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GOVERNOR LAMONT PROVIDES UPDATE ON CONNECTICUT'S CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE EFFORTS

Latest Data as of 6:00PM on Tuesday, April 7, 2020

(HARTFORD, CT) – As the State of Connecticut continues taking actions in response to the global spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Governor Ned Lamont provided the following updates as of 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020:

Data updates on testing in Connecticut

Since yesterday's update, an additional **875** Connecticut residents have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to **7,781**. To date, more than **29,036** tests have been conducted in Connecticut among both state and private laboratories. Approximately **1,308** patients have been hospitalized. The total statewide total number of COVID-19 associated fatalities is **277**.

A county-by-county breakdown includes:

County	Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Cases	Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Hospitalizations	Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19-Associated Deaths
Fairfield County	4,136	613	132
Hartford County	1,045	243	48
Litchfield County	255	17	9
Middlesex County	150	26	7
New Haven County	1,664	390	60
New London County	85	12	4
Tolland County	111	4	13
Windham County	43	3	1
<i>Pending address validation</i>	292	0	3
Total	7,781	1,308	277

For several additional graphs and tables containing more data, including a list of cases in every municipality and data broken down by age, gender, race, and other factors, visit ct.gov/coronavirus.

Governor Lamont signs 23rd executive order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19

Governor Lamont today signed another executive order – the 23rd since he enacted the [emergency declarations](#) – that builds upon his efforts to encourage mitigation strategies that slow down transmission of the virus.

Governor Lamont's [Executive Order No. 7V](#) enacts the following provisions:

- **Safe workplaces in essential businesses:** Requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to work in consultation with the Department of Public Health on the development of legally binding statewide rules prescribing additional protective measures that every workplace in Connecticut deemed essential – and any other business or nonprofit allowed to remain open – must follow. Such rules will be mandatory throughout the state.
 - Immediately upon Governor Lamont's signing of this executive order, the Department of Economic and Community Development published the [Safe Workplaces Rules for Essential Employers on its website](#), outlining guidance for these businesses. These rules go into effect immediately.
- **Temporary permits for certain health care providers extended and fees waived:** Waives the application fees for temporary permits for each of the health care professions that are administered by the Department of Public Health. It also extends the duration of the temporary permits for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless otherwise modified.
- **Practice before licensure for certain health care profession applicants and graduates:** Allows recent medical school and other medical profession graduates who are not yet licensed to participate in the state's COVID-19 response for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency. This is necessary during the emergency period because the ability to take the required exams or other steps to receive a license have been suspended.
- **Practice before licensure for marital and family therapy associates:** Allows those who have recently completed an accredited graduate degree program in marital and family therapy offered by a postgraduate clinical training program to practice without a license for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency.
- **Practice before licensure for professional counselor associates:** Allows recent graduates with a degree in clinical mental health counseling who are not yet licensed to practice as a professional counselor associate without obtaining a license for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency.
- **Protection from civil liability for actions or omissions in support of the state's COVID-19 response:** Replaces the section of Executive Order No. 7U concerning protection from civil liability for actions or omissions in support of the state's COVID-19 response with new language, which adds protection from liability for common law claims – in addition to the

previously enacted protection from liability for statutory claims – for healthcare workers and providers.

****Download: [Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7V](#)**

U.S. Army Reserve Urban Augmentation Medical Task Force joins the Connecticut National Guard to provide support at Stamford Hospital

Starting today and continuing to arrive over the next two days, approximately 85 soldiers from the U.S. Army Reserve's Urban Augmentation Medical Task Force will provide additional medical staff to Stamford Hospital. The Army Reserve group includes clinical and administrative staff, as well as those who are subject matter experts in operational medicine, infectious disease, preventive medicine, nursing, respiratory therapy, clinical psychology, occupational therapy, dietetics, pharmacy, and other areas.

The task force will be organized under the Dual-Status Commander Brigadier General Ralph Hedenberg, who is a Connecticut Guardsman that is expected to be approved by the U.S. Secretary of Defense to serve as Commander for both federal and Guard forces within the borders of Connecticut.

Over the last several days and continuing tomorrow, units of the Connecticut National Guard have been working alongside the staff at Stamford Hospital to build out more patient capacity.

Grants available to Connecticut manufacturers producing needed COVID-19 supplies

Governor Lamont today announced that Connecticut manufacturers can now apply for grants of up to \$75,000 to assist in the production of critical equipment and supplies needed to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. The grants, offered through the state's Manufacturing Innovation Fund Voucher Program, can be used for working capital, new equipment, and other purposes that help companies build capacity or repurpose their operations.

Applications for the funding will be reviewed and approved by the Department of Economic and Community Development, in partnership with the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, based on the state's current needs for medical equipment and supplies related to the pandemic. Funding for this short-term program is limited to \$1.3 million and requires a one-to-one match from participating businesses. Learn more about the program and the application process by visiting <https://ctmvp.ccat.us>.

Governor Lamont encourages residents to sign up for the state's CTA/ert notification system

Governor Lamont is encouraging Connecticut residents to sign up for CTA/ert, the state's emergency alert system, which provides text message notifications to users. To subscribe, text the keyword **COVIDCT** to **888-777**.

Providing information to Connecticut residents

For the most up-to-date information from the State of Connecticut on COVID-19, including an FAQ and other guidance and resources, residents are encouraged to visit ct.gov/coronavirus.

Individuals who have general questions that are not answered on the website can also call 2-1-1 for assistance. The hotline is available 24 hours a day and has multilingual assistance and TDD/TTY access. It intended to be used by individuals who are not experiencing symptoms but may have general questions related to COVID-19. Anyone experiencing symptoms is strongly urged to contact their medical provider.

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