

Dear Friends,

Cornwall Consolidated School had a very successful re-opening day on Tuesday, September 8. The Students were attentive to wearing masks and other precautions. Portable tents have been set-up to maximize outdoor education. Also, physical education will include hiking on some of Cornwall's nearby trails.

There has been a new Covid case reported in Cornwall after several months of no new cases. This should serve as a reminder of the virus' durability and the need to follow directions on preventative measures (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html</a> and <a href="https://www.tahd.org/">https://www.tahd.org/</a>). Health experts are warning of the increased spread of the virus by a younger demographic of 14-30 year olds and increased cases in the Fall.

Heather Dinneen, the Town's Social Service Agent, is helping with the economic impact of Covid-19 on working families with the generous assistance of the Food & Fuel Fund. (Box 97, Cornwall, CT 06753) She has seen an increase of need, especially due to unemployment in the hospitality industry, and people struggling to pay rent and utility bills.

Her wish list at the pantry includes:

Canned corn
Coffee
Marinara Sauce
Tomato and other vegetable soups
Laundry soaps
Dish Soap
Dishwasher Detergent
Canned tomatoes - whole and crushed
Shampoo
Kid's Snacks and Juice Boxes

## Donated items (including surplus garden produce) can also be sent to The UCC Church, 10 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall, CT 06753.

I visited the distribution center at the UCC Parish House last weekend, and was very impressed by the large quantity of food being distributed.

Thanks for your help,

Gordon Ridgway First Selectman Town of Cornwall, CT