



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

Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Municipalities Are Essential

VLCT has joined the National League of Cities' "Cities Are Essential" campaign to designate federal funding in the Phase 4 COVID-19 stimulus package for cities, towns, and villages throughout the U.S. [Read more.](#)

Governor Signs Important Legislation

On Thursday, Governor Scott signed three bills into law: **S.344** is an act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)

Community Engagement Lab

Reimagining the Role of Arts Organizations

The Community Engagement Lab is offering a [series of forums](#) for artists, instructors, and arts organizations to explore how arts organizations can reestablish themselves in and after the pandemic. The forums will be open to the public and will feature panels of artists and arts leaders in dialogue about the challenges and opportunities facing the arts field.

STATE UPDATES

Vermont Department of Health

Pop-Up Testing

Eleven sites are currently scheduled to collect specimens from asymptomatic Vermonters, health care workers, first responders (EMS, fire, and law enforcement), child care providers currently serving essential workers, and people returning to Vermont – such as college students, people who winter out of state and second home owners. The sites are led by Health Department teams, with support from EMS units and members of the Vermont National Guard.

Make an appointment online for the site near you (all clinics operate from 9am to 3pm): humanresources.vermont.gov/popups

Washington County: Tuesday, May 19: Barre Memorial Auditorium, 16 Auditorium Hill

Vermonters with [symptoms](#) – no matter how mild – should contact their health care provider to get referred to a nearby testing site.

People who do not have a health care provider can call 2-1-1 to be connected with a local [community or hospital-connected clinic](#) for referral to a test site.

For up-to-date information and guidance for staying healthy and preventing the spread of COVID-19 go to: healthvermont.gov/covid19.

Health Guidance for Childcare Programs, Summer Programs, and Afterschool Programs

On May 13, VDH has released guidance for childcare, summer, and afterschool programs to maintain health and safety standards requirements. It includes information on:

- Drop off and pick up procedures

- Health screenings for children and staff
- Physical distancing strategies
- Cleaning and disinfecting

Read the full guidance [here](#).

Agency of Commerce and Community Development

“Be Smart, Stay Safe”

On May 15, the Governor extended the State of Emergency through June 15, 2020. Additionally he released “Be Smart, Be Safe” executive order as an update to the Stay Home, Stay Safe order from March 24. **Additional guidance is expected to follow soon.**

ACCD Authorized for Phased Reopening

On May 14, Governor Scott issued an Amendment to Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20. This enables the ACCD Secretary to authorize limited, incremental and phased resumption of non-essential business, non-profit, and government operations, in consultation with the VDH and the approval of the Governor. Read the full amendment [here](#).

New Guidance for Lodging Operations

ACCD issued guidance to the lodging and hospitality industry that all lodging properties must remain closed, and should cancel reservations booked between May 15 and May 22. Effective May 22, the Governor may authorize modified lodging operations. Read the email sent to lodging establishments [here](#).

New Retail Guidance

ACCD released updated guidance for reopening of non-essential retail and drive in operations. This guidance goes into effect on May 18. Additions include:

- Non-essential retail operations are limited to 25% occupancy; or 1 customer per 200 square feet; or 10 total customers and staff (whichever is greater).
- Cashless/touch-less transactions are strongly preferred
- Curbside pickup remains preferred method of operation

Read the full guidance [here](#). Download Safe Retail Signage here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business/restart/signage>

***NEW DAY Weekly COVID-19 Q&A with ACCD – FRIDAY, May 22, 2 PM** – Ask questions and learn about best practices, new tools, and resources.

Vermont Division of Fire Safety

New Guidance for Non-Emergency Fire and EMS Activities

This guidance provides information on requirements for entry, signage, and recommendations for outdoor training and classroom activities. Read the full guidance [here](#).

FEDERAL UPDATES

None.