

TOWN OF CORNWALL

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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Letter - March 11, 2020

The Town of Cornwall is taking steps to plan appropriate responses to the Covid-19 virus. We are taking this risk to public health seriously as there has been some confirmed cases in nearby areas. Yesterday, Governor Lamont issued a state of emergency proclamation, as have the governors in our neighboring states. I participated in a statewide teleconference with State officials yesterday and here are some of the take-aways: This virus is very contagious and has no vaccine, which is why there now are such great efforts to slow it down and stop its spread. Most people who get the virus have a good chance of recovery, but the elderly and people with pre-existing health issues are very vulnerable populations.

People are urged to act responsibly and with common sense, especially to increase thorough hand washing and not touching faces. Avoidance of crowds, especially in confined spaces, is encouraged. Unnecessary travel is discouraged. People are urged to work remotely if possible.

The Selectmen's office will keep residents informed with accurate information by regular postings on www.CornwallCT.org website and the new Town Hall email. Register for the town email using the link found at www.CornwallCT.org. Also, Diane Beebe is keeping Cornwall's Emergency Management Facebook page updated.

The Town is also convening a work group to address the Covid-19 under its emergency planning process. Members include Town Officials, Town Emergency Manager Diane Beebe, Cornwall Emergency 1st Responders, the Town Social Service agent, and representatives from C.C.S. Members of the work group are meeting and communicating with relevant State officials. The Torrington Area Health District, which is the Town's board of health, has been proactive in getting us accurate information on this developing situation. The www.TAHD.org website is also an excellent source of information.

If you have non-medical questions please call the statewide 211 number that has been set up to handle non-symptomatic calls. Please feel free to contact the Town at the above addresses with your non-emergency questions. As always please call 911 for health emergencies. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Gordon Ridgway

First Selectman

Town of Cornwall, CT

CC: Selectman Priscilla Pavel and Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey