

Town of Fairfield News

3/13/2020 - COVID-19 Information & Updates

Current Data for COVID-19 Impact

For the latest numbers of cases, deaths and those recovered [click here](#)

For additional data and graphs of activity [click here](#)

Questions/Call Centers

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

CT residents can call 2-1-1 for general COVID-19 questions.

Yale New Haven call center - 833-ASK-YNHH (275-9644)

If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19 and would like information regarding testing, please CALL your healthcare provider. In addition, Hartford Healthcare (St. Vincent's) and Yale New Haven Health (Bridgeport and Greenwich) have dedicated hotlines to determine eligibility for testing.

Hartford Healthcare – 860-972-8100 OR 833-621-0600 (toll free)

Yale New Haven Health – 203-688-1700 OR 833-275-9644 (toll free)

COVID-19 Guidance for Specific Groups

[Getting Your Household Ready for COVID-19](#)

[Guidance for Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Our Community](#)

[Guidance for Individuals, Families and Community](#)

[Guidance for Businesses](#)

[Guidance for Health Care Providers](#), [Guidance for Health Care Facilities](#), [Guidance for Long Term Care Facilities](#)

Guidance for Schools [US Dept of Education](#), [Tips for Talking with Children for Parents and Teachers](#), [Pandemic Guidance for Schools](#)

[Guidance for Travelers](#) [New Guidance for Travelers from Countries with Widespread Ongoing Transmission](#)

[Guidance on Caring for People Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 in a Home/Residential Setting](#)

[Guidance on Protecting Yourself](#)

[Guidance for Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)

General COVID-19 Coronavirus Information from the World Health Organization

Town of Fairfield Response

The Town of Fairfield is taking the COVID-19 issue very seriously and has already created a COVID-19 Community Mitigation Workgroup which is being led by Emergency Management and the Health Department. The workgroup, which includes additional representatives from Fire, Police, Schools, Social Services, Human Resources, Community and Economic Development, Fairfield U, Sacred Heart, EMS and others, has met to review those steps already taken and additional planned steps to prepare for the range of potential impacts to the Town. Departments were asked to review potential impacts and how they will maintain essential services to the community. The Workgroup collectively reviewed the Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions available to us and are taking steps to plan for their implementation if needed. The Health Department has been posting COVID-19 prevention actions, educational materials and guidance documents for several weeks on their webpage and social media. Our First Responders, Schools/Universities, the Health Department, Health Care providers and others have already received and are following guidance from both State and Federal partners and we are continuing to distribute additional targeted guidance to various entities within the community. The Health Department continues to participating in multiple weekly conference call with the CDC and CT Department of Public Health to ensure the Town is receiving the most up to date information. These actions and our continued efforts are preparing us to respond to the range of potential impacts to the Town.

What Can I Do Now

There is currently no vaccine or antiviral medication to prevent or lessen the impact of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to it. The CDC recommends these everyday [preventative actions](#) to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses like COVID-19:

- **Stay home if you are sick.**
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. The health department has a video demonstrating how to wash your hands properly. To view that video, please click [here](#).**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. The health department has a video demonstrating the importance of covering your cough and/or sneeze to help prevent the spread of germs. To view that video, please click [here](#).**
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.**

Additional Resources

For general information about COVID-19 Coronavirus, as well as information for healthcare professionals and travelers, please visit the [CDC's website](#)

[CDC Webpage on US COVID-19 Coronavirus Activity.](#) [Additional Details on US Cases.](#)

[World Health Organization Dashboard on Worldwide COVID-19 Coronavirus Activity](#)

[Johns Hopkins University Dashboard of Worldwide COVID-19 Coronavirus Activity](#)

[General Tips to prevent the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus](#)

[CDC Interim Guidance for Preventing COVID-19 Coronavirus from Spreading to Others in Homes and Communities](#)

[Various COVID-19 Coronavirus Data and Rate Estimates](#) (non governmental/academic website)

[CT Department of Public Health COVID-19 Coronavirus Webpage Archives](#)