

# TOWN OF CORNWALL

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## Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update Vol. 5 March 23, 2020

Thanks, for all the people who have stepped up to help us meet this BIG health challenge. The Town has set up remote training for volunteers. The first delivery of food and necessities is scheduled to go out this afternoon. A big shout out to Heather Dinneen, our Social Services agent for organizing this effort. The donations for the Food & Fuel Fund are most welcome and can be sent to "Cornwall Food & Fuel Fund", Box 97, Cornwall, CT 06753. We also appreciate the donation of Personal Protective Equipment from local businesses and residents as the national shortage is also occurring here. Volunteer form is available by emailing [cwselectmen@optonline.net](mailto:cwselectmen@optonline.net).

We are also grateful for volunteer offers by residents who have social service / counseling expertise. We are anticipating an increased need for counselling if people need help please call Cornwall Social Services at 860-672-2603 or email [cornwallsocialservices@gmail.com](mailto:cornwallsocialservices@gmail.com).

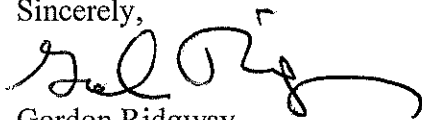
We are also aware that New York City has become a hot zone and again residents are asked to restrict their travel and stay sheltered in place. Governor Lamont has ordered the shutting of all non-essential businesses in Connecticut. The Town office remains staffed and receiving calls, the Transfer Station remains open and busy. Residents are asked to have their disposables sorted ahead of time and move quickly through the facility.

Locally Covid-19 cases have been confirmed in Sharon, Litchfield and Torrington. You may assume that the virus will reach Cornwall Soon if it is not here already. Now is the time that well publicized efforts of social distancing and personal hygiene will make a difference. The State has an excellent resource <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>.

This is a challenging time with the worst yet to come. The health impact has been compared to the 1918 Flu Pandemic and the personal habits sacrifice compared to World War II. It is important to also remember that we got through those times with mutual support. Not to make light of the situation, but to help with morale I have asked Dave Colbert to head up a Cornwall Arts & Remote Entertainment program to harness our creative talents and help keep spirits up. There are rumors of a town-wide run at home video contest, and chatter about best current films or videos to share. Dave can be reached remotely at [Davidcolbert7@gmail.com](mailto:Davidcolbert7@gmail.com).

Thanks again from all of us here at apart/together in Cornwall.

Sincerely,



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P.S. Check out the "Quarantine Review" Music Video by Andy Eversole available on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

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