



COVID-19 UPDATE:

There are [14](#) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and sadly, one coronavirus related death.

The data over the past weeks has shown that social distancing is working. Please continue adhering to the safety measures implemented including, washing hands frequently, practice social distancing (6ft), wear a mask, and stay home.

Please call to check on your neighbors, family and friends. These are hard times right now but we will get through this together.

Hope is on the horizon,

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[Town Website](#)

Governor Lamont partners with CBIA and CONNSTEP to distribute free face coverings for essential small businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

Governor Lamont today announced that his administration is partnering with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) and its affiliate CONNSTEP on an initiative to distribute free face coverings to eligible, essential small businesses with fewer than 50 employees. Eligible businesses include those [defined as essential businesses](#) by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

"The more proactive measures we can take to prevent the spread of this virus and keep everyone healthy, the sooner we'll be able to reopen operations," Governor Lamont said. "We were able to secure over 4 million masks this week that have replenished our supplies and put us in a position to support small businesses. I appreciate our partners at CBIA and CONNSTEP for partnering with us on this effort to get those needed face coverings out to essential employees."

Eligible essential small businesses can request up to two free face coverings per employee by filling out the form found [here](#).

Small businesses are strongly urged to create their own face coverings [following CDC guidelines](#). This will ensure the

limited supply of coverings go to small businesses that are struggling to secure their own supply.

Requested face coverings will be distributed next week through the municipality in which the business is located. The local municipality will then contact businesses with a date, time, and location to receive the requested masks. The distribution will continue while supplies last. The initiative is intended to help small businesses comply with the governor's executive order requiring face coverings to be worn whenever social distancing is not possible.

For Students:

Below is a link to online volunteer opportunities for middle school, high school, and college students to do now.

[Volunteer Opportunities for students](#)

LATEST COVID-19 FACTS

- [COVID-19 Testing Sites Locator](#)
- [COVID-19 Self Checker](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)
- [State of CT Coronavirus Information](#)
- [Governor Lamont Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Emergency Orders Issued by Governor Lamont](#)

FOR INFO ON COVID-19 CALL 2-1-1

STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD. SAVE LIVES.

“HOW WE FEEL” APP

Anonymously Provide Scientists with Health Information Needed to Understand the Spread of COVID-19

For Every New Signup, *How We Feel* Will Donate a Meal to People in Need

Help Your Neighbors. Help Pinpoint COVID-19 Hot Spots



Sign up for Safer Essex Emergency Alerts

Receive alerts about critical community information directly to your cell phone or email. Go to www.essexct.gov and search "Safer Essex" or call 860-760-4340 x112.

Sign up for Essex News

Encourage your friends and neighbors to receive this newsletter. Simply send an email request to essexnews@essexct.gov to be added to our distribution list.

Sign up for Weekly Check-In Call

Residents age 62+ are encouraged to sign up for a weekly check-in call from a volunteer. Please call Essex Social Services Department at 860-767-4340 x 201.

Town of Essex