

# Town of Wethersfield

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Dear Fellow Wethersfield Residents:

First and foremost, I hope this email finds you and your loved ones well, and thank you for doing your part to stay safe and stay home. Right now, as the cases of CoVID-19 increase, the best thing we all can do is mitigate further spreading by going out and not being social. Please, if you do not have to leave your home, stay home.

If you need to go out or if you are an essential employee, here are some basic steps you can take to help protect yourself and others against the disease and stop the spread of germs:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol or greater;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, and
- Practice social distancing.

Please visit the CDC [website](#) for further information on early warning signs of COVID-19, important dates, and best practices to keep you and your loved ones safe. If you develop any of signs of COVID-19, please get medical attention immediately.

The Town of Wethersfield has created this [page](#) to assist residents and businesses in obtaining the most up-to-date information from your local government. We are working hard to mitigate the impact to our community and need your help in fighting the spread of the disease with everyday precautions and preparations.

While town hall is closed to the public, staff is still providing services to residents and businesses. To the extent possible, we are asking people to conduct Town business over the phone, internet or through the mail. We encourage you to find forms, information and phone numbers on [Wethersfield's homepage](#) to continue your business with the Town.

Food Donation – Monetary donations to purchase food may be made by clicking [here](#) and selecting “Make a Donation to Social Services”. Food may be dropped off at Town Hall by appointment by calling (860) 721-2977. Visit our Food Bank [web page](#) to see the list of the most needed non-perishable food.

Wethersfield's Food Bank is also operating a curbside distribution outside the lower entrance of Town Hall on the Silas Deane Highway. Please contact the number above to schedule an appointment.

Town playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts are closed. We encourage families to use town parks by taking walks, hikes and bike rides in the parks and open space and on our bike trail.

The Town's first responders are staffed and continue to provide for the needs of town residents. If there is an emergency, please call 911, for routine calls to the Wethersfield Police Department, please call 860-721-2900.

Many towns, Wethersfield included, must adopt a budget before June 15th. The Board of Education has approved Superintendent Michael Emmett's proposed [budget](#) and Town Manager Gary Evans, along with the Town staff, are crafting a budget that will be presented to the Town Council in May.

Finally, the Town Manager issued a Declaration of Local State of Emergency. This will provide the town access to funds necessary to cope with this emergency, and to do whatever he may deem necessary for the purpose of meeting the needs of the town. This declaration also makes the Town eligible for qualifying federal and state funds as they become available. The Town's Emergency Operations Center is considered partially activated in accordance with Chapter 11 of our Code of Ordinances. This means all public safety staff are in daily communication and monitoring activities. We are prepared and following our emergency plans. This state of emergency shall remain in effect until declared terminated.

Please stay safe and healthy during this time.

Sincerely,

*Michael Rell*

Mayor