



CVRPC COVID 19 Updates & Resources

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CVRPC is providing this information to assist municipalities to maintain situational awareness and to plan for, respond to, and recover from the COVID 19 pandemic. CVRPC hereby grants permission for reuse and reprint of information contained in this document.

This document contains:

- News from municipalities
- Available CVRPC services for COVID response planning
- Updates
- Resources related to COVID 19 response and recovery

NEWS FROM MUNICIPALITIES

The following information has been gathered from municipal websites or provided directly to CVRPC by the municipality. This information is being shared to assist municipalities with mutual response as well as service and planning ideas.

Barre City

- All City buildings closed to public. Land records research available by appointment. Library closed; senior center closed; homeless shelter open 24/7, but at capacity and no additional people allowed.
- All board and committee meetings canceled except City Council, which is meeting virtually, in compliance with Open Meeting Law.
- Dog license deadline extended to May 1st. Late penalties and interest charges waived on water & sewer bills until April 30th. Late penalties and interest charges waived on property taxes until April 16th.
- Resources:
 - Visit [Barre City website](#) for latest information
 - Barre Unified School District providing meals to children under 18. The school has drop locations where people can access free meals. Locations and times are on the school's [website](#).

- Capstone Community Action is coordinating community response and assistance efforts
- Local churches have suspended daily breakfasts in their individual buildings. All are working together to provide breakfast at 84 Summer Street (former ministries location)

Barre Town

- All municipal buildings closed to the public. All Barre Town departments are working regular hours. For services from the Town Clerk's Office, Planning and Zoning Office, Town Engineer's Office, Assessor's Office, Police Department administrative office, or Town Manager's Office:
 - Contact specific staff by email. If needed, send inquiry to offices@barretown.org.
 - Call 802-479-9331 to be directed to the right office or [click here for departmental phone numbers](#).
 - The drop box at the front of the Municipal Building can be used to for payments or applications. When needed, staff will meet guests at the front door and provide service in the entryway.
 - Postal mail can be sent to PO Box 116, Websterville VT 05678.
- All public meetings will continue to be accessible to members of the public that wishes to attend in person. A staff person will be at the building to receive guests. Strongly encourage the public to attend meetings virtually instead. Options will be posted with each meeting agenda.
- Deadline to license dogs without penalty extended to May 2. Call 802-479-9391 for details.

Berlin

- Town Offices are closed to the public. Doors locked but staff working. Allowing very limited access by appointment only for research in the vault; no advance booking. Much can be done through mail, email, phone, fax, and dropping off paperwork.
- Moving to holding meetings using Zoom, access information for public to call in will be given posted agendas. Some committee / board meetings have been canceled or postponed.
- Items are removed from [calendar on town website](#) when not happening. The Boards & Agendas/Minutes tab is where agendas can be found.
- No changes in municipal services at this point. Next tax payment in Berlin is May 15th.
- Resources:
 - Resource Line - 802-552-8805, recorded message updated Thursdays with events, meetings, deadlines, etc.
 - [Berlin Facebook page](#) has pinned post at the top of the page with information

- [Berlin area COVID-19 Mutual Aid Volunteer Signup](#)
- Berlin News to Know – email sent out a few times a month with community news, contact corinnestridsberg@gmail.com

Cabot

- Outside door to office is locked. Ring bell and staff will come outside to see what is needed. Wait outside for dog licensing or copying, but if doing research allowing one researcher at a time then wipe down the area.
- One person and Town Clerk will be present physically for meetings and will do meetings via phone.
- Extending the late fee for dog licensing until May 1st.
- Resources: [Jenn Miner \(EMD\)](#) is handling all volunteers- volunteers help with delivering groceries, prescriptions, rides to doctor appointments, etc.

Calais

- Town offices are closed to public; staff working remotely with one person in office to take calls and perform other essential needs/services.
- The Calais Emergency Management Team established a [CEMT email](#), is posting on Front Porch Forum and participating in weekly VEM conference calls.
- All meetings on hold until further notice; may need to hold meetings via Zoom or similar platform.
- Municipal services are being conducted electronically and via USPS
- Complete the [Cabot COVID-19 Community Relief Survey](#) to identify information about what people need and what people can offer. If you know of a friend or neighbor in need you can also contact us at calaisemergencymanagement@gmail.com or call the Town Office at 456-8720.
- Resources: Calais updates residents via Front Porch Forum with links to [website](#) and established an [email account](#) for those needing assistance or offering assistance and created resource spreadsheet to track offers and needs

Duxbury

- Contact Town Clerk Maureen Harvey for more information – 802-244-6660 or DuxTC@fairpoint.net.

East Montpelier

- Town Office building closed to the public. The public area of Emergency Services Facility is also closed to the public
- All non-essential committee/board meetings & events are canceled until further notice; the Selectboard will meet as necessary and will have options for remote attendance

- No changes as yet to town tax policies; the late dog license fee is waived until April 15th; there are no changes to the basic service options at this point although methodologies may be tweaked; direct access to land records is severely limited and by appointment at the discretion of Town Clerk.
- Resources
 - <https://eastmontpeliervt.org/town-office-building-closed/>
 - <https://eastmontpeliervt.org/covid-19-information/>
 - A “those willing to volunteer & those with needs” matching is being run by Town Health Officer Ginny Burley (vburleyvt@gmail.com) and Town Service Office Rachael Grossman (garlicmountain@gmail.com).

Fayston

- The Town Clerk, Lister, and Zoning offices are closed to the public until April 15th.
- For attorneys and title searchers: Fayston will remotely assist in any way possible and send any documents needed via email or mail. Appointments will NO longer scheduled.
- All documents received will be put aside and not handled for 3 days, after that period they will be processed as usual.
- Selectboard to meet but most participants will be via teleconference. Planning Commission meetings postponed until further notice. DRB next meeting date of April 14 will most assuredly be postponed as well.
- Residents should send in dog renewals via email. No late fees will be assessed on dog renewals until 5/1/2020.
- The Road Department will continue to operate but is off limits to the public except for deliveries. The Road Crew will limit their overlapping time in the garage itself with Road Foreman delegating outside work to the crew as needed. Stuart is available at the Town via phone at 496-8827 or 498-8939.
- Municipal services are available via email/phone/fax etc. Notarizing has been discontinued.
- Resources:
 - Mad River Valley Emergency Response Team
 - <https://www.facebook.com/mrvemergencyresponse/> is serving Waitsfield, Warren, Moretown, and Fayston

Marshfield

- Old Schoolhouse Common (Village Clerk’s Office & Onion River Food Shelf) building is locked. They are however, allowing people into the food shelf one at a time. Village Clerk is still working, however, people need to call ahead.
- Town Office is closed to the public. Clerk will be available by phone, email, and online. Website is www.town.marshfield.vt.us, where online resources are available for the following: Grand list and tax book, redacted tax bills, tax maps, zoning regulations. The

following documents can be scanned and emailed: more detailed tax maps, recent surveys that have not been scanned into land records system, lister cards. Contact clerk directly regarding how to research land records and for title search information.

- Zoning and listing questions may be emailed to: zoning@town.marshfield.vt.us or listeners@town.marshfield.vt.us
- Selectboard will continue to meet. If you wish to participate in a meeting but don't wish to come in person, contact Town Clerk in advance for instructions. Postponed meetings: Planning Commission, Stranahan Stewardship Committee, Development Review Board, Library Board, Energy Committee, Conservation Commission, and Historical Society.
- Dog license late fees waived till May 1st.
- Resources:
 - Visit [this link](#) for a list of volunteers willing to help those in isolation. Drew McNaughton is managing this effort – drewmcnaughton@gmail.com

Middlesex

- Town Clerk's Office closed to public. Will continue to provide essential services via phone and email. Town Hall is closed to any public meetings or gatherings.
- All public meetings temporarily being held remotely
- Resources:
 - Visit [town website](#) for more resources
 - Meals on Wheels in Waterbury is accepting orders, call (802) 244-1234
 - [Google Form to ask for assistance](#) and [Google Form to offer assistance](#)

Montpelier

- Offices closed to public. Building unlocked for lobby access, but offices not open to public. Senior Center closed.
- Property Tax installments due on May 15th will not accrue interest or penalties for late payments until June 15th. Parking meters and related enforcement suspended.
- Resources:
 - [Coronavirus response webpage](#) for list of resources (including list of shelters)
 - [Crowd-Sourced Montpelier-Area COVID-19 Mutual Aid Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Moretown

- Town offices closed to the public.
- As of now, all meetings are cancelled until further notice
- No changes in municipal services
- Resources:
 - Contact Stefan Pratt (EMD) for more information at firecadet100@gmail.com.

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Northfield

- Municipal buildings and facilities closed through 04/06/2020
- Some meetings have been canceled, visit [town website](#) for latest info
- Requests for information, documents, licenses and certificates should be made to the Town Clerk's Office at 485-5421 or visiting the Town's website. For questions regarding utility billing, please call 485-5411. For other municipal questions, please call 485-6121
- Resources:
 - Visit [town website](#) for current notices
 - Northfield Mutual Aid Task Force: http://www.northfield-vt.gov/text/Current_Notices/MutualAid_Poster.pdf

Orange

- Town Hall is closed to rentals and use until further notice. Town offices are closed to all public and in person appointments with an anticipated end date of April 15th, 2020. Staff hours will be reduced at this time. Available by phone for all other business. Please email aeastman@orangevt.org or treasurer@orangevt.org with questions
- The Select Board will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, but officials are considering moving those meetings to an on-line only platform pending approval from the Vermont State Legislature to amend open meeting laws to accommodate on-line meetings only.
- April 1 deadline for rabies renewals/registrations is still in effect. Please keep your eye out for any possible extension to the due date.
- Title searches, public access to the vault and notary services are suspended until further notice.
- [Town website](#) has a posted letter informing people regarding office changes

Plainfield

- All municipal buildings closed to public and all committee members
- All meetings suspended until further notice.
- Resources:
 - Visit [Plainfield Emergency Management](#) page for latest information.
 - Plainfield is coordinating with Marshfield to offer volunteer help. To learn how to offer and ask for help, visit: [I can help](#), [List of volunteers](#), [request a delivery](#)

Roxbury

- Library is closed to the public. Senior Center is not having any meals. The Town Office is closed to the public. The Town Clerk will still keep regular hours at this time. Appointments only for title searchers.
- Selectboard is still meeting at this time. No other meetings are being held
- Dog Licenses have been extended to May 1st. No changes at this time for last payment of property taxes due in May.
- Resources:
 - Visit [town website](#) for information on town office closures and [resource page](#) for COVID19 resources

Waitsfield

- The Town Offices closed to the public
- Selectboard meetings being held via ZOOM; all other meetings canceled on website
- Payments, permits are still being issued. People can submit payments through the USPS or use the drop boxes at the Town Office. Staff is entering the building one at a time to complete tasks but not letting anyone in.
- Visit [town website](#), Waitsfield Facebook page and Front Porch Forum for updates
- The school supplied information for the [Mad River Valley Community Fund](#) for people with financial hardships. They are also offering free breakfast and lunch to children 18 and under in the school district.
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Warren

- Municipal buildings closed to the public. Departments available to correspond via email and telephone.
- Dog licenses extended until May 1, 2020.
- Information on Board, Committee, and Commission meetings and changes in municipal services will be posted on [town website](#) and Valley Reporter Facebook
- Resources:
 - Mad River Valley Emergency Response Team
<https://www.facebook.com/mrvemergencyresponse/> is serving Waitsfield, Warren, Moretown, and Fayston

Washington

- Contact Town Clerk at (802) 883-2218/ washingtontownclerk@gmail.com for information

Waterbury

- Town offices and facilities closed to public except by appointment only through 04/06/2020. Front office open on M/W/F from 8:00am to 1:00pm by appointment only. Planning and Zoning open M/W/F from 9:00am to 2:00pm by appointment only.
- Steele Community Room use suspended
- Town has extended the deadline for licensing dogs to April 30th for all dog owners.
- Resources:
 - [Waterbury CARES](#) collects information on those seeking assistance and those offering assistance

Williamstown

- Town office closed. Public library closed to the public. The Pub has take-out and delivery. Bar Harbor Bank is doing business through drop box, ATM, or by appointment. Williamstown Food Shelf will still be open on Saturday 9:00 to 1:00 but people are to call ahead and they will bring the food out to you in your car - no one is allowed inside.
- All Committee and Commission meetings canceled until further notice.
- Dog Licenses will be extended through May 1st.
- Check [town website](#) for further updates

Woodbury

- Town offices closed to public until further notice. Staff available by phone, email, or postal mail.
- Dog Licenses will be extended through May 1st.
- Resources:
 - [Woodbury COVID-19 Response](#) for information on offering assistance or if you know of someone who may need assistance.
 - Contact Michael Gray (grhayes1956@comcast.net/802-456-1983) for information.

Worcester

- Offices closed to public until further notice.
- All non-essential meetings canceled
- Resources:
 - [Worcester Covid-19 Mutual Aid Volunteer Form](#), [Worcester Covid-19 Mutual Aid Help Request Form](#)
 - [Worcester Neighbor Network](#)

CVRPC SERVICES

CVRPC can provide a variety of services related to planning, public engagement, project management and project implementation in all programmatic areas (transportation, community development, brownfields, emergency planning, energy, natural resources, etc.) and on special projects. If you identify a need, you are welcome to contact me via email (waninger@cvregion.com) or cell (802-585-9174). We can assess whether/how CVRPC can

assist to address it.

Mapping

CVRPC’s GIS staff will provide services free of charge to municipalities and regional organizations for COVID 19 planning and response. We provide web-based maps for several municipalities in the region. CVRPC can also provide printed or digital maps.

As the number of cases of COVID-19 is increasing in Vermont, municipalities may be contacted by the public for information. Data and statistics on vulnerable populations and locations of key services that people may need can be mapped to help your municipality provide information to the community. Sample data sets that might be helpful to map include:

- Number of cases by county (town level data is not being released currently) (confirmed, deaths, recovered)
- Wi-Fi hotspots
- Schools providing food delivery services for students
- Drive through testing sites
- Unemployment figures
- Vulnerable Population data
- Broadband availability
- Cable and fiber routes
- Cell coverage

Meetings via Technology

As expected, free conference call and web-based meeting platforms are beginning to experience volume challenges. CVRPC purchased a GoToMeeting account. We are “lending” that account to municipalities and regional organizations on-the-fly when they experience an unexpected free technology challenge. Our staff has investigated a number of web-platforms and can coach municipalities on which may serve their needs should they chose to purchase an account.

Continuity of Operations Planning

Through a contract with Vermont Emergency Management, CVRPC can coach/lead municipalities, regional organizations, and businesses through a continuity planning. We use COOP templates provided by VEM and FEMA and health information provided by VDH. CVRPC’s role is to assist these entities to think through essential functions and how accomplishing those functions may need to shift during pandemic response.

Information & Questions

CVRPC can assist you to find information you need. Generally, health-related questions are referred to VDH and municipal and regional needs are referred to the State Emergency Operations Center.

We wish you all safety in the upcoming weeks. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or needs for which CVRPC can assist.

UPDATES

Federal Emergency Declaration

Cost Tracking

The FEMA emergency declaration (issued 03/13) applies to emergency protective measures in preparation for/in response to COVID 19. *Municipalities should track all response costs related to COVID 19 similar to other disasters.* VEM will distribute information through VLCT, RPCs, and municipal EMDs on how to apply for that funding and what is eligible.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plans

Some municipalities with expired or nearly expired Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP) have inquired whether the 30-day deadline applies in regards to ERAF requirements. The normal 30-day after declaration Request for Public Assistance has been waived, so there is no time limit for submitting a draft LHMP update to VEM.

Open Meeting Law

RPCs, VLCT, VT Planners Association and others provided input and comment on draft legislation to address challenges municipalities and regional commissions are facing with Open Meeting Law and COVID 19 response. In brief, the current bill:

- Authorizes a public body to hold a meeting by electronic or other means without being physically present at a physical location
- Authorizes State agencies to extend any deadline applicable to municipalities and regional planning commissions. This is for plans and licenses only. Deadlines cannot be extended to more than 90 days after the date that the declared state of emergency ends.
- Permits municipalities to extend any deadline application to them, provided the deadline does not relate to a State license, program or plan subject to municipal and regional plans or municipal licenses. Municipalities can extend or waive deadlines for licenses, programs, or plans issued by the municipality. Those items are valid for 90 days after the declared state of emergency ends.

It remains to be seen how the Legislature will proceed with voting. Current legislation is available at: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/Docs/JOURNAL/hj200325.pdf> in Sections 5, 6, and 8 on pages 942 and 942.

Public Transit Services

Green Mountain Transit has experienced ridership decreases and driver shortages as a result of COVID 19. Service modifications are available at <https://ridegmt.com/service-alerts-related-to-covid-19/>. Washington and Orange County service changes in brief:

- Barre Link services suspended
- Capitol Shuttle, Montpelier, suspended. Transit Center Building is closed.
- Mad River Valley, all routes suspended
- Montpelier Link Express, service operational; some trips suspended
- Waterbury Link Express, service operational; some trips suspended
- Elderly & Disabled persons and Medicaid service, service operational; verbally screening riders
- US 2 Commuter, 6:40 am departure from Marshfield suspended
- All Central Vermont services are expected to move to on-demand services

GMT buses currently are operating fare free for all passengers.

Times Argus Publication Schedule

The Times Argus has changed its publication schedule. This may affect municipal legal notice publication.

- Print edition: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- E-edition: Wednesday and Friday

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

CVEDC Business Assistance Information

Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation's website <https://cvedc.org/covid-19-resources/> summarizes COVID-related programs, resources, and assistance for the local business community. CVEDC encourages small businesses to reach out if they are experiencing concern or strain from COVID 19.

Central Vermont COVID Response

Capstone Community Action, Downstreet Housing & Community Development and the Vermont Department of Health have established a Central Vermont COVID Response Team. This team is working to 1) meet the needs of vulnerable populations (homeless, low income, older adults, people with disabilities, etc.), and 2) to the extent possible, help insure our medical system is not overwhelmed. The team is working to address congregate recovery, medical, transportation, food access, outreach, volunteer management, and training needs. CVRPC participates as the team's non-emergency medical transportation team lead. The team's work is focused on homeless individuals in the Barre-Montpelier areas. The greatest number of homeless individuals are located in this area.

Municipalities with an immediate need for vulnerable populations services should contact the State Emergency Operations Center at 1-800-347-0488.

Building Bright Futures

Building Bright Futures is a nonprofit, public-private partnership authorized by law to improve the systems that serve Vermont's young children and families. It's COVID 19 resources page - <https://buildingbrightfutures.org/coronavirus/> - is aimed at child care providers impacted by COVID.

Free Internet Services for Low Income Households

Internet access will be essential for many people. The link below is to the **Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS)**, which has links to companies like Comcast that are offering free internet for 2 months for low-income households. Comcast is also committed to serving people even if they cannot pay their bill. Mobile phone companies are helping out and hotspots will have free access etc.

The DPS website link is: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/new-connectivity-resources-support-you-during-COVID-19-state-emergency-vermont>. People will still need devices that allow them to have access to the internet.

No Kid Hungry Emergency Relief Grants Available

No Kid Hungry is offering real time funding and assistance for schools, early childcare centers, and community organizations that are making sure kids have access to the meals they need as schools close due to coronavirus. No Kid Hungry is providing emergency grants to support these local efforts like home delivered meals, grab and go meals programs, school and community pantries, backpack programs, and other steps to help reach children and families who lose access to meals. \$1 million in emergency grants available on a rolling basis. Submit interest requests via <https://www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus-grant-request>.

Mental Health & Wellness

Washington County Mental Health Services

WCMHS' website provides a variety of resources to assist individuals with maintaining mental and emotional wellness during the COVID 19 pandemic. It's COVID landing page is <https://www.wcmhs.org/covid-19-landing-page/>.

- **Community Acts of Kindness (share what you know!)**
- **Fun Stuff to Help Pass Time (distance learning, ideas to pass the time, ideas to keep kids entertained, historical virtual tours of amazing places)**
- **Recovery Resources (online AA, NA and other 12 Step-focused meetings)**
- **Helpful support links**

Vermont Department of Mental Health

VDMH published *Staying Mentally Healthy During Self-Isolation or Quarantine*, available at <https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/document/staying-mentally-healthy-during-self-isolation-or-quarantine>.

State Resources

Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)

ACCD is assessing and responding to the community impacts of COVID 19 on Vermont businesses. It is hosting a webpage with business-related information at <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19-guidance>. In addition, individuals can sign up for ACCD's COVID 19 Economic and Community Response Newsletter through the website.

Currently, the website includes information regarding:

- Small Business Administration emergency loans for counties adjoining New Hampshire, New York and Massachusetts
- Links to the VT Department of Health's website and to Governor Scott's emergency declaration, which included specific directives for sales of to-go beverages, DMV transactions, childcare, bar and restaurant closure, and public gatherings.
- A list of essential persons in regards to childcare
- Business impact and SBA disaster declaration
- Guidance from the Department of Labor
- Guidance from the Department of Financial Regulation
- Small business assistance
- CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
- Tax deadline relief by VT Department of Taxes
- Automatic Deferment on Existing SBA Disaster Loans
- Interactive Public Wi-Fi Hot Spots Map
- IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief

03/26 Call Updates

- Senator Leahy's office is compiling a list of businesses re-tooling production for PPEs, ventilators, respirators to send to Department of Defense.
- Municipalities are reminded to keep information on municipal expenditures due to COVID 19 as reimbursement will require documentation.
- Unemployment is being expanded to include self-employed, part-time, and limited work experience individuals.
- SBA Loan provisions have been updated to expand eligibility and clarify forgiveness timeline.
- VT Department of Labor: Due to overwhelming volume, general information phone lines were closed 3/26 to assist in processing claims.
- Sign up for ACCD's daily newsletter and find more info at <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19-guidance>

State Emergency Operations Center

The SEOC is hosting COVID 19 update calls for local officials every Friday at 2pm. These calls provide an overview of the State's response to the COVID 19 pandemic and to answer questions that municipal officials may have. Specific questions must be submitted call at

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O5O0IK26PEOcAnDtzHVZxoUpluO7W5BOig27XwhVBN1UMkpBU1FKQjBBNTVKWUFJUjJHRjU0TEExOUi4u> (or click [here](#)) by Friday at 10am. A summary of frequently asked questions can be found at: <https://vem.vermont.gov/coronavirus>. This list is updated weekly after the call.

Municipal officials may contact Grace Vinson, vinson@cvregion.com, for the call in number.

Department of Labor

DOL COVID information is available at <https://labor.vermont.gov/covid19>. The site's updates and notifications include:

- Workers compensation updates and claims handling changes
- USDOL OSHA temporary enforcement guidance
- VT DOL memo on expanding unemployment insurance benefits
- COVID 19 information in various languages

Unemployment claims can be initiated through the website above.

Department of Taxes

DOT COVID information is available at <https://tax.vermont.gov/coronavirus>. The site's updates and notifications include:

- Meals and Room Tax and Sales Use Tax relief
- Income Tax deadline extension
- Secure Messaging directions
- Electronic filing and online service information

Public Service Department

The PSD has prepared a map of public buildings in Vermont where WiFi with access to the internet is publicly available. These sites are accessible at all hours from a parked vehicle on the road or parking lot. As a safety precaution, PSD discourages users from entering the premises or congregating outside. These sites should be accessed from within a parked vehicle. This information was compiled through an email survey of schools, libraries, and town offices conducted in March 2020.

Please share this information widely. The site is available at <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/announcements/public-wifi-hotspots-vermont>.

Federal Resources

USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development has launched a COVID-19 resource page about actions taken by the Agency to help rural residents, businesses, and communities impacted by the COVID-19

outbreak The resource page is available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus>.

Currently, it includes:

- Immediate Opportunities for RD Customers Impacted by COVID 19
- COVID 19 Stakeholder Notifications for:
 - USDA Rural Utilities Service
 - USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service
 - Single-Family Housing Direct Loan and Grant Programs
- Single-Family Housing Direct We Care Letter (USDA payment and moratorium assistance that can be provided)

FEMA and EDA

FEMA and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) are collaborating on small businesses recovery, working with the Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Labor (DOL), and the USDA Rural Development (USDA RD) to provide different types of assistance (loans, grants, unemployment support). Two disasters are in progress:

- a health and human services disaster for response to COVID 19 pandemic, and
- an economic disaster from the pandemic's impact.

There may be economic stimulus funding for recovery projects. Municipalities are encouraged begin building build a list of local and regional projects that are:

- ready for construction (permits in place or easily obtained),
- ready for design and/or permitting, and
- ready for scoping (have idea, need 30% conceptual designs).

These projects might be infrastructure (water, wastewater, broadband, transportation, etc.), community development (housing, community centers, etc.), or other areas (public projects to support business needs, etc.). These projects lists can be forwarded to Zachary Maia, maia@cvregion.com. At minimum, please include project name, estimated cost, and a contact person's name, email, and telephone number. Municipalities may receive similar requests from multiple entities. You are encouraged to respond to all entities with the same list.