



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 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.

UPDATES

None.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

WNOC-RRCC

The Call Center that was stood up by WNOC-RRCC/THRIVE is changing its hours after 5/15. [See flyer](#).

The Call Center will no longer be staffed on weekends, and the new hours are: **10:00 am - 4:00 pm on weekdays.**

Vermont Food Bank & Vermont National Guard

FEMA Meal Boxes

The Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont National Guard will be at the Edward F. Knapp State Airport at 1979 Airport Rd. in Berlin this Friday, 5/15, 10AM-2PM distributing FEMA meal boxes, along with produce, chicken, and dairy products provided by the Abbey Group. Anyone is welcome to come pickup food. For more details, visit: <https://www.vtfoodbank.org/event/coronavirus-food-distribution-berlin>

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

The Draft CARES Act Amendment to the Consolidated Plan FY19 Action Plan explains the use of supplemental COVID-19 "-CV" funding for Community Development Block Grants and Emergency Solutions Grants. Interested parties can [learn more](#) and submit written comments on the draft amendment by 4:30 PM on 5/13.

Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center

Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center [will present live forum](#) on Wednesday, May 13th at 1:30pm on returning to work, featuring Vermont manufacturers and health care and safety professionals. The forum will provide expert, practical guidance on the reopening of Vermont workplaces in a safe manner in the current COVID-19 environment

STATE UPDATES

Vermont Department of Health

Pop-Up Testing

Three pop up testing sites will open this week for health care workers, first responders, childcare providers serving essential workers, and people returning to the state at day 7 or later of their quarantine (from wintering out of state, college students, and people who are coming to stay in their second homes). Registration required: humanresources.vermont.gov/popups. Clinics to be held from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the following locations:

- Tuesday, May 12: Bennington College, 1 College Drive, Bennington
- Thursday, May 14: Brattleboro Union High School, 131 Fairground Rd., Brattleboro
- Saturday, May 16: Upper Valley Aquatic Center, 100 Arboretum Ln, White River Jct.

New VDH Weekly Summary

VDH has posted a new [Weekly Summary of Vermont COVID-19 Data](#) to help tell a more in-depth story of how the virus has impacted people in our state. Among the data in the report are:

- Prevalence of symptoms
- Testing trends

- Information about hospitalizations
- Cases associated with outbreaks
- Effect on people with preexisting conditions
- Demographic data

The summary includes data from March 5 to May 7, 2020 and will be updated every Friday.

Vermont Department of Labor

Department of Labor's VOSHA team will host a Virtual Town Hall event on 5/14 at 3:30pm- *VOSHA: Protecting the Health and Safety of Workers*. Register [here](#)

Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets

Webinar Series: Supporting Businesses to Engage in E-Commerce

AAFM and the Vermont Specialty Food Association are running a three part webinar series focused on supporting businesses to engage in e-commerce, email marketing, and selling on Amazon. These webinars are part of Webinar Wednesday and will run three Wednesdays in May starting **Wed, May 13**. See more information and [register here](#).

Farmers Market Guidance

AAFM has released updated farmers market guidance [here](#).

Agency for Commerce and Community Development

Childcare Providers Given Green Light to Prepare for Reopening

Governor Scott announced on Friday, May 8 that childcare providers may reopen on June 1. Providers can begin bringing back staff and preparing sites on May 18 according to CDC and Department of Health guidelines. Childcare provider supplemental funding will cease but will be replaced by restart grants to assist centers in the costs of preparing to reopen, with details still to come.

FEDERAL UPDATES

US Economic Development Administration

US EDA Makes \$1.5B Available to Communities

The US Economic Development Administration has made \$1.5 billion from CARES Act funds available to communities for economic development assistance programs to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. [Applications](#) will be accepted on an ongoing basis.