

Good evening. It is 4:30 pm on Friday, December 18, 2020 and this is First Selectman Christopher Spaulding with a coronavirus update.

**As of December 18, 2020 we have had 10 new positive COVID test results for Weston residents since our last outreach on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** <http://wwhd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Web-update-December-18-2020.pdf>

A Travel advisory is in place for Connecticut, however if you are still considering traveling over the holidays, please follow the travel and quarantine guidance posted here <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>

In addition Weston Public Schools will be in temporary distance learning from December 14<sup>th</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see here for more information: <https://westonps.org/covid-19-communications/>

For a current update of quarantines and cases in Weston Public Schools click here. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1x9nswxZtZmRbMZwZXFzZeHNG1NR7v3AdgogI5pOtSF8/edit#gid=0>

*If you haven't done so already, consider signing up for the **COVID CT Alert App** – Connecticut's contact tracing program.* Instructions on how to sign up are here <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/covidalertCT/homepage>

Residents should also report positive cases directly to the Westport/Weston Health Department <http://wwhd.org/> so contact tracing can be started immediately in order to contain the spread of the virus. The office line is 203 227 9571.

As a reminder COVID testing is available at area hospitals and urgent care facilities as well as at St. Vincent's Behavioral Health Facility on Long Lots Road. You can call to book an appointment at 1-860-972-8100. No prescription is required.

**We continue to ask residents to practice social distancing when out in public, wear masks, and wash/sanitize hands frequently.** Please see the state latest guidance here <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-Guidance>

This virus has shown us that it only takes one infected person to spread COVID 19 to several others in intimate settings where no masks are worn or social distance is not maintained. Asymptomatic spread of the virus can occur in gatherings of any size. The state has posted guidelines, which limit gatherings to no more than 10 people. <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/Sector-Rules-and-Certification-for-Reopen>

For more data and updates from ct.gov please see here <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>

**We are all in this together. Be safe and have a Happy Holiday!**

**Note:** The Town will no longer be using the Code Red emergency alert system as of January 1. Please sign up or help spread the word, by telling those you know to sign up for Everbridge. <https://rebrand.ly/WestonCTAlert>

*\*\*numbers collated from separate sources and are subject to change, please see the links provided for further information.*