



Region 4 Schools returning to full in-person learning five days a week on Oct 13th

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State begins distributing 600,000 face masks to Connecticut school districts

The Connecticut State Department of Education, with the assistance of the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and the Connecticut National Guard, today began distributing 600,000 face masks to school districts across the state. Connecticut has received the first of two deliveries of cloth face masks from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The first delivery consisted of adult-sized masks that will be delivered to Grades 7-12. It is anticipated that a second delivery will arrive soon containing child-sized masks.

For information on how the masks are being distributed, [click here](#).

DMV amends extension of deadlines for several credentials

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today [announced](#) that the agency is extending deadlines again for several expiring credentials. The change impacts credentials that expired between March 10, 2020 through November 30, 2020. Late fees will be waived for qualifying credentials

Deadlines have been extended for the following DMV transactions:

- All licenses, permits, and identification cards, including commercial driver's licenses
- Motor vehicle and boat registrations
- Emissions testing and retesting
- Permanent disability placard

Credentials that have expiration dates of March 10 through May 31, 2020 will be valid until November 30, 2020. Credentials that have expiration dates of June 1 through November 30, 2020 will be valid until December 31, 2020.

The extensions are intended to help safeguard the general public against the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain social distancing within offices.

For questions, updates, or information about recent extensions of previously issued extensions, visit www.ct.gov/dmv, or call 860-263-5700 (within the Hartford area) or 1-800-842-8222 (outside the

Dear CT Business Owner,

We are fully aware that the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our lives and changed the way business is conducted everywhere. Connecticut's small businesses especially have had to quickly adapt to new protocols and guidelines that protect their employees and their customers. Although Connecticut is seeing some of the lowest transmission numbers in the country, the long-term economic impact of the pandemic is not yet known.

In order to drive effective decisions and policies to help our small businesses across the state, we need information. Below is the first of several surveys intended to gather feedback from our small businesses on the front lines.

The survey is completely voluntary but we encourage filling it out as best you can and/or sharing it with any relevant businesses.

<https://www.research.net/r/DECDbizsurveycomm>

We need to hear directly from you, the business owner, about how your business has adjusted and what key services are necessary to sustain and grow in this new post-COVID environment.

We thank you in advance for all that you have done and continue to do to keep our state healthy, safe, and moving forward.

As always if you have questions or concerns, call (860) 500-2333 or email decd.covid19@ct.gov.

- The CT DECD TEAM

Governor Lamont signs 73rd executive order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19

[Executive Order No. 9E](#) enacts the following provisions:

- Extension of eviction moratorium: Extends the previously issued moratorium on residential evictions through January 1, 2021.
- Certain liquor permits extended: Directs the Department of Consumer Protection to extend the expiration date of all café liquor permits that were club permits, nonprofit club permits, or golf country club permits prior to July 1, 2020, to February 9, 2021.
- Date of new insurance data security requirements extended:

Governor Lamont announces new programs to support those who need to isolate or self-quarantine due to COVID-19 infection or exposure

With nonprofit partners such as [United Way 2-1-1](#) and [4-CT](#), these programs and services are designed to support individuals in need who are asked to isolate or self-quarantine because of a positive COVID-19 test or potential exposure to the virus. Ultimately, the services will help slow the spread of COVID-19 by ensuring that those infected or potentially exposed can stay home and avoid workplaces, schools, and gatherings.

Programs and services include:

- The Community Resource Coordinator (CRC) program: This public-private partnership draws on the strengths and connections of community based organizations and leverages state, federal, local and philanthropic contributions. CRCs will be responsible for working hand-in-hand with the contact tracing team, providers and service organizations to ensure that individuals have access to food, housing, and income they need to stay at home. The state has partnered with five regional community based organizations to run this program, and hire CRCs locally who know their communities - and can ensure individuals get access to what they need quickly.
- COVID kits for those who need to monitor their symptoms: COVID kits with needed supplies like thermometers, pulse oximeters, and masks will be available through CRCs for those in need who are asked to self-isolate or quarantine.
- Housing support: The state is dedicating \$220,000 new dollars each month to short-term hotel options for those who can't safely self-isolate or quarantine at home.
- Expansion of 4-CT Cash Cards: 4-CT allocated a total of \$108,170 over the next five months to cash cards that can support the basic expenses of those who may need to miss work due to self-isolation or quarantine, and may not be eligible for unemployment insurance.
- Food assistance: With the support of 2-1-1 and local community teams, CRCs will help connect those in need to local food pantries and delivery services in their community.

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