



COVID19 UPDATE 2

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to update you all on a recent development - I met with Town staff this morning and have made the decision to close Town Hall to the public effective immediately.

This not a decision that was made lightly; continuity of town government is critical in times like this. This emergency is changing every hour and we are continuing to prepare for modifications to daily life.

We are all extremely grateful for your commitment to slowing community transmission.

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We are all critical to slowing Community Transmission of this virus.

NPIs (Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions) continue to be our tools to slow community transmission:

- **Good Handwashing practices** - Washing your hands is still the best way to slow the spread of the virus. In addition to singing "Happy Birthday To You" twice, which is the CDC recommendation, [here's a playlist of songs to sing while you wash your hands.](#)
- **Social Distancing** - stay home. If you can't stay home, keep a 6 ft. distance from others. If you are sick, please stay home.
- **Good Respiratory Etiquette** - cough/sneeze into a tissue or paper towel and throw the tissue in the garbage (when possible do not cough/sneeze around others). Don't forget to wash your hands after!
- **Household disinfection** -
 - follow manufacturer recommended guidance on all disinfecting products - most require a wait time before wiping
 - disinfect counters frequently throughout the day;
 - disinfect phones, keyboards, remotes and other high-touch surfaces frequently throughout the day;
 - wash your hands after!

Other reminders:

- Hospitals are quickly increasing access to testing but please keep in mind as they stand up drive through testing, you must still have a physician's order to be tested.
- Do not consume your healthcare guidance from social media. The reliable sources remain the same. They are:
 - [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
 - [The Connecticut Department of Public Health](#)

- [The Torrington Area Health District](#)

Our community is strong, resilient and compassionate. As social-distancing continues to increase, reach out to your families, friends and loved ones. If you have a concern about the wellness of someone in Kent, please call our Emergency Management Director at 860.706.3833.

We will continue to provide updates on this evolving situation.

Thank you for your commitment to keeping Kent safe and healthy.

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