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Special Issue



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COVID-19 UPDATE:

There are **15** confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and one coronavirus related death.

At the state's recommendation and in anticipation of May 20th, we are forming a re-opening committee to guide businesses in town through the recommended phase-in process safely and efficiently.

We are also looking at ways to make our elections, primary and general, safe for voters and poll workers.

Please remain vigilant about washing hands, social distancing, wearing masks, and staying home if feeling ill.

Hope is on the horizon,

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Board of Selectmen Meeting will Consider Borrowing Resolution

It is currently unknown to what extent the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 crisis will impact the various revenue sources for the Town at the beginning of next fiscal year 2020-2021 which begins on July 1, 2020. Local tax revenues and State funding may lag and impact the Town's cash flow and liquidity. The Town maintains a healthy fund balance which will serve as our primary resource to maintain our cash flow. Nonetheless, as the duration of this crisis is unclear and in an abundance of caution, the Town seeks to put in place a borrowing resolution to allow the Town to borrow up to \$5,000,000 in the event the need arises.

The Board of Selectmen will consider the attached borrowing resolution at their meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 5pm via Zoom Meeting. Details to attend the meeting remotely are provided in the attached agenda along with the full borrowing resolution. [Click Here](#)

- Governor Lamont announced a statewide launch of a free online job training program for unemployment claimants during the COVID-19 emergency. The [SkillUp CT](#) program allows jobseekers to upgrade skills from their own homes. To enroll, unemployment insurance claimants in Connecticut should visit ct.metrixlearning.com/landing.cfm.
- Governor Ned Lamont announced a joint multi-state agreement to develop a regional supply chain for personal protective equipment, other medical equipment and testing. [Click Here](#) for more information.

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](#)

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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