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REMOTE WORK FOR STATE EMPLOYEES EXTENDED TO MARCH 31, 2021

Montpelier, Vt.—The Agency of Administration today announced that State employees who can telework should expect to do so at least through March 31, 2021. This extends the expectation set in August that telework would extend to the end of calendar year 2020.

“By maintaining our current telework status and continued flexible work schedules for those at the worksite, we are mitigating risks to our success in schools and ongoing economic recovery efforts while we look forward to the roll out of a vaccine,” said Secretary of Administration Susanne Young. “School re-openings have taken place successfully and part of that success has been the flexibility of our schools and families with school age children to shift to in-person and/or remote learning schedules as needed very quickly.”

Since the beginning of the declared state of emergency on March 23, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic many state employees stayed at their worksites to sustain the State’s emergency response to the pandemic, including the health department, 24/7 facilities, law enforcement and offices where critical operations could not be sustained without some physical presence in the worksite. Over the course of the summer and fall, some State workers returned from telework to provide onsite “in person” services and operations where required, such as the district offices of the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles. These in-person operations remain open.

Strict adherence to health and safety requirements and protocols for in-person worksites, including masks, physical distancing, training, daily screening, frequent handwashing and staying home when ill are required for employees who are at their worksites for any reason.

“I want to thank our state employees for remaining nimble during these unprecedented times, and for their work to ensure we continue to offer critical services and programs to Vermonters,” said Governor Phil Scott. “By continuing telework for those who can do their work from home, state employees are helping contribute to our collective effort to minimize contacts while the virus is still with us.”

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