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The Way Through is Together
Chamber Advocacy Influenced Relief Package

Governor Scott introduced a substantial economic relief package that touches businesses in every industry. The relief package addresses much of the need highlighted during Vermont Chamber advocacy. The proposal still requires legislative approval. The Vermont Chamber is pushing for several changes and is also urging legislative leaders to swiftly advance the relief funds.

Chamber President on VPR

“I challenge Vermont to use this crisis as a once in a lifetime opportunity to think about Vermont as becoming the work-from-home capital of the world.”

Vermont Chamber President Betsy Bishop on VPR

Vermont Chamber President Betsy Bishop joined Vermont Public Radio for a conversation on telecommuting during the pandemic and the future of remote work. Work- and learn-from-home obligations brought on by the pandemic have prompted a broader sense of public urgency around broadband access in Vermont. The Vermont Chamber is working with state officials and the congressional delegation to advocate for the funding necessary to even broadband access across the state.
Congressman Welch At Lodging Town Hall

The Vermont Chamber recently hosted a virtual Town Hall with Congressman Peter Welch for the state's lodging industry. More than 80 Vermont lodging proprietors raised legislative priorities, including desired changes to the Paycheck Protection Program and unemployment insurance.

Chamber Staff on CAT-TV

Vermont Chamber President Betsy Bishop, Government Affairs Director Charles Martin, and Vice President of Tourism Amy Spear joined CAT-TV in Bennington to talk legislative, business, and tourism updates.

North American Rebound

The Vermont Chamber joined the Canadian American Business Council in calling for continued strong cross-border cooperation by signing the North American Rebound. Vermont Chamber Vice President of Business Development Chris Carrigan said, "Now, more than ever, and in the aftermath of this crisis, we will be relying on our strong regional, international, cross-border supply-chain."
Vermont Businesses Helping Communities

The Vermont Chamber has been adding content each week to our page, How Vermont Businesses Are Helping Our Communities.

Recent additions include Vermont Chamber member Lake Champlain Chocolates generously donating chocolate hearts to all of the teachers and support staff in Chittenden County, member Darn Tough knitting a sock that benefits the Vermont Foodbank, member Bar Harbor Bank donating to help adult education programs in Vermont, and more.

1. Read this memo to determine if you can reopen.
2. Follow the health and safety protocols included in the memo.
3. Train your employees using VOSHA online training.
4. Create a health screening tool using the state’s pre-screening procedures and pre-screening health survey as a model.
5. Post signage around your workplace to remind employees and visitors to practice proper hygiene and screen themselves.
7. Adopt or create a sector-specific reopening and training plan.

Visit our COVID-19 Resources page

For Manufacturers, An Evolving New Normal

Vermont Digger featured Vermont manufacturing businesses, including Chamber members Vermont Precision Tools and Darn Tough, in their recent report on the new normal for the industry. Vermont is currently following a 3-phased reopening plan for manufacturing, fulfillment, and distribution enterprises.

Read more

Member Spotlight

This month’s Member Spotlight is Manufacturing Solutions Inc., a Morrisville-based manufacturer that is an ISO 9001:2015, lean manufacturer, providing electrical and mechanical assembly and sub-assembly production. CAD-based precision material and fabric cutting, and complete fulfillment services including picking, kitting, packing, and shipping.

MSI partners with its clients to transform product ideas into reality, and components into high-quality products, delivered directly to the designated end user.
WELCOME NEW VERMONT CHAMBER MEMBERS

- VT Masks for Good, LLC
- The Boeing Company
- Mystic Cafe & Wine Bar

Learn about VT Masks for Good, The Boeing Company, and Mystic Cafe & Wine Bar.

Visit the Vermont Chamber membership page for benefits and staff contacts.

Save the Date

The Vermont Chamber is pleased to announce our upcoming “Passport to Recovery: Forging a Way Forward” portal, which will launch in June. This new virtual resource will be dedicated to the Vermont community and host timely webinars to help businesses, employers, and employees across the state. If you have a recorded webinar for us to consider including, please send it to news@vtchamber.com.

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**Mend Fund Hopes to Help Heal Montpelier's Downtown**

**Gordon’s Window Decor Donating 25 Masks to Non-Profits for Every 25 Purchased**

**Vermont Teddy Bear Wants to Make 125,000 Free Masks**

This section is currently featuring news about Vermont Chamber members helping communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Email news@vtchamber.com with your good news.

In Other News

Gov. Scott: Why We're Launching a Racial Equity Task Force

Scott Announces Opening of Additional Business Operations

In New Age of Remote Work, Vt. Businesses Consider Office Space Needs

Final Reading: Senators Grasp for Revenue Alternatives to Fill Budget Holes

Vermont Futures Project: Looking Beyond the Horizon

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