

Town of Cornwall



Apart Together

Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update, Vol. 22 **July 2, 2020**

Hello Friends,

Cornwall is in good shape relative to several months ago. There are currently no patients hospitalized in Litchfield County for Covid-19. This truly good news is the result of many people following the mask wearing, personal hygiene, and social distancing rules.

We must not let our guard / behavior down as for some very good reasons. The Coronavirus is just as contagious as it was in March. Other regions are experiencing alarming increases as people have not followed the CDC suggested rules when States re-opened. Intensive Care Units are at capacity in Florida, Texas and Arizona. We do not want to find ourselves in that situation – so please stay vigilant. This is a very painful disease. There was also a flare up this week in Rockland County, NY where a contagious host spread the virus to his guests at a graduation party.

The State of Connecticut imposed a two-week quarantine for people coming from Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. Part of the reason is that the positive test results have surged to 24% in AZ and 15% in Texas and Florida. Health officials consider any rate over 5% an emergency as it indicates the likelihood of many asymptomatic carriers in those hot spot communities.

It is important that we keep our protective measures in place. This bug is likely to be around for quite a while. We are fortunate to be here for the duration.

Heather Dinneen and her crew continue to supply residents in need via the region's best food delivery service. Recipients are glad to receive fresh produce from Trinity Retreat Center and other Cornwall gardens. Heather's wish list for the week is:

- Canned Tomatoes - all kinds - diced, whole, paste, crushed, etc.
- Canned Soups - vegetable, minestrone, chicken noodle
- Cereals
- Kid's Snacks and Crackers
- Cake Mix and Frosting
- Fruit Cups (in juice not syrup)
- Size 5 diapers, Size 4 Pampers (allergic to other brands)

Donated items can also be sent to The UCC Church, 10 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall, CT 06753 by Boxed.com

Have a safe and sunny 4th of July,

Gordon Ridgway
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