




**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](#)



**ATTENTION!  
MANDATORY SELF-QUARANTINE  
FOR TRAVELERS**

Travelers coming from high risk states may be subject to a **\$1,000** fine if they fail to:

- Abide by a MANDATORY 14-day self-quarantine during your stay.
- Fill out a Travel Health Form and submit to the Department of Public Health.
- To access the form, and for the list of states impacted by this order, please visit the website or scan the QR code.



[ct.gov/coronavirus/travel](https://ct.gov/coronavirus/travel)

Anyone traveling into Connecticut from a state that is declared to have a high COVID-19 case rate is directed to self-quarantine for 14-days upon returning to CT. The

[Governor's Executive Order 7III](#) takes effect on Friday, July 24, 2020.

All affected travelers SHALL self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of last contact with such Affected State, for any portion of such 14-day period they spend in CT, or for the duration of such Affected Travelers' stay in CT, whichever is shorter. Travel Health Forms are REQUIRED to be completed by the Traveler prior to or upon arrival in CT. The Travel Health Form is available electronically on the

[ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel](https://ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel) website. The Commissioner of Dept of Public Health is authorized to enforce the Mandatory 14-day quarantine and may impose civil penalties.

Anyone wanting to report any violations of the quarantine order can either call 211 or email [covid19.dph@ct.gov](mailto:covid19.dph@ct.gov).

#### TRAVEL ADVISORY WEBLINKS

**7/21/2020 Link to Press Release Announcing Mandatory Quarantine:**

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Pages/Governors-Press-Releases>

**Link to Latest Executive Order:**

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7III.pdf>

**Link to Travel Health Form:**

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/ct/DPH/Connecticut-Travel-Health-Form>

Link to Information on the Quarantine order and to see impacted states:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>

## COVID-19 UPDATE FOR ESSEX

There have been [49](#) (31 female, 18 male) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and sadly, 10 fatalities since the beginning of the pandemic. [Click Here](#)

## Ballot Drop Box at Essex Town Hall

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Ned Lamont signed EO 7QQ allowing all registered Democrat and Republican voters in Connecticut to vote absentee in the August 11, 2020 primary. Secretary of the State Denise Merrill mailed every such voter an application that they will need to fill out and return in order to obtain an absentee ballot. That application, being sent via U.S. Postal Service, will include a postage paid return envelope. Between July 21, 2020, and leading up to the primary itself, all voters who requested an absentee ballot will receive it via USPS.

The Town of Essex has installed a convenient drive up secure ballot drop box, located at the Town Hall in the vicinity of the parking lot (Grove Street) entrance. ***This box is to be used exclusively for completed and delivered ballots. No other mail, including applications for absentee ballots, property tax payments, etc. may be dropped into this box.***

For those who would still like to appear in person to cast their vote on August 11, our polling location will remain open during the hours of 6am to 8pm.



## Summer Concerts return to Essex Village's Main Street Park

Essex Park and Recreation presents the band Southern Voice on Wed. July 29th from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Essex Village Main Street Park. Southern Voice plays a variety of popular music from country to classic rock. More Information is available at

[www.facebook.com/southernvoice](http://www.facebook.com/southernvoice)



Concerts goers should bring their own lawn chairs and blankets, practice social distancing and wear masks when not social distancing from other groups. No one will be permitted near the stage to dance,

but any one can dance at their own seats.

The rest of the Wednesday Night Summer Concert series is as follows:  
All Concerts start at 6pm and are at Main Street Park, Essex Village.

Aug. 5 Java Groove  
Aug. 12 Blues on the Rocks  
Aug. 19 U.H.F  
Aug. 26 Leaf Jumpers

## **[CT DEPT OF LABOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WEBSITE](#)**

Our American Job Centers remain closed to in-person visits due to COVID-19, but claimants may call the following NEW PHONE NUMBERS for assistance with unemployment benefits. 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday - Friday (excluding holidays) Local Access 860-967-0493 and 203-941-6868 Toll Free 800-956-3294

## **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.*

## **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**

Encourage your friends and neighbors to receive this newsletter. [Click Here](#) to subscribe!

**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**