

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 <u>Municipal Chart</u>. This information is being shared to assist municipalities with mutual response as well as service and planning ideas. Contact Nancy Chartrand, <u>chartrand@cvregion.com</u> 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.

STATE UPDATES

Vermont Emergency Management

Call Schedule Changes to Alternate Weeks

<u>Vermont State Emergency Operations Center Call</u> for local officials and first responders will be alternate Thursdays @ 2 PM, with the next call scheduled for July 2nd.

Vermont State Treasurer

Municipal Emergency Statewide Education Property Tax Borrowing Program Launched

The Municipal Emergency Statewide Education Property Tax Borrowing Program was enacted on June 15 to assist municipalities to manage cash flow effects of property tax deferrals and delays as a result of COVID. The program authorizes the Treasurer to make payments to municipalities to cover interest incurred for these short-term borrowings. Learn more and apply here.

Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Updated Guidance for Fireworks/Parades

ACCD has updated its guidance for fireworks displays, parades, graduation ceremonies, and other gatherings to make clear these events can move forward as drive-in viewing events. Complete details here. Sample municipal plans for safe firework displays are available here.

Updated Capacity Limits on Event, Arts, Culture, Entertainment Venues and Restaurants

Effective June 16, these venues can expand capacity for events and dining to 50% occupancy size; allowing for indoor events/dining of up to 75 people, and outdoor events/dining of up to 150 people. Read the updated ACCD guidance here.

Call Schedule Changes to Alternate Weeks

The <u>COVID-19 Q&A with ACCD</u> will now be alternate Mondays @ 2 PM, with the next being Monday June 29th.

FEDERAL UPDATES

Small Business Administration

EIDL Program Reopened

SBA has reopened the Economic Injury and Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance program for eligible businesses experiencing economic impacts due to COVID-19. EIDL offers long term, low-interest loans that can be used to cover payroll and inventory, debt, or other expenses. The EIDL Advance Program will provide up to \$10,000 of emergency relief grants to businesses. Apply here.

Paycheck Protection Program

SBA Vermont District Office hosting <u>free daily webinar</u> at 9:00am Monday to Friday to discuss Paycheck Protection Program forgiveness and other changes. They are also hosting a <u>free webinar</u> at 9:00am Tuesdays and Thursdays to discuss the Paycheck Protection Program, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Advance, and pertinent updates.