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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ANNOUNCES DATES AND TOPICS FOR
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL EVENTS**

Montpelier – The Vermont Department of Labor has announced it will continue its Virtual Town Hall events for the week of April 13, 2020. The Department announced the events in response to the impact of COVID-19.

Dates and employer-focused conversation topics for the week of April 13, 2020 include:

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- ***Unemployment Insurance – Claimant 101***
 - **Time:** 8:30am – 9:15am
 - **Overview:** Department of Labor staff will provide an overview of top questions the Unemployment Insurance Division has received, as well as general instruction, tips and updates to attendees.
 - **Online Link:** https://bit.ly/3VTLaborTownHall_Claimants

- ***Unemployment Insurance Update - Employers***
 - **Time:** 2:00pm – 3:00pm
 - **Overview:** Updates and information for employers about unemployment insurance, with attendees able to ask questions of Department staff
 - **Speakers:** Cameron Wood (Director, Unemployment Insurance)
 - **Online Link:** https://bit.ly/VTLaborTownHall_April14

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- ***Unemployment Insurance – Claimant 101***
 - **Time:** 8:30am – 9:15am
 - **Overview:** Department of Labor staff will provide an overview of top questions the Unemployment Insurance Division has received, as well as general instruction, tips and updates to attendees.
 - **Online Link:** https://bit.ly/4VTLaborTownHall_Claimants



- **Employee Safety and Workers' Compensation Amid COVID-19**
 - **Time:** 2:00pm-3:00pm
 - **Overview:** Discussion surrounding workers' compensation issues facing employers including coverage of workers, filing claims and reporting of injuries, as well as updates on worker safety during COVID-19
 - **Speakers:** Stephen Monahan (Director, Workers' Compensation Division), Dan Whipple (Manager, Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and Kevin Gaffney (Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation)
 - **Online Link:** https://bit.ly/VTLaborTownHall_April16

A full schedule of Department events can be found at labor.vermont.gov/calendar, and previous events are uploaded to the Department's YouTube Channel, which may be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/VTLabor-Youtube>.

The Department of Labor will continue to hold these events as needed and will provide topics that are timely and of current community benefit. For further information and updates on the Vermont Department of Labor, please visit labor.vermont.gov.

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