COVID-19 Resources

VLCT staff are continually compiling answers to member inquiries about how to handle the public health emergency posed by the COVID-19 virus. Scroll down or click here for FAQs and State, Regional and Federal Resources for local governments.

NEW

- **Posted 4/24 – New Election Guidance from Vermont Secretary of State** [1] – for keeping voters and election workers safe in upcoming local elections
- **Required Employee Training now available from VOSHA and Dept. of Health** [2] – All Vermont employees returning to work must complete COVID-19 training before 5/4/20
- **Webinar Recording: Local Financing Opportunities to Help Communities Recover** [3]
- **Agency of Transportation - Phase 1 Restart Plan** [4] – Effective 4/20/20 – Towns may wish to model their policies on this
- **ACCD's 4/24/20 Guidance for Work Safe Additions to Stay Home Order** [5] – Affects recreation maintenance, libraries, farmers markets; expands health & safety requirements; requires training in those requirements
- **Vermont Dept. of Health PPE Guidance** [6] – Version 1.1, released 4/21/20 – for several distinct professional settings including first responders
- **CDC Resources for First Responders and Law Enforcement** [7]
- **Invest EAP Webinars for Municipal Leaders Faced with Organizational Turmoil** [8] – Wed 4/29, 4:15 PM and Fri 5/1, 9:15 AM – PACIF member managers, administrators, and other leaders will learn about key EAP services available during this stressful time
- **WEBINAR: Municipal Essential Functions and Services Explained** [9] – watch recorded webinar
- **Updates from Governor Scott** [10]

VLCT Resources

- **Open Meeting Law**
  - Open Meeting Law and COVID-19 FAQs – revised 4/9/20 [12]
  - Remote Public Meetings Toolkit [13]
  - Open Meeting Law and COVID-19 Legislative Update [12]
• Stay Home, Stay Safe & Essential Functions
  ○ WEBINAR RECORDING: Municipal Essential Functions and Services Explained [15]
  ○ What Are Essential Local Government Services and Functions? [16]
• Town/City Management
  ○ Webinar Recording: Local Financing Opportunities to Help Communities Recover [3]
  ○ Town Finance COVID-19 FAQs – revised 4/15/20 [17]
  ○ Town Office Closure COVID-19 FAQs – revised 4/15/20 [18]
  ○ Volunteer Risk Management: Best Practices and PACIF Coverage [19]
  ○ Mutual Aid Agreement Sample for Sharing Resources Between Municipalities [20]
  ○ Review and Update Your Local Emergency Plan [21]
• Employer/Employment Functions
  ○ WEBINAR RECORDING: COVID-19 Effects on Human Resources [22]
  ○ Keeping Essential Employees Healthy at Work [23] – PACIF Guidance for during the COVID-19 pandemic
  ○ Human Resource Laws and COVID-19 FAQs [24]
  ○ WEBINAR RECORDING: Remote Working Best Practices [26]
  ○ Cybersecurity – Especially Important for Remote Workers [27]
• [19] Other
  ○ Partner Organizations [28] – Guidance and Resources [28]
  ○ Vermont Health Insurers' Coverage for COVID-19 [29]
  ○ Results from previous weeks' COVID-19 polls [30]
  ○ Stronger Together [31] – photo gallery

State and Regional Resources

• Required Employee Training now available from VOSHA and Dept. of Health [2] – All Vermont employees returning to work must complete COVID-19 training before 5/4/20
• Agency of Transportation – Phase 1 Restart Plan [4]– April 20th
• Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) COVID-19 Recovery Resource Center [32]
  ○ ACCD's COVID-19 Sector-Specific Guidance [32]– scroll down to see Municipalities section
  ○ Dept. of Taxes Information for Towns [33]
  ○ Dept. of Labor (VtDOL) Calendar with Virtual Town Halls [34]
  ○ Updates from Governor Scott [10]
• VtDOL Recordings of past Virtual Town Halls [35]
• Emergency Management Services COVID-19 specific Medicaid funding [36] (see first two items under the Provider Assistance bullet)
• VtDOL'S COVID-19 FAQs [37]
• Dept. of Taxes Information for Towns [33]– Homestead Declaration due July 15, no penalty
• Secretary of State (SOS) Municipal Assistance for COVID-19 Response [38]
• SOS Elections Division COVID-19 Response [1]
• Dept. of Health on COVID-19 [39]
• Dept. of Health PPE Guidance [6] – Version 1.1, released 4/21/20 – for several distinct professional settings including first responders
• Vermont Emergency Management (VEM)'s Coronavirus Information for Local Officials [40]
Federal Resources

- **USDA Rural Resource Guide** [49]
- **Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) FAQs from the US Dept. of Labor** [50]
- **Department of Labor (US DOL) Wage and Hour Division Pandemic Response** [51]
- **Centers for Disease Control (CDC)** [52]
- **CDC Resources for First Responders and Law Enforcement** [7]
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) COVID-19 Response** [53] [54]
- **FEMA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures** [55]
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) COVID-19 Webpage** [56]
- **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Searchable Resource Library** [57]
- **The World Health Organization (WHO)** [58] [58]
- **Johns Hopkins Coronavirus (COVID-19) Tracker** [59] [59]
- **National Institutes of Health** [60]
- **Occupational Safety and Health Administration** [61]
- **FEMA Online Courses on Emergency Management** [62] [63]

Links
[9] https://www.vlct.org/node/15361
[12] https://www.vlct.org/node/15223
[14] https://www.vlct.org/covid19stayhome
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