



## 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. 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.

### UPDATES

None.

### RESOURCES AVAILABLE

## Vermont League of Cities and Towns

### COVID-19 Work Plan for Municipalities

In the phased reopening of Vermont workplaces, controlling people's exposure to COVID-19 is paramount. As with the manufacturing and construction sectors, **municipal operations also need to establish work plans that specify how they comply with specific workplace requirements regarding employee safety and social distancing.**

VLCT PACIF developed template to assist individual municipalities in creating their own COVID-19 work plan to meet these requirements and ensure the safety of their employees. The template and additional information is available on their [website](#).

## Vermont Council on Rural Development

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) and partners are working to support and track the efforts of the local *informal* organizations that have emerged to respond to COVID-19 to develop a fuller picture of who is doing what locally and throughout the state. This process might also identify community need gaps.

The state's 11 regional planning commissions have agreed to help VCRD spread the word about the linked form designed to gather information about local efforts. <https://forms.gle/d5MWa9REJbZ4Q1cQA> If you or others in your town have initiated local or multi-town efforts to support people during this time, please take a few moments to complete this simple form.

Find out more about the Mutual Aid and Community Response Network that VCRD is helping to coordinate here - <https://www.vtrural.org/covid19>.

## STATE UPDATES

### Agency of Education

The Agency of Education issued guidance on end of year celebrations/graduations. Highlights:

- Schools may only plan in-person end of school year gatherings and graduations consistent with the State's limitations on the size of such gatherings (10 people or less); any other such events shall occur virtually or by means other than in-person gatherings.
- Schools are encouraged to plan creatively with their communities for opportunities to celebrate milestones and graduations in ways that are safe and supportive of students and their achievements.
- All end of year gatherings and graduations shall be designed to ensure equal access and participation by all of the affected students.

Read the full document [here](#).

## Vermont Emergency Management

VEM has retained 1,000 cases of MRE's for urgent needs. Emergency Management Directors can make a request for MRE's through the SEOC number: 1-800-347-0488. They must communicate there is an urgent, emergent need in their community. Towns will be limited to 20 cases per town and will need to arrange delivery within their jurisdiction.

## Department of Public Safety

DPS published draft [Emergency Broadband Action Plan \(EBAP\)](#) for public comment. This is an emergency update to the annual Broadband Action Plan that was released in April 2019. Please submit comments by May 26, 2020.

## Agency for Commerce and Community Development

### Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force Survey Released

ACCD is seeking input on prioritizing high impact actions to speed long-term business and community recovery caused by the pandemic. **Please share your views in this [survey](#) on or before Tuesday, May 12th.**

## Stay Home Stay Safe Update

Governor Scott released Addendum 13: Play Smart, Play Safe to the Stay Home, Stay Safe order. This continues the "phased restart" of the Vermont workforce and economy. Phase 5 of this restart, effective May 7th, will allow the following:

- Social interactions/gatherings of 10 or less, preferably outdoors (keeping 6 foot distance, frequently washing hands, etc.)
- Outdoor recreation/fitness activities with low/no direct physical contact (10 or less people)
- Older adults/people with underlying medical conditions should continue to shelter in place
- All Vermonters encouraged to wear masks when interacting w/ people outside their household
- Socializing w/ members of other households that are following VDH/CDC precautions
- Outdoor recreation: beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>, outdoor recreation/fitness businesses may begin operations (state parks, trail networks, golf courses, etc.) Groups shouldn't congregate, businesses should implement physical distancing, health and sanitation measures outlined in addendum. Businesses are required to adopt augmented health and safety training program.

See [ACCD's sector-specific guidance for outdoor recreation](#) for more information. Read the full addendum [here](#).

## FEDERAL UPDATES

None.