



## For Info on COVID-19 Call 211

[Town Website](#)

### COVID-19 UPDATE:

There have been [22](#) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and one coronavirus related death.

### LATEST GUIDANCE PHASE 1 RE-OPENING:

Posted 5/29/2020 [Click Here](#)

As you know, many local restaurants and businesses successfully re-opened May 20th as a part of the first phase of re-opening Connecticut. Hair Salons and Barber Shops are able to open June 1st. I encourage you to support local businesses and restaurants if you can. Let's keep our community strong, together.

It's nice to see residents outside walking, running, biking, and enjoying the waterfront areas. Please be respectful of others while outdoors, keep a 6' distance, and wear a mask (unless you have a health condition) if you are not able to maintain a 6' distance.

There is no state law prohibiting bicycles on sidewalks but we've had a couple of complaints. Adults are encouraged to ride in the street with the flow of traffic. If children are riding on sidewalks please be sure they are extra cautious around pedestrians. If we are patient and respectful, we can all feel safe.

I'm happy to report that last night the Region 4 Board of Education reviewed and approved the VRHS graduation planning committee's plan for a virtual graduation along with a drive-through component. More details to come.

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### BIKE SAFETY INFORMATION:

[Watch For Me CT](#)  
[Bicycle Laws Handout](#)

### 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.**

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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.

**Sign up 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 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.

**Town of Essex**