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COVID-19 UPDATE:

There have been [31](#) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and one fatality since the beginning of the pandemic.

[Reopening Rules- Phase Two](#)

Note: All businesses subject to the Phase 1 and Phase 2 reopening rules are required to [self-certify](#) prior to opening. If you already self-certified your business during Phase 1, your business will NOT need to certify again during Phase 2.

[Data on nursing homes in Connecticut as of June 10, 2020](#)

[Data on assisted living facilities in Connecticut as of June 9, 2020](#)

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

Governor Lamont Launches Initiative Providing Connecticut Residents With Career Resources and Workforce Upskilling

Governor Ned Lamont today announced that as the state prepares to enter phase 2 of its reopening efforts resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic, he is launching a new resource - the CT Back to Work Initiative - that will provide workers and businesses in Connecticut with high-quality, user-friendly career tools to assist those who have been impacted by the economic fallout from the public health emergency. To start, the state is partnering with several private-sector employment services, including the job search engine Indeed, and the workforce training providers Metrix Learning and 180 Skills.

"Whether you are a worker looking for a job, seeking to upgrade your career skills or change careers, or if you're an employer looking to hire, this initiative will provide residents and businesses with helpful resources at no cost," Governor Lamont said.

All of the components of the initiative can be accessed online by visiting the State of Connecticut's coronavirus website - ct.gov/coronavirus - and clicking the link labeled "CT Back to Work Initiative."

Custom Connecticut job portal from Indeed

The first component includes a custom jobs portal for Connecticut jobseekers and employers through Indeed. Connecticut is the first state in the nation to partner with Indeed to create a jobs portal that is customized for the state's residents and companies. This new portal complements the state's current [CTHires jobs portal](#) by providing additional resources and opportunities to businesses and job seekers.

The state is also partnering with Indeed to [host a virtual hiring event](#) from June 16 to 18, during which companies hiring in Connecticut will host virtual interviews and meet and greet events. Nearly 40 employers from across the state are participating. In addition, Indeed is offering a free webinar on June 15 to help prep job seekers for virtual interviews.

Free upskilling from Metrix Learning and 180 Skills

Another component includes online workforce training courses provided by Metrix Learning and 180 Skills.

In early May, Connecticut launched the [SkillUp CT program](#), which provides Connecticut residents who have qualified for unemployment insurance with free access to more than 5,000 online courses offered by Metrix focused on information technology, business analysis, project management digital literacy, and other fields directly tied to the needs of Connecticut employers, as well as hundreds of skill tracks and a robust library of high-quality industry certification programs from featured employers such as Amazon, Google, and Microsoft. To date, more than 9,000 people in the state have signed up for SkillUp CT services.

To expand SkillUp CT further, 180 Skills is adding its services to the program, giving those seeking workforce development services access to even more tools. Customized learning paths have been built for individuals interested in joining Connecticut's manufacturing sector or improving their general employability skills. Individuals who have filed for unemployment insurance are eligible for a 12-month 180 Skills license at no cost. While the program is initially only being offered to individuals who have filed for unemployment insurance, customized 180 Skills pathways will be available later in the summer to students at Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as well as for upskilling current workers at manufacturing companies across the state.

To access the CT Back to Work landing page, [click here](#).

To learn more about Indeed's virtual hiring events in Connecticut, [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](#)

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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.

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