



**FOR INFO ON COVID-19 CALL 2-1-1**

[Town Website](#)

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We have the first confirmed case of coronavirus in Essex. The patient has been home isolating and recovering. We wish them a speedy recovery.

If you have recently moved your family to Essex from another location please self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days to prevent further community spread.

Governor Lamont's request for a presidential major disaster declaration for the State of Connecticut in response to the COVID-19 pandemic was approved today, unlocking additional federal assistance programs for the state. For more information, **[read the press release Governor Lamont issued today.](#)**

Governor Lamont released a [PSA video](#) asking health care professionals - including students and those who are retired - to consider helping Connecticut's medical facilities in the COVID-19 effort by volunteering their services. Those interested in volunteering can register online at [ctresponds.ct.gov](http://ctresponds.ct.gov) and they will be matched with a health care facility that is in need.

Governor Lamont placed an order for 100 ventilators with Guilford manufacturing company Bio-Med Devices. The ventilators will be used in hospitals throughout Connecticut.

The **[American Red Cross](#)** will be holding a BLOOD DRIVE on Friday, April 3rd, from 12:45pm - 6pm. The drive will be held in the Essex Elementary School gymnasium, not the Town Hall. Social distancing will be practiced by staff and donors.

For the most up-to-date information from the State of

Connecticut on COVID-19 residents are encouraged to visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](https://ct.gov/coronavirus).

## **HELP FOR BUSINESSES**

The COVID-19 Stimulus Bill was signed into law by President Trump on Friday.

[Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act](#)

The Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce has an amazing Business Resource Guide on their web page.

<https://www.oldsaybrookchamber.com/coronavirus-business-toolkit>

*Thank you CHAPCO in Chester for donating materials and labor to make parts for the manufacturing of N95 masks to protect our first responders and medical personnel!*

**STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD. SAVE LIVES.**

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**Town of Essex**