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 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

**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](https://www.chamber.com/resources/coronavirus-business-toolkit)

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

*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.**

**Register for Essex News**  
Encourage your friends and neighbors to receive this newsletter.  
Simply send an email request to [essexnews@essexct.gov](mailto:essexnews@essexct.gov) to be added to our distribution list.

**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.

---

**Town of Essex**