

Good evening. It is Friday, January 8, 2021 and this is First Selectman Christopher Spaulding with a coronavirus update.

As of January 8, 2021 we have had 40 new positive COVID test results for Weston residents since our last outreach on December 31st, 2020. <http://wwhd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Web-update-January-8-2021-xx.pdf>

Weston Public Schools are no longer in temporary distance learning. Please see here for updates. <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. There you will also find the latest information on Connecticut's vaccine rollout plan.

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.

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>

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>

A Travel advisory is still in place for Connecticut, please follow the travel and quarantine guidance posted here <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>

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

The new COVID variant initially found in the United Kingdom has been reported in Connecticut <https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/coronavirus/two-cases-of-covid-19-variant-found-in-u-k-now-confirmed-in-connecticut/2398772/>, please remain vigilant and stay healthy.

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