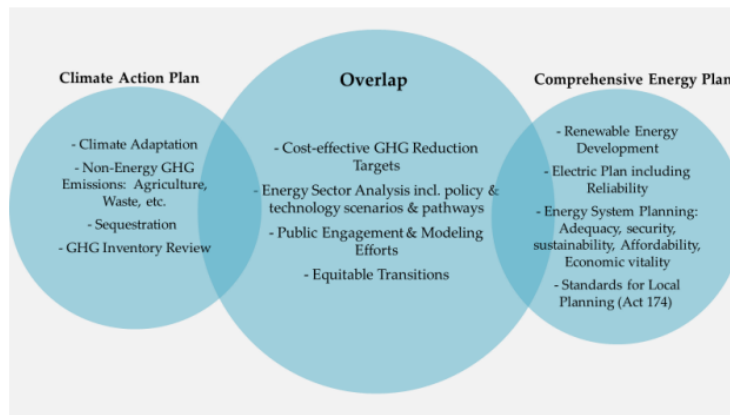
Vermont Climate Council Update

On April 6, 2022, this committee will present on the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan. These are both roadmaps to Vermont’s energy usage in the coming years, and ASHRAE CVC urges all members to be present and get involved. Please email ASHRAEVT@gmail.com for more information.

The full report of the draft 2022 CEP can be found at the following link:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/2022%20CEP%20Draft%20for%20Public%20Comment.pdf>

Exhibit ES-1: Comprehensive Energy Plan and Climate Action Plan



US Government Affairs Updates

(as reported by ASHRAE.org, partial topics listing)

Government Outreach

- ASHRAE President Member Kent Peterson Co-Chairing Federal Building Decarbonization Task Group

Global Government Affairs

- German Climate Minister Outlines Plan to Achieve Climate Neutrality

US Congressional Activities

- White House is expected to Request More Pandemic Relief Funds

Federal Government Affairs

- NOAA Releases 2021 Climate Report
- DOE Issues a Request for Comment Pertaining to Standards for Manufactured Housing

State and Local Government Affairs

- New Mexico Governor Proposes Bill Requiring Net-Zero Emissions
- North Carolina Governor Sets New Emissions Reduction Goal in Executive Order
- New Study Released on “Green Infrastructure” in U.S. Cities

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