

REOPENING ESSEX PHASE 1

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REOPENING ESSEX: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

May 20th is the target date for a gradual, phased in reopening of certain businesses if public health conditions are met. Essex residents are responsible to follow the guidelines below.

- **Stay home if you are sick or feel unwell.**
- **Continue Social Distancing - Stay six (6) feet away from another person.**
- **Do not participate in group activities that have more than five (5) people.**
- **Wash your hands often! It helps stop the spread of the virus!**
- **Wear a mask in public areas to help prevent community spread!**
- **May 20th is NOT a full "Return to Normal" date. Returning to normal will happen in phases.**
- **The Public Health Department will be conducting inspections.**

For Phase 1, Governor Ned Lamont and the DECD Commissioner David Lehman have shared the following guidance for reopening restaurants, offices, retail, hair salons and barber shops.

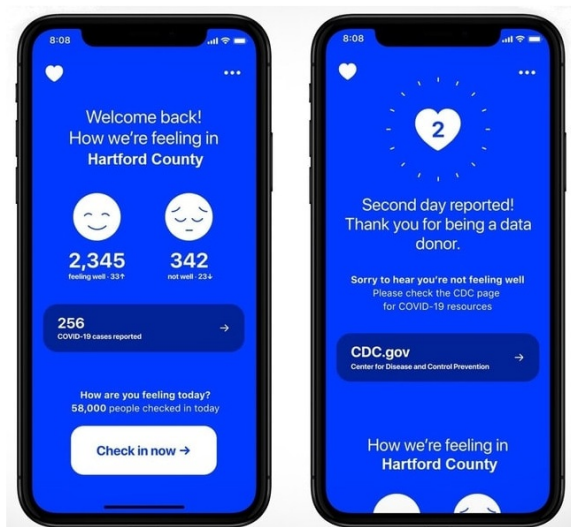
- **Hair Salons & Barbershops**
- **Offices**
- **Restaurants (Outdoor Only)**

- **Retail**

All businesses subject to these rules will be required to self-certify prior to opening May 20. The certification system will be online in the coming days providing detailed information on physical distancing, hygiene, sanitizing, PPE, scheduling, training another requirements.

[Click Here to read Governor Lamont's press release](#)

Governor Lamont Encourages Connecticut Residents to Use the "How We Feel" App to Improve COVID-19 Response



This app anonymously provides scientists with critical health information needed to understand the spread of COVID-19. Available to download for free in the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play store](#), it is supported by a nonprofit organization and does not require logging in or the sharing of any personal details, such as name or email address. In addition to being available to download to mobile devices, users can also complete the survey through a web version available at howwefeel.app. [Tap Here for More Information.](#)

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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