

Good Evening,

I want to provide you with an update. We now have three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Fairfield and many more are expected to follow.

I am asking residents in the strongest possible terms to take this pandemic very seriously and stay home. The CDC prevention tips tell us to maintain safe social distancing of at least six feet with people outside of your household because the virus is highly contagious.

I have received emails from residents who are unhappy that we closed the beaches. We have also received numerous reports and photos from alarmed residents of crowded beaches and kids playing sports together in large groups on our school grounds. These actions are putting our community at greater risk for transmitting the virus.

3.19.20 Press Conference



I am urging our residents to strictly follow the guidance of healthcare professionals and STAY HOME unless you need groceries or medical supplies so that we can flatten the curve and save lives. To be clear, this means changing our normal routines to STOP the spread of this highly contagious virus. I can't stress this enough -- this is a national health emergency.

Town Hall will remain closed to the public through Friday, March 20th. Town Hall will partially reopen with a limited number of employees physically working in the building while others will be working remotely from home. Certain departments will be open by appointment only, and other departments will only be available by phone and email. Each department will update their respective web pages to share how they will operate and provide services by the close of business tomorrow.

I know this is a challenging time for our residents and our country. Our town's efforts in fighting this pandemic will fail unless YOU participate in social distancing recommendations. The time to flatten the curve is now.

Brenda L. Kupchick First Selectwoman

Why should your kids not go to the park to play sports with their friends?



TOWN GOVERNMENT

By close of business tomorrow, all departments will have information on their website as to how residents can reach them for questions or make an appointment where applicable.



For a listing of departments click here: https://fairfieldct.org/departments

Restaurants

Fairfield is lucky to have countless restaurants that have altered their businesses to provide delivery and curbside pick up. <u>Click</u> on the image to view the full listing.



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receiving regular deliveries. Many are offering curbside pick up and deliver. Refer to our website for more information.

Presidential Primary

The Governor has announced they are postponing the Presidential primary to June 2nd.



Salons Closed

Today the Governor ordered all <u>nail and hair salons</u> to close in the state of CT.

Here is some information on how long viruses live on surfaces:

Stainless Steel: 3 days

Plastic: 48 hours

Cardboard: 24 hours

Copper: 8 hours



COVID-19 Prevention Measures:

- Practice social distancing
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick

hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue immediately away
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects (including your cell phone and computer keyboard) and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Face masks are recommended for use for only people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.

Fairfield Public Schools Website

Current Data:

For the latest numbers of cases, deaths and those recovered <u>click here</u>

For additional data and graphs of activity click here

For guidance and updates on Connecticut's coronavirus preparedness efforts, visit: ct.gov/coronavirus

Fairfield Health Department coronavirus website: <u>fairfieldct.org/covid19</u>

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Contact Information:

For general questions you can call 211

<u>Hartford HealthCare's</u> COVID-19 Clinical Command Center hotline, staffed by healthcare professionals, is now available to the community. To reach the 24-hour hotline, call <u>860.972.8100</u> or (toll-free) <u>833.621.0600</u>.

YNHH has a call center number it's 1-833-ASK YNHH that's open from 7 am - 7 pm

For additional information and prevention tips, refer to the Health Department website at: www.fairfieldct.org/health or the Fairfield homepage under news at www.fairfieldct.org.

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