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Town of Bristol

Dear Town Clerk,

The Vermont Department of Health is hosting a series of upcoming trainings for Town Health Officers, Selectboard members and other town officials whose roles interact with the Town Health Officer. These local officials may attend an upcoming training, provided by the Department of Health, to learn more about the THO's important role in their community.

**More information on the upcoming trainings may be found in the enclosed flyer. Please share this flyer with the Town Health Officers, Selectboard members and others in the town office who may be interested.**

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact the Health Department at 800-439-8550 with any questions about these trainings.

Sincerely,

Meg McCarthy  
Environmental Health Division  
Vermont Department of Health

Enc: Town Health Officer Training Handout





Town health officers (THOs) are given authority by Vermont law to investigate and mitigate any potential or existing public health hazard in their town. Attend an upcoming training, provided by the Department of Health, to learn more about the THO's important role in their community. Trainings are open to THOs, Deputy THOs, Selectboard members, and other town officials.

**Register for a training here: <https://tinyurl.com/THOTraining>**

**Contact the Department of Health with questions: 800-439-8550**

The **live/in-person trainings** will cover the THOs' basic duties, enforcement tools, and rental housing inspections. THOs will learn how to identify public health hazards, conduct inspections, issue health orders, and promote positive public health outcomes in their communities. The **online webinars** are deep dives into emerging public health topics relevant to the THO role, led by the state technical expert. These webinars will be recorded and posted at [www.healthvermont.gov/environment/town-health-officer/town-health-officer-trainings](http://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/town-health-officer/town-health-officer-trainings).



## Live/In-Person Trainings

- **St. Albans**
  - Wednesday, March 4, 1 – 4 pm (*Snow date: March 25, 1 – 4 pm*)
  - St. Albans Office of Local Health, 27 Federal Street
- **Middlebury**
  - Thursday, April 9, 9 am – 12 pm
  - Middlebury Office of Local Health, 156 South Village Green
- **St. Johnsbury**
  - Wednesday, May 20, 1 – 4 pm
  - St. Johnsbury Office of Local Health, 107 Eastern Avenue



## Online Webinars

- Mosquito- and Tick-borne Diseases, Thursday, April 23, 12 – 1 pm
- Mold, Wednesday, May 6, 12 – 1 pm
- Cyanobacteria and Recreational Waters, Thursday, June 11, 12 – 1 pm