



For Info on COVID-19 Call 211

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COVID-19 UPDATE:

There have been [34](#) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and 4 fatalities since the beginning of the pandemic.

| COVID-19 Cases in Essex since January 1, 2020 | Total Cases | Fatality |
|---|-------------|----------|
| Male | 12 | 34 |
| Female | 22 | |
| Congregate Setting | 12 | 3 |
| Non-Congregate Setting | 22 | 1 |

Number of New Cases since June 1, 2020

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|------------------------|----|
| Congregate Setting | 10 |
| Non-Congregate Setting | 1 |

of People in Essex Tested for SARS-COV-2

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| Male | 169 |
| Female | 255 |
| Total | 424 |

In late May, CT Dept of Public Health began conducting Point Prevalence Surveys (PPS) to assess Healthcare Associated infections of SARS-Cov-2. At the local healthcare facility, all residents and staff continue to be tested frequently and on a rotating basis. This increased and directed testing is used to enhance infection control protocols and minimize spread of virus in these facilities. For additional information about PPS visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-facility-wide-testing.html>

As frequency and number of tests increase so will the number of cases. The PPS highlights that individuals in healthcare settings and those with underlying medical conditions have higher rates of COVID-19-associated deaths. However, the data also reveals that some residents in a healthcare setting who initially tested positive subsequently test negative a few weeks later and are considered recovered. Local data shows very low cases rates for those who do not reside or work in Healthcare facilities. Low case rate in the community setting is very likely due to people wearing masks while in public areas, social distancing, increasing hand hygiene, sanitizing frequently touched surfaces, and staying home if unwell.

[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.

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

Governor Lamont announced updated guidance on indoor and outdoor gatherings over the next several weeks

The plan is as follows:

Effective June 17:

- Indoor private gatherings - 25 people
- Outdoor gatherings - 100 people
- Outdoor event venues (e.g. amphitheaters, race tracks) - 25% of fire capacity and distancing (consistent with outdoor amusement parks)

Effective July 3:

- Indoor private gatherings - 25 people
- Outdoor private gatherings - 100 people, one time exception for graduations at 150 people
- Outdoor organized gatherings (e.g. fireworks, concerts in municipal parks) - 15 feet of space blanket to blanket, cap of 500 people; event organizer responsible for compliance with guidance
- Outdoor event venues (e.g. amphitheaters, race tracks) - 25% of fire capacity and distancing

Effective mid-July (date to be determined):

- Indoor private gatherings - 50 people
- Outdoor private gatherings (including graduations) - 250 people
- Outdoor organized gatherings (e.g. fireworks, concerts in municipal parks) - 15 feet of space blanket to blanket, no cap; event organizer responsible for compliance with guidance
- Outdoor event venues (e.g. amphitheaters, race tracks) - 50% of fire capacity and distancing

Park and Recreation

Essex recreational facilities open effective June 17, 2020

The Town of Essex is excited to announce the re-opening of several of our recreational facilities. Effective June 17, 2020 the following are open for recreational play:

- Hubbard Park's Basketball Courts and Volleyball Courts
- Grove Street Playground
- Viney Brook Dog Park
- Baseball Fields at Hubbard and Comstock Park are open for public recreation and Essex Little League play.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work to adapt to many changes. With the steps that are in place we have a clear path forward to getting back to what we love doing. The Town mandates that all requirements in the governor's orders be followed. There are signs posted at each of our facilities that list guidelines to be followed while using the facilities. In addition, all Little League participants, coaches and guests must adhere to all Little League recommended

guidelines.

All these guidelines are designed to provide a safe environment for organized youth, adult athletic and recreational opportunities.

Any additional questions or guidance please feel free to contact Mary Ellen Barnes at mbarnes@essexct.gov

Governor Lamont signs 53rd Executive Order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19

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

- **Modifications to adapt to Phase 2 reopening efforts:** In preparation for Phase 2 of Connecticut's reopening efforts, which begins June 17, 2020, the executive order makes modifications to several previously issued executive orders to adapt to this change. This includes sectors such as hotels/lodging; indoor dining; personal services; sport and fitness facilities; amusement parks; and museums, zoos, and aquariums.
- **Restrictions on large gatherings and events:** Amends previously issued executive orders on large gatherings and events and permits the commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development to issue rules on these gatherings except for religious gatherings.
- **Further clarification of limits on alcohol sales by restaurants, bars, and private clubs:** Allows hotel liquor permit holders to sell liquor with pick-up and delivery services under the same rules previously issued to other liquor permit holders.
- **Restrictions of off-track betting extended:** Extends the prohibition of operations at off-track betting facilities through July 20, 2020.
- **Extension of essential business rules:** Extends the previously issued rules on essential businesses for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency.
- **Clarification of Executive Order No. 7MM:** Clarifies that any activity permitted by the expedited approval process provided in Executive Order No. 7MM is allowed to continue throughout the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless closed because of enforcement of existing law, permit conditions, or executive orders.
- **Extension of remote notarization:** Extends Executive Order No. 7Q, Section 3 for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency.

Food Drive, June 20th at the Town Hall Parking Lot

Troop F
Essex Resident Trooper / Essex Police Department
"Stuff-A-Cruiser"



Food Drive!



Essex Town Hall Parking Lot
Saturday June 20th, 2020
~ 10:00am until 2:00pm ~



*Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit Essex families who need your generosity due to hardships caused by the current pandemic. Tri-Town Youth Services fully supports this event, and the ongoing fight to end children and families going hungry.

*Please place non-perishable food items in the trunk of your vehicle, back seat (if no trunk), or pickup truck bed and allow us to remove them for you while you stay in your vehicle.

We thank our community partners for your continuous support!

*Corporal P. Kenefick | Officer C. McCarthy | Corporal T. Belcourt | Officer K. Reilly
Officer R. Hart | Officer J. Howes | Resident Trooper Mark Roberts*

Honk, Beep, Yell, Clap, Wave and Cheer!

VRHS CLASS OF 2020
"Graduation Celebration!"

PLEASE COME OUT AND WATCH
Drive-by Graduation Parade!
Sponsored by Valley Safe Grad

Sunday, June 21st • 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Parade Route: begins on RT 154 at Greenwald Industries in Chester, proceeds straight through Deep River Center to Centerbrook, turns left onto Main St, ends by Essex Hardware

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](#)

STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD. SAVE LIVES.

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.

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