COVID-19 Resources

Town Meeting 2021 Guidance

VLCT is following state guidance and **strongly discouraging in-person annual town meetings for 2021**. In order to protect public health and safety, we recommend that municipalities take advantage of the alternative options available this year. [For ACCD’s guidance, click here](https://www.vlct.org).

Please note: Meetings of public bodies and Australian ballot informational hearings should be conducted remotely. See [Town Meeting COVID-19 FAQs](https://www.vlct.org) and [Remote Public Meetings Toolkit](https://www.vlct.org) for information and guidance.

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New information is highlighted below for about a week or until it becomes out of date.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.

- [2021 Elections Directive](https://www.vlct.org) – *From the Vermont Secretary of State*
- [ACCD Public Meeting Guidance](https://www.vlct.org) – *Town meeting guidance is in Section 13.1*
- [Act 1 (H.48) for 2021 Town Meeting](https://www.vlct.org) – *Goes further than last year’s Act 162 and addresses other lingering issues*
- [Town Meeting COVID-19 FAQs](https://www.vlct.org) – *Updated 2/2*
- [Latest 2021 Town Meeting Resources](https://www.vlct.org) – *Updated 2/2*
- [Can critical infrastructure workers work with symptoms of COVID-19?](https://www.vlct.org) – *Guidance from Vt Dept of Health*
- [Vermont's Vaccine Distribution Status](https://www.vlct.org) – *From the Department of Health*
- [Vaccination Information from PACIF](https://www.vlct.org) – *For members to share with employees who are eligible to be vaccinated*
- [What Does Expiration of the FFCRA Mean for Municipalities?](https://www.vlct.org) – *Guidelines for until the new administration weighs in on the issue*
- [EEOC Compliance Related to COVID-19 Vaccinations](https://www.vlct.org) – *Scroll all the way down to the Section K, items 1-9.*

Scroll down to view additional links and resources, or to browse the categories.
Governor Scott's Executive Orders [12]
Visit Quick Links to State and National Webpages [13] 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 [14] including Open Meeting Law, Remote Working Best Practices, ACCD Q&A Calls, statutory updates, and more.
View VLCT Advocacy's Weekly Legislative Reports [15], Legislative Alerts [16], and written Testimony [17].
 Bookmark this page [18] for the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center call information, updated join information added prior to each call.

Municipal Operations and Governance

- Remote Public Meetings Toolkit [20]
- Town Finance and Tax Related COVID-19 FAQs [22]
- Open Meeting Law and COVID-19 FAQs [23]
- Cybersecurity – Especially Important for Remote Workers [24]
- Dept. of Taxes Information for Towns [26] + COVID-19 Q&A w/PVR [27] (recorded webinar)
- Mutual Aid Agreement Sample for Sharing Resources Between Municipalities [28]

Employment and Human Resources

- What Does Expiration of the FFCRA Mean for Municipalities? [10]
- Volunteer Risk Management: Best Practices and PACIF Coverage [29]
- Keeping Essential Employees Healthy at Work [30]
- VT Health Dept: What do I do if my employee tests positive for COVID-19? [31]
- Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA): Employee Rights [32]
- US Dept. of Labor FFCRA Q&A [33]
- VTOL Refusal to Return to Work Resource [34]
- COVID-19 Poses Serious Risk to Law Enforcement [35]
- VT Dept of Labor Virtual Town Hall Webinars for Employers [36]

Guidance and Resources for COVID-19 Safe Practices

- Vermont Safe Travel Policy [37] - 14-day quarantine required for all non-essential travel.
- ACCD Resources for Communities webpage [38] Includes link to Municipal Assistance [39] webpage
- ACCD Phased Restart Guidance [40]
- PACIF’s COVID-19 Work Plan for Municipalities [41] Phased restart compliance guidance
- NLC Safely Reopening Municipal Facilities Toolkit Has not been reviewed for compliance with Vermont regulations [42]
- Required COVID-19 Employee Training and Resources for Return to Work [43]
COVID-19 Resources for Fire Departments [44]
VRPA COVID-19 Resources & Links [45]
"Stay Home, Stay Safe" Guidance and FAQs [46]

Funding Opportunities and Economic Development

- Economic Mitigation & Recovery Task Force [47]
- Apply for FEMA's COVID-19 Assistance [48] – a necessary step before receiving certain other funding
- Local Government Expense Reimbursement (LGER) Grants [49] – apply by 10/1; submit supporting docs by 12/15
- ACCD's Explanation of Governor's Proposed $400M Relief and Recovery Package [51]

Links
[9] https://www.vlct.org/node/15935
[10] https://www.vlct.org/node/15933
[16] https://www.vlct.org/alerts-updates
[21] https://www.vlct.org/node/15696
[22] https://www.vlct.org/node/15687
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