



COVID-19 Update for Essex

There have been [51](#) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and sadly, 10 fatalities since the beginning of the pandemic. Since August 1st we have had only 2 new cases. Keep wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing your hands. It's working!

[CT Travel Advisory Updated 8-25-2020](#)

[Town Website](#)

Flu Vaccinations

*******NEW***** FLU VACCINATIONS 2020/2021**

Do not get the flu, your shot will be waiting for you!!

We will be providing a safe and convenient way for you and your loved ones to get vaccinated



Pre-register for your FLU SHOT today!!

Clinics are anticipated to start September 2020

[CLICK for Q&A and pre-registration form](#)

For the upcoming flu season, flu vaccination will be very important to reduce flu because it can help reduce the overall impact of respiratory illnesses on the population and thus lessen the resulting burden on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic. It can also save your life.

"Drive-thru" Flu Vaccination clinics are being planned now for residents of Essex and surrounding towns. Pre-registration is required so we can order sufficient quantity and schedule dates for each clinic.

Click [here](#) for FAQs and pre-registration form. Pre-registration is online only. If you have additional questions please call Essex Health Dept. at 860-767-4340 x118 or CT River Area Health District at 860-661-3300.

Governor Lamont Announces Connecticut Submits Application To FEMA for Supplemental Disaster Wage Unemployment Benefits

(HARTFORD, CT) - Governor Ned Lamont today announced that the State of Connecticut has submitted its application for federal funding to establish a temporary program that will provide a **\$300 weekly** wage supplement to existing unemployment benefits in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has been authorized to use up to \$44 billion in

Stafford Act disaster relief funds to assist workers who have lost their income due to the impact of COVID-19.

The program requires states to establish an entirely new process for claimants to access the FEMA funding. New unemployment claimants and existing state and extended benefits claimants will be required to self-certify that they are eligible under the federal guidelines. Existing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claimants have already self-certified. The additional benefit will be retroactive to the claim week beginning July 26, 2020, and will also be available for claim weeks beginning August 2, 2020, and August 9, 2020. Additional weeks are under review.

Eligible individuals must self-certify that they are unemployed or partially unemployed due to the impact of COVID-19. Eligibility includes:

- Recipients of at least \$100 per week of any of the following benefits for the week they are seeking unemployment benefits;
- Claimants receiving unemployment compensation including state and federal workers and former service members as well as those receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, Extended Benefits, or High Extended Benefits;
- Anyone who qualified for Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation;
- Claimants receiving Short-Time Compensation; and
- Workers with a Trade Readjustment Allowance.

If the state's application is approved by the federal government, FEMA will transfer the funding to the Connecticut Department of Labor, which will then disburse to eligible claimants. The agency anticipates disbursement in mid-September and expects about 250,000 claimants will be eligible for the federal benefit. The agency will mail letters to eligible claimants and release [additional instruction](#) and information as it becomes available.

FEMA has notified states that it will terminate the program once available federal funding is exhausted or if the federal government passes new legislation that replaces the program.

Governor Lamont signs 67th executive order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19

Governor Lamont today signed another executive order - the 67th since he enacted the emergency declarations - that builds upon his efforts to encourage mitigation strategies that slow down transmission of the virus. [Executive Order No. 7000](#) enacts the following provisions:

- Extension of expanded outdoor dining: Extends previously enacted provisions regarding outdoor dining through November 12, 2020.
- Modification of the extension of 30-day period of credit for liquor permittees: Modifies the period of credit available to certain liquor permittees so that the maximum period of credit shall be 60 days after the date of delivery.
- Extension of eviction moratorium: Extends the previously enacted moratorium on residential evictions to October 1, 2020.
- Resumption of certain requirements and deadlines regarding civil and family matters: Amends a previously enacted executive order regarding defaults and nonsuits in civil and family matters.

Governor Lamont Increases Funding for Housing Assistance Programs, Extends Eviction Moratorium

To October 1

Additional \$500,000 Grant From Wells Fargo Will Support the Housing Counseling Agencies

(HARTFORD, CT) - Governor Ned Lamont today announced that he is doubling funding for the [previously announced](#) rental assistance program for Connecticut residents impacted by COVID-19 from \$10 million to \$20 million. That program, which is funded by the Coronavirus Relief Fund that is managed by the Office of Policy and Management, provides payments to landlords on behalf of approved tenant applicants, is administered by the Connecticut Department of Housing in partnership with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) and 11 housing counseling agencies across the state.

Interested tenants can learn more [on the department's website](#) or by calling 1-860-785-3111 during regular business hours.

LATEST COVID-19 FACTS

- [Get the Latest Guidance](#)
- [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](#)

Have more questions about Coronavirus?

Ask the CT Virtual Assistant now:
(833) 250-7633

Or call the 2-1-1 Connecticut Hotline

- For guests who are deaf or hard of hearing, relay services are available at 7-1-1
- Out of state? Use our toll-free number: 1-800-203-1234

The CT Virtual Assistant and 2-1-1 info hotline are available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

These services are for general questions about COVID-19. If you're experiencing symptoms, contact your medical provider.

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