



## 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.

The document contains only updated information. Previous resources can be found on our website – <http://centralvtplanning.org>.

### MUNICIPAL NEWS

Information has been gathered from municipal websites or provided directly to CVRPC by the municipality and updated to this [Municipal Chart](#). This information is being shared to assist municipalities with mutual response as well as service and planning ideas. Contact Nancy Chartrand, [chartrand@cvregion.com](mailto:chartrand@cvregion.com) with updates.

### 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](mailto:waninger@cvregion.com)) or cell (802-585-9174) to discuss how CVRPC can assist.

CVRPC will be holding a Town Leadership and Management Roundtable for Selectboards, Town Managers and Town Administrators related to COVID-19 and looking to the future. Two sessions (same agenda) will be held to accommodate evening and daytime availability. Wednesday 5/6 – 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Friday 5/8 – 2:00 to 4:00 pm. An agenda will be available soon. Contact Nancy Chartrand, [chartrand@cvregion.com](mailto:chartrand@cvregion.com), if you'd like to recommend specific topics for discussion.

### UPDATES

None.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

### Green Mountain United Way

GMUW's COVID-19 Emergency Response Funds are available to help support current needs related to COVID-19. This is an ongoing campaign to secure donor support with 100% of donated funds to our partners in NEK and Central Vermont with specific focus on our ACH partners and shared mission. Funds are not exclusively for Accountable Community for Health leadership members and the application is open to other community partners in our 5 county service area who are **working to ensure all people are well-nourished, well-housed, physically and mentally healthy, financially secure and able to meet basic needs**. Current fund balance allows for a limited amount of small dollar requests ranging from \$250-\$2,000 and will remain open for applications until all available funds, present and future, are distributed.

Application and more info: <https://www.gmunityway.org/relief-fund-application/>

### NOFA VT & High Mowing Organic Seeds

If you are food insecure, have lost your job, or are wanting to contribute to help feed neighbors in this situation, High Mowing Organic Seeds and NOFA-VT are partnering and will supply you with free seeds to start/expand your community garden to help with food security for you and your community.

To request seeds, fill out this form: <https://nofavt.org/blog/create-resilience-garden>

### Vermont League of Cities and Towns

#### Call to Action: Request COVID-19 Related Assistance for Municipalities

VLCT encourages municipal officials to **contact your legislators soon** to explain your reduced revenues and the unforeseen measures you are implementing to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. On April 30, Karen Horn sent a [letter](#) to the chairs of both Appropriations Committees quantifying the 2020 and 2021 revenue losses expected by Vermont local governments as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The letter also asks the state to commit resources to fill the resulting gaps in municipal operating budgets and suggests that funding from the federal CARES Act might be able to be allocated for this purpose. **Please add your information and perspective to this request.**

## STATE UPDATES

### Vermont Emergency Management

#### FEMA Applicant Basics Webinars

FEMA will be holding Applicant Basics Webinars. The audience for these webinars are State/Local/Tribal/Territorial (SLTT) governments, Private Non-Profit (PNP) entities, and FEMA staff. Topics include:

- Register and set up a new Grants Portal account

- Submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA)
- Upload documents and create tiles

Webinar session times and meeting information is below. All sessions are 1 hour in duration.

Times	Dates Offered					Meeting Information
	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8	
11am EDT	●	●	●	●	●	<a href="https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1608993066">https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1608993066</a> Meeting ID: 160 899 3066 Password: 724839
2pm EDT	●		●		●	<a href="https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1601049760">https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1601049760</a> Meeting ID: 160 104 9760 Password: 330134
7pm EDT		●				<a href="https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1609212324">https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1609212324</a> Meeting ID: 160 921 2324 Password: 323793

To join a webinar, click the corresponding link above at the designated time and enter the unique meeting password. Please sign in with your full name, organization and state for tracking purposes. Sessions may be recorded. If you have trouble logging in, try going to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). Choose “Join Meeting,” enter the meeting ID and then the password when prompted. You may sign into Zoom as a guest. Your Zoom log-in information is unique from your Grants Portal log-in information. If you have questions, please email [FEMA-Recovery-PA-Grants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Recovery-PA-Grants@fema.dhs.gov) or call the Grants Manager/Portal Hotline at (866) 337-8448.

### Vermont Small Business Development Center

The Vermont Small Business Development Center has developed new guidance for businesses as they manage the financial impact of COVID-19.

- [Business Lending 501](#) highlights Small Business Administration (SBA) funding opportunities and Vermont specific resources. It includes guidance on the SBA application process as well as a checklist of financial documents needed to apply.
- [Self-Guided Assessment: Business Cash Flow](#) tool helps businesses assess current cash flow, profit and loss, debt service, and expenses to give a fuller understanding of how loans might impact cash flow.

### Weekly COVID-19 Updates for Municipalities

Starting on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, ACCD will hold a weekly webinar to ensure local leaders have timely, accurate information they need to protect the health and safety of their employees and residents. The webinar is led by ACCD Deputy Secretary Ted Brady, and will answer questions and share information about best practices, new tools, and resources to help cities and towns navigate these difficult times. [Information to participate.](#)

### Stay Home Stay Safe Update

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Governor Scott released [Addendum 12](#) to the Stay Safe, Stay Home order. Addendum 12 continues the “phased restart” of the Vermont workforce and economy. Phase 3 of this restart, effective May 4<sup>th</sup>, will allow the following:

- Small crews of no more than 10 people per location/job to perform outdoor work and construction in unoccupied job sites
- Manufacturing and distribution operations may resume with a maximum of 10 employees in any location
- Beginning May 11, manufacturing, distribution, and construction may restart with as few employees as necessary to permit full operations while maintaining health and safety
- Business more than 10 employees must provide expanded training to protect workers and customers. ACCD will issue guidance and examples for developing health and safety training plans. Businesses with 10 employees or fewer may elect to implement the VOSHA training.

Additional provisions in Addendum 12:

- All public transit (busses, trains, and ride services) employees and customers are required to wear cloth masks.
- Customers and the public in general are encouraged to wear face coverings any time they are interacting with others from outside their household. Businesses, non-profits, and government entities may require customers or clients to wear masks.

Please see ACCD's [Memorandum to Businesses and Employers](#) for full clarification of Addendum 12. [Restart Vermont Resources](#) are available to help businesses work towards reopening.

## FEDERAL UPDATES

None.