

COVID 19 Updates & Resources

4/21/2020

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.

The document only contains updated information which is outlined below. Previous resources can be found in the previous update documents which are located on our website –

<http://centralvtplanning.org>

- Municipal News: [Barre City, Barre Town, Fayston, Montpelier, Roxbury, Waitsfield](#)
- CVRPC Services: [Selectboard and Manager/Administrator Roundtable](#)
- Updates: N/A
- Resources Available: [WNOC-RRCC, Vermont League of Cities and Towns](#)
- State Updates: [Agency of Transportation, Agency of Commerce & Community Development, Vermont Emergency Management, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Vermont Department of Taxes](#)
- Federal Updates: N/A

MUNICIPAL NEWS

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. Contact Nancy Chartrand, chartrand@cvregion.com with updates.

Barre City

- Online payment portal expanded to discourage people coming in to City Hall to make payments – info [here](#).
- Barre City playgrounds closed.
- New information on Barre Mutual Aid here: <https://barremutualaid.recovers.org/>

Barre Town

- New information on Barre Mutual Aid here: <https://barremutualaid.recovers.org/>
- Homestead Declaration filings extended to July 15th. Contact Town Assessors Office with questions at 02-479-2595.
- All public meetings accessible to public by teleconference only. Phone-in information will be posted with each meeting agenda.

Fayston

- Remains closed to public. May consider a limited schedule of appointments for necessary services as defined by the ACCD.

Montpelier

- City Hall closed to the public. Contact Jhasmine Lamb jlamb@montpelier-vt.org to schedule a remote meeting as needed.
- City Council meeting via technology. All other Committee meetings postponed.
- Link to City Manager's [April 22nd Weekly Report](#) with updates on all departments and services.

Roxbury

- Land record research by appointment only on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays between 9AM – 1PM. Gloves and masks are required. Other special instructions apply. More information [here](#).

Waitsfield

- Limited access to Town offices for land records and title searches. Appointments are first-come, first-served basis and 30 minutes each. More information [here](#).

CVRPC SERVICES

CVRPC provides 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. Municipalities can contact Bonnie Waninger via email (waninger@cvregion.com) or cell (802-585-9174) to discuss how CVRPC can assist.

CVRPC is organizing a roundtable for Selectboards and Managers/Administrators for the week of April 27. Contact Bonnie Waninger, waninger@cvregion.com, if you'd like to recommend specific topics for discussion.

UPDATES

None.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Webinar – Municipal Essential Functions and Services Explained – April 22nd @ 2:00 pm

Ted Brady, Deputy Secretary for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development will review frequently asked questions about sector-specific essential services and functions for municipalities. ACCD continues to update its guidance in accordance with Addendums to the Governor's Stay Home,

Stay Safe Executive Order. Register [here](#).

Webinar – Local Financing Opportunities to Help Communities Recover – April 27th @ 10:00 am

Presented by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, this introductory webinar for municipal leaders answers the question: What tools are currently available (and what tools are being considered by the state) to help towns access financing that bridges expected revenue gaps due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Register [here](#).

Washington and Northern Orange Counties Regional Response (WNOC-RRCC)

The State of Vermont in collaboration with the Vermont Foodbank, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and utilizing the Vermont National Guard, will begin distributing free MREs (Meals, Ready to Eat) across the state at the following locations across the state. Sites will be open 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM on the specific day listed. Please see below for transportation assistance.

- Wednesday, April 22 - Franklin County Airport, 629 Airport Rd, Swanton, VT 05488
- Friday, April 24 - Rutland Southern VT Regional Airport, 1002 Airport Rd, North Clarendon, VT 05759
- Monday, April 27 - Hartness State Airport, 15 Airport Rd, North Springfield, VT 05150
- Tuesday, April 28 - William H Morse State Airport, 1563 Walloomsac Rd, Bennington, VT 05201
- Wednesday, April 29 - Northeast Kingdom International Airport, 2628 Airport Rd, Newport, VT 05855

One (1) case of MREs per person in the household will be provided for anyone who needs food. Vermont National Guard soldiers will be on-site to orchestrate the distribution. All visitors are encouraged to remain in their vehicles and wear face coverings. Those who are ill, have been advised to quarantine, or lack transportation can send a friend or relative to pick up meals for them.

WNOC-RRCC is assisting with transport of Central VT residents to MRE sites as needed. Contact our Community Call Center to get guidance and connections to transportation assistance to a nearby MRE distribution location. Call or text 802-636-2025 | Facebook message us @WNOCRRCC

WNOC RRCC's weekly newsletter is available [here](#).

STATE UPDATES

Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)

ACCD's "one stop shop" for various COVID-related issues: <https://mailchi.mp/10d8a7781e26/covid-19-update-2020-04-01?e=d3777053ee>.

[4/17/20 Guidance for Phase 1 of restarting state's economy](#)

Information for town clerks, outdoor operations, and more.

Vermont Emergency Management

[Information](#) on where to purchase face coverings.

Local Emergency Management Plans (LEMPs)

LEMPs are due May 1st.

Major Disaster Declaration D4-4532

Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (ERAF)

The Agency of Administration released guidance on April 16 providing a technical clarification regarding ERAF. Per the ERAF rules, the percentage calculation for state match to federally declared disasters is based upon the adoption of specific measures/programs within 30 days of the major declaration date.

For the purposes of calculating ERAF share for DR-4532, the 30 day deadline will not start until the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) returns to “monitoring” status. The SEOC will notify municipalities when that status transition occurs. More details [here](#). Check your municipality’s current ERAF rate [here](#).

***Please note that PNP’s and State agencies do not receive ERAF FUNDS and are responsible for the remaining 25% State Share.*

Public Assistance (PA) Applicant Information

VEM hosted virtual applicant briefings last week for organizations seeking to receive PA funding. The PowerPoint presentations are available [here](#). For more information, visit <https://vem.vermont.gov/funding/pa>.

Vermont Agency of Transportation

In response to Governor Scott’s amendment to the Executive Order on April 17th, VTrans has created the following guidance: [Agency of Transportation Phase 1 Restart Plan](#)

Vermont Department of Taxes

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

Contact Your District Advisor

Inspection Recommendations

Extended Filing Dates (Grand List, Homestead Declaration)

Utility Filings

Grievance Hearings
Frequently Asked Questions

FEDERAL UPDATES

None.