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New information is highlighted below for about a week or until it becomes out of date.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

- [COVID-19 Grant Deadlines for FEMA, LMER, Digitization](#) – Recording of 8/19 webinar now posted - Q&A with ACCD and VEM in advance of 9/1 and 9/4 application deadlines
- [Apply for FEMA's COVID-19 Assistance](#) – a necessary step before receiving certain other funding
- [Local Government Expense Reimbursement (LGER) Grants](#) – apply by 9/4; submit supporting docs by 12/15
- [Governor Proposes Additional $133 Million in COVID-19 Economic Relief and Recovery Initiatives](#) – focuses on four key areas of continued investment
- [COVID-19 Relief Grants for Agriculture and Working Lands](#) – $8.5M in third phase of Agriculture Assistance Program
- [State Distributing 300K Cloth Facial Coverings](#) – VEM's list of participating local governments
- [Urge More Responses to Vermont's 2020 Census](#) – new 9/30 cutoff could cause ten-year reduction in federal funding for many public services
- [Census Bureau Adapts Operations](#) – reaching out by phone, mail, and email before the 9/30 data collection cutoff date
- [Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grants](#) – employers may apply for costs of hazard pay
- [Emergency Economic Recovery Grant Guidelines](#) – updated 8/3
- [Internet Line Extension Customer Assistance Program](#)

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

- Visit [Quick Links to State and National Webpages](#) 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 [including Open Meeting Law, Remote Working Best Practices, ACCD Q&A Calls, statutory updates, and more.](#)
- View VLCT Advocacy's [Weekly Legislative Reports](#), 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.

### 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** [19] Includes link to Municipal Assistance [20] webpage
- **ACCD Phased Restart Guidance** [21]
- **VRPA Resources for Municipal Pools and Recreation** [22]
- **PACIF's COVID-19 Work Plan for Municipalities** [23] Phased restart compliance guidance
- **NLC Safely Reopening Municipal Facilities Toolkit** Has not been reviewed for compliance with Vermont regulations [24]
- **Required COVID-19 Employee Training and Resources for Phased-In Return to Work** [25]
- **COVID-19 Resources for Fire Departments** [26]
- **"Stay Home, Stay Safe" Guidance and FAQs** [27]

### Municipal Operations and Governance

- **Temporary Local Control for Gathering Size and Serving of Alcohol** [28] – announced 8/14
- **Town Operations COVID-19 FAQs** [29]
- **PVR's Updated COVID-19 Q&A Accompanies Webinar Recording** [30]
- **Town Finance and Tax Related to COVID-19 FAQs** [31]
- **Open Meeting Law and COVID-19 FAQs** [32]
- **Mutual Aid Agreement Sample for Sharing Resources Between Municipalities** [33]
- **Remote Public Meetings Toolkit** [34]
- **Cybersecurity – Especially Important for Remote Workers** [35]
- **Secretary of State Elections Division COVID-19 Response** [36]
- **Secretary of State Municipal Division COVID-19 Response** [37] - includes Open Meeting Law information
- **Dept. of Taxes Information for Towns** [38] – Homestead Declaration due July 15, no penalty
- **What Are Essential Local Government Services and Functions?** [39]

### Funding Opportunities and Economic Development

- **Apply for FEMA's COVID-19 Assistance** [2] – a necessary step before receiving certain other funding
- **Municipal Planning Grants** [40] – can be used for long term recovery and revitalization
- **Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grants** [10] – employers may apply for costs of hazard pay
- **Internet Line Extension Customer Assistance Program** [12]
- **AARP Community Action Grants for Municipalities and Non-profits** [41]
- **Economic Mitigation & Recovery Task Force** [42]
- **USDA Rural Development's Summary of Actions and Resources** [43]
ACCD's Explanation of Governor's Proposed $400M Relief and Recovery Package

Employment and Human Resources

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

Links
[1] https://www.vlct.org/node/15629
[12] https://www.vlct.org/node/15591
[16] https://www.vlct.org/alerts-updates
[19] https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/community
[22] https://www.vrpa.org/COVID-19-Resources
[23] https://www.vlct.org/node/15409
[26] https://firesafety.vermont.gov/Firesafety/covid-19fdresources
[27] https://www.vlct.org/covid19stayhome
[28] https://www.vlct.org/www/vlct.org/node/15634
[29] https://www.vlct.org/node/15231
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[32] https://www.vlct.org/node/15223