



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.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

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 on Thursday, 6/4, 10AM-2PM (**while supplies last**) 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/farmers-to-families-food-box-distribution-berlin>.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Open Meeting Law Compliance Amid COVID-19 Webinar – Wednesday, 6/3, @ 2 PM

Led by VLCT Staff Attorney Susan Senning, this one-hour training will cover the basic requirements of the Open Meeting Law, note the temporary changes in Act 92, and provide guidance and resources to ensure compliance during the COVID-19 declared state of emergency. Register [here](#).

Vermont Arts Council

Additional Arts Recovery Funding

The Vermont Arts Council has opened an additional round of Artist Development Grants to help artists as they adapt and respond to the current COVID-19 crisis. The new application deadline is July 13, 2020. Apply [here](#).

National Association of Counties

NACo is hosting a number of webinars that may be of interest to municipal officials. These include:

- 06/03/20, 2:00pm to 3:00pm: Administering an Election during the COVID-19 Crisis (register [here](#))

See the full list of webinars [here](#).

STATE UPDATES

Vermont State Auditor

COVID-19 Federal and State Expenditures

The State Auditor has created a webpage to help Vermonters follow the flow of COVID-19 aid. See more information [here](#).

Vermont Department of Health

More Pop-Up Testing sites added throughout the State

See the full list and register [here](#).

Current VDH Guidance

- [Interim Guidance for Resuming Elective Dental Services](#)
- [Inpatient Surgeries and Procedures](#)
- [Outpatient Services \(Clinic Visits, Diagnostic Imaging, and Limited Outpatient Surgeries and Procedures\)](#)

Vermont Department of Labor

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) Program

DOL has launched the new PEUC program, which provides an additional 13 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted their regular state unemployment insurance claim. Individuals will also receive Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), an additional \$600 to their weekly benefits through the week ending July 25, 2020. See more information [here](#).

Department of Environmental Conservation

Information on Maintaining or Restoring Water Quality in Buildings During Extended Periods of Low or No Use

DEC has issued guidance to help business owners and managers ensure water systems are functioning properly upon reopening. See the guidance [here](#).

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Local Food in Your Community Grant Program

AAFAM has launched the “Local Food in Your Community” program and is distributing grants (\$2,000 to \$5,000) for projects that contribute to implementation of community-driven local food market models to increase access to fruit/vegetables and support specialty crop producers. Eligible applicants are:

- Partnering specialty crop producers, producer groups, or farmers markets; and
- Vermont municipalities, organizations, or community groups that will partner with and/or provide support to specialty crop producers, producer groups, or farmers markets

Applications open June 1 and are due June 30. See more info [here](#).

Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Webinar recordings available

ACCD hosted a series of webinars over the last week to explain the proposed \$400 million dollar economic recovery and relief package and answer questions from impacted sectors. Recordings of those webinars will be posted to the [Recovery Resource Center](#) as they are available.

Interim Guidance for Use of Public Highways for Outdoor Eating, Retail Activities, and Public Gatherings

ACCD and VTrans have released interim guidelines for the use of public highways for outdoor eating, retail activities, and public gathering spaces. See more info [here](#)

Other recently updated guidance is available via [ACCD “Work Safe” webpage](#)