



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](#) with the latest updates in red type. 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.

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.

The agenda for this week's Municipal Leadership Roundtables for Selectboards, Town Managers and Town Administrators is linked below. Two date/time options are offered for the same roundtable to accommodate schedules of participants. We look forward to your participation. Log in information to the virtual meetings by phone or computer is noted below and within the agenda on our website at: <http://centralvtplanning.org/10287-2/>

UPDATES

None.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

None.

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	•	•	•	•	•	https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1608993066 Meeting ID: 160 899 3066 Password: 724839
2pm EDT	•		•		•	https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1601049760 Meeting ID: 160 104 9760 Password: 330134
7pm EDT		•				https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1609212324 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. 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 or call the Grants Manager/Portal Hotline at (866) 337-8448.

Mask Purchasing Resources

VEM has expanded the [list of businesses](#) where masks can be purchased.

Department of Public Safety

The Division of Fire Safety has created a webpage that outlines COVID-19 resources for Fire Departments: <https://firesafety.vermont.gov/Firesafety/covid-19fdresources>

Agency for Commerce and Community Development

ACCD developed new Restart VT webpage: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business/restart>

Weekly COVID-19 Updates for Municipalities

Starting this week, 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.](#)

Questions and answers on the 5/4 webinar included:

- Should Town Clerks require temperature checks for visitors coming into the office?
 - No, but all town offices need to have a flyer posted warning people with respiratory symptoms not to enter.
 - Employees are required to wear masks, and the Town can require office visitors to wear masks.
- Any guidance from the state on large gatherings (parades, etc.)?
 - Towns should make decisions based on the existing guidance that doesn't permit gatherings of 10 or more.
- Are Town Health Officers charged with enforcing state orders?
 - VT Attorney General is charged with enforcing the Stay Home Stay Safe order; town officials are not expected to do this but are encouraged to educate people; you can escalate to Attorney General [using the complaint form](#).
- What is the protocol for employees returning to work and procedure for screening questions/temperature checks? Do we have to record employee temperature checks, or can we just ask employees if they've checked?
 - The existing guidance says that employers should work towards doing health screening and temperature checks at the place of business. You don't have to record the checks.
- Should municipal public/committee meetings still be held remotely?
 - Yes
- Does Selectboard have to take VOSHA training?
 - Yes, every organization/business needs to take training.
- Searchers need to look at books. What about quarantining books that have been touched by public?
 - VDH/CDC has not issued guidance that says that needs to happen.
 - [Vermont Department of Libraries released guidance](#) on best practices for sanitizing books

Stay Home Stay Safe Update

On May 4th, Governor Scott released an amendment to Addendum 3 to the Stay Home, Stay Safe Update as it relates to medical services. This allows limited elective procedures to resume.

- Outpatient clinic visits and diagnostic imaging can resume immediately if providers demonstrate that they are adhering to physical distancing and relevant CDC guidelines.

- Providers can begin to perform outpatient surgeries and procedures that have a minimal impact on inpatient hospital bed capacity (no overnight stays permitted).

Read the full amendment [here](#).

FEDERAL UPDATES

Small Business Administration

Agricultural Businesses Now Eligible for EIDL

SBA announced on May 4th that agricultural businesses are now eligible for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance Programs. [SBA EIDL portal](#) has reopened and is accepting applications from agricultural businesses only as a result of funding authorized by Congress.