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City of Waterbury Daily Coronavirus Update

September 21, 2020

Senior citizens in need of special assistance are encouraged to call 3-1-1 for help with: Prescription pick up and/or drop off, emergency transportation, supplemental food drop off, etc.

Quick Resources:

The City of Waterbury's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is open and staffed 24 hours a day. Individuals who have questions or who are seeking information about the city's ongoing response are encouraged to call the EOC at 3-1-1.

Individuals with general questions about coronavirus are encouraged to call 2-1-1 for the State of Connecticut's Coronavirus Call Center.

To visit the City of Waterbury's COVID-19 informational website, click here.

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER DATA (opened on March 11th):

- **Total calls into the EOC**: 14,806

- **Total COVID-19 screening forms completed**: 427
  - These forms are filled out when a resident calls and states that they have symptoms associated with COVID-19

Basic Needs Response Data (as of 9/21/20):

- **Total Case Managers:** 11
- **Total Case Referrals to Date:** 486
- **Total Individuals Served:** 1,531
- **Total PAL Support Requests:** 481

Availability of COVID-19 Testing In Waterbury:

St. Mary's Hospital: Drive through testing Monday thru Saturday; 9 AM-3 PM

Testing by Appointment:

Physician One Urgent Care – Waterbury*:* 920 Wolcott St., Ste. 19 Waterbury, Tel: 203-574-1200

Doc's Urgent Care – Chase Ave.: 279 Chase Ave., Waterbury, Tel: 203-528-4993

Doc's Urgent Care – Frost Rd.: 506 Frost Rd., Waterbury, Tel: 203-437-8368

Free community-based coronavirus testing sites available now through August 2020. Sites are open to all. No symptoms required. No doctor's order needed for sites below.

Friday, September 25: Drive-up & walk up testing at Zion Baptist Church, 137 Pearl St, 9am-12pm.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: Drive-up & walk-up testing at Wheeler's Family Health & Wellness Center, 855 Lakewood Road, 9am-12pm.

Monday – Friday: Drive-up & walk-up testing at Community Health Center, Inc., 51 North Elm Street, 9am-1pm.

Tuesdays: Walk-up testing at Saint Mary's Hospital (near old Sears Store), 375 Union St., 9 am - 4 pm.

Thursdays: Walk-up testing at Waterbury Police Activity League, 64 Division St, 9am-4pm.

Waterbury Public Schools:

Total student meals distributed: 551,142

Waterbury Public School COVID Updates

(As of 9/20/20):

- **Generali Elementary School:**
  - 1 student at Generali Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. As a precaution all the students in the specific class will transition to distance learning through Friday, September 25th. Per the District's established protocol, the city's Contact Tracing Team was engaged immediately. The team is identifying close contacts and making the appropriate notifications. The school will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly as per defined protocol.
  - Additionally, three students, who are enrolled in the Virtual Academy, also tested positive for COVID-19. The city's Contact Tracing Team was one again engaged immediately. As the students have been learning from home since the first day of school, they have not been in the school building nor had any contact with any students outside of school
- **North End Middle School:**
  - 2 students at North End Middle School, who are enrolled in the Virtual Academy, tested positive for COVID-19. Per the District's established protocol, the city's Contact Tracing Team was engaged immediately. As the students have been learning from home since the first day of school, they have not been in the school building. As always, the safety and well-being of our students, staff and families is our highest priority.
- **Wilby High School:**
  - 1 student at Wilby High School, who is enrolled in the Virtual Academy, has tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Per the District's established protocol, the city's Contact Tracing Team was engaged immediately. The student has been learning from home since Thursday, September 10 and has not been in the school building since that date.
- **School Bus Driver:**
  - On Sunday, Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin was notified by the City of Waterbury Department of Public Health that a contracted Waterbury Public Schools bus driver has tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Per the District and All Star Transporation's established protocol, the city's Contact Tracing Team was engaged immediately. We have been advised by All Star that the driver wore a mask at all times while at the terminal and while on the buses with students. Each bus was cleaned thoroughly between runs and at the end of the school day.
  - The driver has been instructed to remain in self-isolation for 14 days. All necessary steps are being taken to protect the health of our students and staff.

(As of 9/17/20)

- **Kennedy High School:**
  - 2 existing positive cases reported.
  - All students have been transitioned to virtual distance learning for Thursday, September 17th and Friday, September 18th.
  - Per the District's established protocol, the city's Contact Tracing Team was engaged immediately. The team is identifying close contacts and making the appropriate notifications.
  - The school will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly before students return per defined protocol.
  - The students who tested positive for COVID-19 have been instructed to remain home in self-isolation for 10 days.

- **West Side Middle School:**
  - 1 existing positive case reported.
  - All 7th grade students have been transitioned to virtual distance learning for Thursday, September 17th and Friday, September 18th.
  - Per the District's established protocol, the city's Contact Tracing Team was engaged immediately. The team is identifying close contacts and making the appropriate notifications.
  - The school will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly before students return per defined protocol.
  - The student who tested positive for COVID-19 have been instructed to remain home in self-isolation for 10 days.

- **Chase Elementary School:**
  - 1 existing positive case reported.
  - One classroom was closed, and remains virtual at this time.

- **Woodrow Wilson Elementary School:**
  - 1 existing positive case reported.
  - 1 positive case reported today.
    - This was a virtual learner who has had no in person contact with the school.

- For continued updates, please check the Waterbury Public School website (link below), social media, and Parent Square: https://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/

Student Chromebrook Distribution:

- To date, a total of **13,000 Chromebooks** have been distributed to our students for distance learning

  To access the district's Continued Learning Plan, click here.

Testing Results (as of September 21, 5:00 PM)

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Waterbury: 2,472

Confirmed Waterbury Resident Deaths Associated with COVID-19: 193

*City of Waterbury COVID-19 graphs, click here.

Senior Lunches Distributed (as of September 21, 5:00 PM)

Number of Meals Delivered to seniors in Waterbury: 45,967

Executive Orders and Updates from the Desk of Governor Ned Lamont (as of March 18th, 2pm):

**For a complete list of the Governor's executive orders, click here.*

**For a complete list of the Governor's Press Releases, click here.*

**To visit the Governor's Facebook for additional information, click here.*

**For a complete list of the Governor's guidelines to Phase 1, click here.*

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