



Mayor Neil M. O'Leary

City of Waterbury Daily Coronavirus Update

March 18th, 2020

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](#).

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.

Waterbury Public Schools:

Mayor O'Leary and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin are deeply committed to continuing the district's free breakfast and lunch program. Students are able to pick up breakfast and lunch at any one of 25 schools around the city between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for a full list of locations.

Number of breakfasts distributed today: 3,341

Number of lunches distributed today: 3,571

Total student meals distributed to date: 15,010

Instructional learning packets for all students can be picked up at the 25 schools being used for breakfast and lunch pickup.

To access the district's Continued Learning Plan, click [here](#).

Availability of drive-through testing at Saint Mary's Hospital and Waterbury Hospital:

The City of Waterbury continues to work with our two hospitals to mitigate and respond to coronavirus. Drive-through testing is actively being conducted outside of Saint Mary's Hospital and Waterbury Hospital.

****Please note: In order for testing to occur, individuals are required to have a prescription for testing from their primary care physician.***

Testing Results (as of March 18th, 5:00 PM)

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Waterbury: 1

Waterbury Official Announcements:

**To visit Mayor O'Leary's Facebook for additional information, [click here](#).*

Wednesday, March 11: Mayor O'Leary orders the opening of the city's Emergency Operation Center.

Monday, March 16th: Mayor O'Leary declares a state of emergency for the City of Waterbury.

Volunteer Opportunities:

As our city continues to prepare and respond to coronavirus, there are ways that every day citizens can directly help. Mayor O'Leary is calling on those who are healthy, able, and willing to volunteer to support the city's efforts. If you would like more information about how you can help, please call the city's Emergency Operation Center at 3-1-1 or call the Mayor's office at (203) 574-6712. Individuals answering those numbers will ask you for the information necessary to fill out the City of Waterbury Volunteer Intake Form.

In addition, recently retired medical professionals who retired in good standing with the Department of Public Health (DPH), and currently licensed medical professionals who are in good standing with DPH (physicians, physician assistants, nurses, paramedics, EMT's, and all other certified allied health professions) are encouraged to call 3-1-1 if interested in supporting the city's response

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](#).*

- Tuesday, March 10th
 - Governor Ned Lamont issues declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies.
- Thursday, March 12th
 - Governor Lamont signs an executive order that:
 - Prohibits all events in the state with over 250 people;
 - Modifies the state law requiring schools to be in for 180 days;
 - Clarifies visitor restrictions at all nursing and convalescent homes;
 - Authorizes DMV to extend renewal deadlines to reduce crowds at DMV branches and relaxes attendance rules for police academy trainees.
- Friday, March 13th
 - Governor Lamont signs an executive order that:
 - Revises the nursing home visitation provisions in Executive Order No. 7, prohibiting any visitation for the next 30 days effective immediately except for the following categories of individuals:
 - First responders, including emergency medical services, law enforcement, firefighting and emergency management personnel;
 - Family members, domestic partners or other persons designated by a patient only when the facility's medical director, a licensed physician or advance practice registered nurse has determined

such patient to be at the end stage of life with death being imminent;

- Any person authorized by law to oversee or investigate the provision of care and services; and
 - Service providers who are required to do maintenance or repair necessary without delay for the facility's continued operation.
- Saturday, March 14th
 - Governor Lamont signs an executive order that:
 - Relaxes in-person open meeting requirements to minimize large gatherings, with safeguards to provide remote public access;
 - Allows pharmacists to compound and sell hand sanitizer;
 - Waives requirements for pharmacists to use certain personal protective equipment when working with non-hazardous, sterile compounds;
 - Authorizes refunds of liquor permit fees for special events that have since been canceled;
 - Waives face-to-face interview requirements for Temporary Family Assistance;
 - Authorizes the Commissioner of Early Childhood to waive certain licensing and other requirements to maintain and increase the availability of childcare; and
 - Authorizes the Office of Health Strategy to waive Certificates of Need and other requirements to ensure adequate availability of healthcare resources and facilities.
 - Sunday, March 15th
 - Governor Lamont signs an executive order that:
 - Cancels classes at all public schools statewide effective March 17 through at least March 31.
 - Provides flexibility for municipal budget deadlines and related issues.
 - Authorizes the DMV commissioner to close branches to the public, conduct business remotely, and extend deadlines.
 - Allows restrictions on visitor access to psychiatric facilities in order to protect vulnerable residents, patients, and staff.

- Monday, March 16th
 - Governor Lamont signs an executive order that:
 - Revises the previously enacted prohibition on large gatherings to a capacity of 50 people, and adds religious gatherings to the list of activities subject to the limit.
 - Limits restaurants to non-alcoholic beverage and take-out/delivery services only, effective 8PM tonight.
 - Requires closure of on-site operations at off-track betting facility operations, effective 8PM tonight.
 - Requires closure of gyms, fitness studios, and movie theaters, effective 8PM tonight.

- Tuesday, March 17th
 - Governor Lamont signs an executive order that:
 - Makes modifications to the governor's previously enacted waiver of the 180-day school year to grant broader flexibility to school districts.
 - Allows police departments to limit or eliminate fingerprinting for background checks.
 - Extends expiration dates for permits, licenses, and other credentials administered by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.
 - Suspends the requirement that public assistance benefit overpayments be immediately recouped.
 - Suspend in-person hearing attendance requirements for certain hearings conducted by the Department of Social Services.

- Wednesday, March 18th
 - Governor Lamont expands Monday's order to include:
 - The closure of indoor portions of large retail shopping malls, amusement parks, and bowling alleys effective 8:00 PM Thursday, March 20th.