COVID-19 UPDATE:

There have been 19 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and one coronavirus related death.

I know we are all looking forward to getting back some sense of normalcy in our lives. The May 20th Phase 1 re-open date, while exciting, is not a complete return to normal. There are restrictions and guidelines that need to be adhered to.

The Town is in the process of distributing "mask required" posters to those entities re-opening on May 20th. Posters must be prominently displayed at all retail, restaurants, museums, hair salons, and barber shops. A face mask and 6 foot social distancing is required. The Health Department will be conducting inspections.

The Town dock is open. There is no charge to tie-up. Boaters are invited to tie up for no more than 4 hours. Social distancing rules are in effect. If you are doing any boating, it's important to familiarize yourself and your family with the safe boating guidelines link below.

The Grove Street tennis courts will re-open on May 20th for single play only. Social distancing guidelines will be posted and in effect.

We will get there together, safely.

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Keep Boating Safe in Connecticut
Your actions are essential to keep boating and marine services open, safe, and accessible for everyone to enjoy.

Click Here for guidelines
Governor Lamont Announces Distribution of Infrared Thermometers to Eligible Businesses, Nonprofits, and Places of Worship

Small businesses, nonprofits, and places of worship that would like to request equipment from the state’s supply of infrared thermometers should fill out a form online to indicate their request. The state has partnered with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association and its affiliate CONNSTEP to distribute the thermometers. They will be delivered to the municipalities in which the organizations are located, and then the municipalities will contact the recipient entities to inform them of a time and location they can pick up their requested equipment.

Entities that would like to request a thermometer can fill out the forms on the Access to Personal Protective Equipment page, or through the links provided below:

- Small businesses: Any small business in the state that has between 2 and 100 employees are eligible to receive one thermometer per physical address. Click here.
Nonprofits: Nonprofits located within Connecticut are eligible to receive one thermometer per physical address. To request thermometers for nonprofits, click here. Social services and direct care nonprofits may request a thermometer through the process outlined in this memo.

Places of worship: Places of worship are eligible to receive one thermometer per physical address. To request thermometers for places of worship, click here.

This distribution will continue while supplies last.

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Governor Lamont Announces Connecticut Receives $111 Million in Coronavirus Relief Aid for Schools. School Districts Can Submit Applications to the State; Funding Will Be Allocated Based on Greatest Need

Click Here

Governor Lamont Applauds CVS Health Announcement on the Opening of 12 New Drive-Thru COVID-19 Test Sites in Connecticut.

Click Here

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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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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.