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Special Issue



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

[Town Website](#)

CDC COVID-19 [SELF CHECKER](#)

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.

From the Town of Essex Emergency Operations Center:

Very strong wind gusts, heavy rain and thunderstorms are forecasted for today. Power outages are possible. To report a power outage, call Eversource at 1-800-286-2000 or report it online at Eversource.com. You can sign-up with Eversource to receive outage restoration times by text, email or phone.

FILL CONTAINERS with Potable WELL WATER. Do this NOW before the power goes out. Hand washing with soap and water must continue during a power outage, especially if you are caring for a household member who is ill. If you are on well water, fill several buckets or even the bathtub with water. You will need one container for soapy water to wash hands and a separate container of water to rinse hands. Be extra vigilant about handwashing.

Don't forget:

- * CHARGE your phones and electronic devices.
- * STAY HOME during this storm. Do not go for a walk especially on hiking trails or sidewalks near large trees.

- * **GENERATOR SAFETY:** Set up and run portable generator outside the home away from the garage, doors, windows and vents.
- * **DOWNED WIRES & POWER LINES:** Always assume the wire is live. Avoid touching the wire with any object. **DO NOT** drive over a wire and **DO NOT** move barricades in the roadway. Call 911 to report the fallen power line.
- * **MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING:** The Coronavirus does not care if the power goes out. Continue to practice social distancing!! If you have a medical emergency, call 911 and remember to give the first responders plenty of distance so they can respond safely.

Stay well and be safe
Lisa Fasulo

COVID-19 UPDATE:

There are [7](#) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex. Please continue to protect yourselves by following the guidelines of washing hands, staying home when possible, social distancing and wearing masks in public locations. **We are heading into the peak period so it's important that the guidelines are taken seriously. Your actions can save lives!**

Understandably, anxiety and depression are on the rise. You are not alone if you have feelings of extreme duress. Click here for resources: [Mental Health & COVID-19](#)

The "Stay Safe, Stay Home" directive does not mean you have to endure domestic abuse. Advocates are available 24/7 via call, text, email or chat. Click here [Help for Those at Risk for Domestic Violence](#). If you are a victim of domestic violence and think your computer usage might be monitored, call or text instead: 1-888-774-2900

[Access Health CT Special Enrollment Period](#) ends April 17, 2020. Call 1-855-909-2428 to enroll.

[Information from Alcoholics Anonymous on Virtual Meetings](#)

Governor Lamont's [Executive Order No.7X](#) enacts the following provisions:

- **Protections for residential renters** impacted by COVID-19 during the public health crisis.
- **Continued cancellation of school classes through May 20,2020.**
- **Extension of closures, distancing, and safety measures through May 20, 2020:** Extends the date for all previously enacted closures, distancing, and

safety measures until at least May 20. This includes previously enacted limits on restaurant, bar, and private club operations; closure of on-site operations at off-track betting facilities; closure of operations at gyms, sports, fitness, and recreation facilities and movie theaters; closure of large shopping malls; closure of places of public amusement; safety and distancing measures for workplaces and non-essential businesses, prohibition on social and recreational gatherings of more than five people; and restrictions on retail operations.

Protections for residential renters:

- Landlords prohibited from issuing evictions from now until July 1.
- For the month of April: automatic 60 day grace period.
- For rent due in May: 60 day grace period for payment upon the request of tenants.
 - Tenant must notify landlord that they have lost a job, lost hours, or otherwise lost significant revenue or faced significant increased expenses as a result of COVID-19.
- Security Deposits paid for more than one month's rent can be applied towards rent for April, May, or June.

Renters must be in good standing with landlords to take advantage of this assistance.

Stay safe,

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HELP FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

- [Paycheck Protection Program Webinar](#): Offers forgivable loans to small businesses hit hard by the pandemic.
- [Business Resources](#): Information on tax filing extension, SBA loans, Cares Act, paycheck protection, unemployment assistance, etc.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Many local businesses are now selling merchandise online for pickup and/or delivery. If you have the means, please try to support them through this difficult time.
 - [Supporttheshoreline.com](#)
 - [Board of Trade Facebook page.](#)

- [Essex Shops](#) online and phone numbers
- Town of Essex Emergency Assistance Fund. Donate today to help residents in need. Donations should be mailed to the Town of Essex Social Services Department, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT 06426.

LATEST COVID-19 FACTS

- [Center for Disease Control](#)
- [State of CT Coronavirus Information](#)
- [Governor Lamont Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Emergency Orders Issued by Governor Lamont](#)

STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD. SAVE LIVES.

Town of Essex