



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we move forward through this unprecedented situation, I will be updating you daily with news from the Town and the state regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Please do everything you are supposed to do, but most of all, do not panic. We are stronger together than apart. But please stay six feet apart!

- Per Governor Lamont there will be an executive order to be issued tonight closing barber shops, hair and nail salons.

Here are the highlights from Governor Lamont's Executive Order on March 18th:

Governor Lamont's [Executive Order No. 7F](#) enacts the following provisions:

- Closure of large shopping malls: Effective at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020 and through April 30, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated, any stores, pharmacies, restaurants, or other establishments located within or connected to large shopping malls must be closed to the public. For further details on which malls and stores this applies, please refer to the text of the executive order.
- Closure of places of public amusement: Effective at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020 and through April 30, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated, all places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, such as locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, aquariums, zoos, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, and other family and children's attractions shall be closed to the public. This

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directive does not apply to public parks and open recreation areas.

- Expansion of Medicaid telehealth coverage to audio-only telephone: The order modifies state statutes in order to allow Medicaid to cover audio-only telehealth services.

About the rules for restaurants on take-out and delivery rules, which affects our merchants directly:

To help provide additional guidance to restaurants and bars about [Executive Order No. 7D](#), which was issued on Monday and limits these establishments to take-out and delivery services only, Governor Lamont provided the following information:

- These establishments are permitted to continue operating during the pandemic, however they **cannot sell alcohol**, and any food that is served at these establishments must be for take-out and delivery only, meaning that the food cannot be consumed on-premises.
- They can still allow customers inside of their buildings to place orders and pick up the food to be taken out and consumed at a different location.
- They can still permit customers to use the restrooms as they normally would.

Region 4 Update: [Region 4 Press Release](#)

Economic Relief for Businesses and Workers

Please see the following information regarding small business relief and SBA Working Capital Loans due to COVID-19. Please share with businesses, friends and employees that are effected by COVID-19:

[SBA Disaster Assistance](#)

New Instructions have been issued for workers who have been laid off or furloughed: [Layoffs and Furloughs](#)

Tri-Town Youth Services

For information and links to COVID-19 information, Food Pantry locations, counseling services, distance learning site for Region 4 Grades K-12 and more click on the link below.

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