



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](#). 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

Vermont Council on Rural Development

Orange County COVID-19 Recovery Forum: From Recovery to Renewal and Resilience

On **July 21st** from 6:30-8:30pm, the Local Solutions and Community Action Team established by Governor Phil Scott is hosting a virtual COVID-19 recovery discussion to connect with others in Orange County to:

- Share challenges and ideas for community response and recovery
- Connect to others working to respond, recover, and build long-term resilience

- Meet with a “visiting team” of state, federal, business, and non-profit leaders who will share recovery strategies from across the state and ideas for resources and support.

Agenda:

6:30pm - Opening Session

6:40pm - Breakouts

- Supporting Orange County Businesses & Buying Local
- Addressing Housing & Homelessness
- Advancing Education & Childcare
- Overcoming Isolation & Building Community Unity

8:10pm - Closing Session

All ARE WELCOME. Coming together to discuss recovery strategies and build ongoing resilience is vital and your voice is critical. **Registration is required:** vtrural.org/recovery/orange. Once you are registered, you will receive instructions to join via computer, mobile device, or phone. For assistance with registration contact info@vtrural.org or 802-223-6091.

Vermont Food Bank

Farmers to Families Food Box Distribution

The next phase of Farmers to Families Food Distribution started Monday July 6. Distribution sites will rotate around the state in July, with each site occurring at least twice during the month. Register [here](#) no later than 4pm the day before the event. Upcoming sites in Central Vermont:

- Friday 7/24, 7/31: Barre (Capstone Community Action)

Vermont Futures Project

The [Vermont Futures Project](#) has partnered with the UVM Center for Research on a statewide survey of people taking refuge in Vermont during the COVID-19 pandemic. The objective is to learn what these temporary residents would need to make Vermont their permanent residence. The results will be shared with community and business leaders, policy makers, and others to help inform our next steps. Please [share this survey](#) with your networks.

STATE UPDATES

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Vermont COVID-19 Agriculture Assistance Program: Dairy Assistance Applications Open July 17

Dairy assistance is available for dairy producers and processors who have experienced income loss, additional expenses, and market disruptions as a result of COVID-19. Applications will be accepted through October 1, 2020. Apply @ <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/covid-19-information/vermont-covid-19-agriculture-assistance-program/vermont-covid-19-agriculture>. AAFM will be hosting webinars on the application process, see below for dates and registration is available through the link above.

- Tuesday, July 21, 12:30-1:30pm
- Wednesday, July 22, 12:30-1:30pm
- Thursday, July 23, 3:30-4:30pm

Applications for Non-Dairy Working Lands and Agricultural Fairs assistance are coming soon. Visit the [Vermont COVID-19 Agricultural Assistance Programs \(VCAAP\)](#) homepage for updates.

Agency of Human Services

Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program Opens July 17

Providers have until August 15, 2020 to submit application for funding at which time all applicants will be evaluated together; this is not a first come first serve award process. Eligible entities include hospitals, nursing homes, and ambulance providers, etc. [Apply here starting July 17, 2020.](#)

Vermont State Housing Authority

Rental Housing Stabilization Program Applications Open

This program will provide funding for landlords on behalf of tenants in need of rental assistance due to COVID-19. Applications are open through December 20, 2020 or until funds are exhausted: [apply here.](#)

Vermont Housing Finance Agency

Vermont Mortgage Assistance Program Applications Open

This program will provide up to three monthly mortgage payments for low-income homeowners who have fallen behind on mortgages and are facing economic hardship due to COVID-19. Applications are open through August 31, 2020 or until funds are exhausted: [apply here.](#)

FEDERAL UPDATES

None.