

We have much to report, so tonight, we will get right to it.

First and foremost, Region 4 has determined to transition all schools to full, remote e-learning until November 30, 2020. This decision was announced yesterday and communicated to families and staff and is due to multiple positive cases currently impacting the school system and potential new cases currently under investigation in cooperation with the local health departments. This decision has come a bit sooner than I anticipated, but it is not too big of a surprise. Please let's remember that in times like these patience and understanding are necessary virtues. Everyone involved in these decisions is working as hard as they can to ensure that our students, our staff, and our families are healthy and safe.

Free Covid-19 Drive-thru Testing Available

- Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm
- Saybrook Point
- All are Welcome
- Starts Monday 11/9/20
- [Click Here](#) for more information



CT CARES Small Business Grant Program

- **One time \$5,000 Grant Available**
- Small Businesses (less than 20 FTE's) can apply
- Application process expected to open next week
- For more details and eligibility requirements:

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CT DECD Rolls Back to Phase 2.1

In response to an increasing rate of COVID-19 across Connecticut and surrounding states, Governor Lamont announced late last week that the entire state will move to Phase 2.1. DECD encourages all businesses to revisit the updated [Business Sector Rules and Certification Page](#) to learn more about Phase 2.1 – a slightly modified version of Phase 2.

The page includes a comparison of Phases 2, 2.1 and 3 rules, as well as updated guidance on the capacity limits for many types of social gatherings.

Some, but not all of the guidance is as follows:

- Restaurants will reduce to 50% capacity with a maximum of 8 people at a table.
- Restaurants and entertainment venues will be required to close at 9:30 PM
- Food takeout and delivery services may be open past 9:30 PM.
- Personal Services (hair salons & barber shops) remain at 75% capacity.
- Event venues will be limited to 25 people indoor and 50 people outdoor.
- Performing arts venues will be limited to 50% capacity or 100 people maximum.
- Religious gatherings will be limited to 50% capacity or 100 people maximum.

Veterans Day

This Wednesday is Veterans Day and it is important to recognize the men and women who have sacrificed themselves in service to our country. Our veterans need our support now, more than ever, every single day of the year. We need to work to ensure that they have the care they need and the benefits that they have earned once they are home.

In recognition of Veterans Day, the Town Hall and the Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, November 11.

In the end, please remember that the Nation, the State, and Deep River are still operating under a state of emergency. Please do not relax your efforts. The numbers across the country, across the state, and across Deep River are increasing. It is critical that we continue the behavior that has kept Deep River and the Tri-town area one of the safest communities in the state. Keep doing the simple things, the only proven activities that we know help keep us all safe: wear your mask, wash your hands, social distance as much as you can. In the meanwhile, be patient and call your friends, both far and wide. Check in with your neighbors. Check in with your family. We are Deep River. We are Connecticut. We are the United States of America.

Be well, be safe, be kind,
Peace,