COVID-19 Resources

NEW

New information is highlighted below for about a week or until it becomes out of date. All new links are also listed within their topic category where applicable.

- **Temporary Local Control for Gathering Size and Serving of Alcohol** - announced 8/14 (Until VLCT determines how this new requirement will affect municipalities, please contact ACCD [1] with any questions.)
- **State Distributing 300K Cloth Facial Coverings** [6] – announced 8/13
- **The Legislature Returns on August 25!** [7] – see what awaits them
- **Apply for FEMA's COVID-19 Assistance** [8] – **a necessary step** before receiving certain other funding
- **Local Government Expense Reimbursement (LGER) Grants** [9] – apply by 9/4; submit supporting docs by 12/15
- **Municipal Planning Grants** [10] – **can be used for long term recovery and revitalization**
- **Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grants** [11] – employers may apply for costs of hazard pay
- **NEW! Child Care Operational Relief Grants** [13] – **three categories announced 8/7; apply by 8/26**
- **Internet Line Extension Customer Assistance Program** [14] [5] [3]

Scroll down to view additional links and resources, or to browse the categories.

- Visit **Quick Links to State and National Webpages** [15] for general COVID-19 information via links to pages such as the CDC and the Vermont Health Department as well as various other organizations, government agencies, and departments.
- View our library of recorded trainings [16] including *Open Meeting Law, Remote Working Best Practices, ACCD Q&A Calls*, statutory updates, and more.
View VLCT Advocacy's Weekly Legislative Reports [17], Legislative Alerts [18], and written Testimony [19].

**Bookmark this page** [20] for the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center call information, updated join information added prior to each call.

### Reopening Guidance and Resources

The pages linked to below are updated frequently. Check the New section above for the most recent notes on updates.

- ACCD Resources for Communities webpage [21] *Includes link to Municipal Assistance* [22] webpage
- ACCD Phased Restart Guidance [23]
- VRPA Resources for Municipal Pools and Recreation [24]
- NLC Safely Reopening Municipal Facilities Toolkit *Has not been reviewed for compliance with Vermont regulations* [26]
- Required COVID-19 Employee Training and Resources for Phased-In Return to Work [27]
- COVID-19 Resources for Fire Departments [28]
- "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Guidance and FAQs [29]

### Municipal Operations and Governance

- Temporary Local Control for Gathering Size and Serving of Alcohol [30] – *announced 8/14*
- Town Operations COVID-19 FAQs [31]
- PVR’s Updated COVID-19 Q&A Accompanies Webinar Recording [32]
- Town Finance and Tax Related to COVID-19 FAQs [33]
- Open Meeting Law and COVID-19 FAQs [34]
- Mutual Aid Agreement Sample for Sharing Resources Between Municipalities [35]
- Remote Public Meetings Toolkit [36]
- Cybersecurity – *Especially Important for Remote Workers* [37]
- Secretary of State *Elections Division COVID-19 Response* [38]
- Secretary of State Municipal Division COVID-19 Response [39] - *includes Open Meeting Law information*
- Dept. of Taxes Information for Towns [40] – *Homestead Declaration due July 15, no penalty*
- What Are Essential Local Government Services and Functions? [41]

### Funding Opportunities and Economic Development

- Apply for FEMA's COVID-19 Assistance [8] – *a necessary step before receiving certain other funding*
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• **Internet Line Extension Customer Assistance Program** [14]
• **2021 Municipal Planning Grant Application Training** [3] – *Wed 8/19, 2 PM EDT*
• **AARP Community Action Grants for Municipalities and Non-profits** [42]
• **Economic Mitigation & Recovery Task Force** [43]
• **USDA Rural Development's Summary of Actions and Resources** [44]
• **ACCD's Explanation of Governor's Proposed $400M Relief and Recovery Package** [45] [8]

### Employment and Human Resources

- **Volunteer Risk Management: Best Practices and PACIF Coverage** [46]
- **Keeping Essential Employees Healthy at Work** [47] – *PACIF Guidance for during the COVID-19 pandemic*
- **Human Resource Laws and COVID-19 FAQs** [48]
- **Payroll Reporting for Employees Furloughed due to COVID-19** [49]
- **VDOL Refusal to Return to Work Resource** [50]
- **Guidance for Childcare, Summer, and Afterschool Programs** [51]

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**Links**

[8] https://www.vlct.org/node/15609  
[10] https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant  
[12] https://accd.vermont.gov/content/emergency-economic-recovery-grant-guidelines  
[14] https://www.vlct.org/node/15591  
[16] https://www.vlct.org/resource-library/recorded-trainings  
[18] https://www.vlct.org/alerts-updates  
[21] https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/community  
[22] https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/community/municipal-assistance  
[25] https://www.vlct.org/node/15409  
[27] http://www.vlct.org/node/15377  
[28] https://firesafety.vermont.gov/Firesafety/covid-19fdresources  
[29] https://www.vlct.org/covid19stayhome  