



**The Town Hall is open to the public with safety procedures in place. Masks are required. Please be patient and respectful while we keep residents and staff safe. I encourage you to do your Town Hall business by mail or virtually. Many services can be done online, by phone, fax, or email.**

[Town Website](#)

## COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been [51](#) (33 female, 18 male) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and 8 fatalities since the beginning of the pandemic. [Click Here](#)

### [Data on nursing homes in CT as of July 7, 2020](#)

The State of Connecticut has released a comprehensive plan that will serve as a roadmap for districts as they plan to reopen schools this fall. [Click Here](#)

### [Connecticut Travel Advisory in Effect](#)

### [How to get tested for COVID-19 FAQs](#)

Get the latest guidance: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-Guidance>

## Free Support Remains Available for Taxpayers to File 2019 Taxes and Receive Economic Impact Payments

### Deadline to File 2019 Income Taxes is July 15

Households with a total income at or below \$56,000 can continue to receive free tax preparation support through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The service is administered by the Connecticut Association for Human Services, with financial support from the philanthropic organization 4-CT and the United Way of Connecticut.

Residents can access VITA services online at [www.211ct.org/taxhelp](http://www.211ct.org/taxhelp) or by calling 2-1-1.

## Governor Lamont signs 60th executive order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19

[Executive Order No. 7GGG](#) enacts the following provisions:

- **Authorization for temporary rental housing program :**  
Authorizes the creation of a rental housing assistance program

Governor Lamont [announced](#) late last month.

- **Temporary mortgage relief program:** Authorizes the creation of a mortgage assistance program Governor Lamont [announced](#) late last month.
- **Online continuing education for plumbers and electricians:** Extends until December 31, 2020 the deadline for electricians and plumbers to complete continuing education requirements and permits electricians and plumbers to renew their licenses within existing deadlines notwithstanding their failure to complete continuing education requirements prior to December 31, 2020.

## **Governor Lamont Announces Process for Travelers Coming into CT and NY [Click Here](#)**

### **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](#)

### **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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#### **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](http://www.essexct.gov) and search "Safer Essex" or call 860-760-4340 x112.

#### **Sign up for Essex News**

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**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 x201.

**Town of Essex**