

# TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR Updated 5/18/2020

Resource Guide in response to COVID-19

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### **TOWN/STATE/FEDERAL RESOURCE INFORMATON**

### **WEBSITES/SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Town Website: https://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov/

Town Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/townofeastwindsor/">https://www.facebook.com/townofeastwindsor/</a>

State Updates: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus">https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus</a>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov

North Central CT District Health: http://www.ncdhd.org/

East Windsor Chamber of Commerce: <a href="www.eastwindsorchamber.com">www.eastwindsorchamber.com</a> for referral as well. (Any Business that wants to participate in future "What's Open" feel free to email your business info to jim@eastwindsorchamber.com -You do not need to be a member of EWCC).

**Infoline-2-1-1:** 2-1-1 is your one-stop connection to the local services you need, from utility assistance, food, housing, childcare, after school programs, elder care, crisis intervention and much more. 2-1-1 is always ready to assist you find the help you need. Dial 2-1-1 or search online. If you are outside Connecticut or have a problem using the 2-1-1 number, dial 1-800-203-1234. **Text CTCOVID to 898211 for Updates.** 

### **TOWN BUILDING INFORMATION:**

MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER: 860-623-8122

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT TOWN BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. STAFF CAN BE REACHED AT THE NUMBERS ON OUR DIRECTORY LOCATED at <a href="https://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov">www.eastwindsor-ct.gov</a>.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE A CONVENIENT DROP BOX LOCATED OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL FRONT DOORS FOR PAYMENTS. PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE MADE ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT <a href="www.eastwindsor-ct.gov">www.eastwindsor-ct.gov</a>.

### **SCHOOLS**

Per the Governor's order, classes will be closed for the remainder of the academic year.

Distance learning will continue. Classes will end on June 18.

The CIAC has cancelled the spring sports season as well.

Website: https://www.eastwindsork12.org/

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/East-Windsor-Public-Schools">https://www.facebook.com/East-Windsor-Public-Schools</a>

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** The East Windsor Schools continue to provide bagged breakfast and lunch for all students Monday – Friday 7 am – 10 am. These are available at East Windsor Middle School as "grab and go". If you don't have a way to pick up, please contact your child's school and leave a message. We will attempt to assist you as much as possible. There is also an option for pick up at Mill Pond for the "grab and go" meals from 9 am-10:30 am.

Community Health Center (CHC) MEDICAL SERVICES: Any parent whose child is enrolled in the CHC medical services and is seeking medical care can contact CHC's main number 860-347-6971. When you call in, you will be triaged over the phone by a nurse and referred appropriately based on your child's symptoms. If it is determined that your child needs to be seen, you will be referred to the Community Health Center-Enfield site at 5 North Main Street, Enfield, CT 06082. Telephone: 860-253-9024.

CHC behavioral health services are now able to provide tele-health services. If your child is enrolled in CHC and is requiring behavioral health services, you can call **860-852-0871**. The message will prompt you to leave a voicemail and the voicemails will be forwarded to the appropriate clinician. Please note, when a clinician returns the call, the number may appear as a blocked number. Please answer so your clinician can provide the necessary services.

**PHONE CALLS:** Some of our staff may be trying to reach students or families by telephone. The call may show as "no caller ID", so please pick up the call. Some of these calls may be teachers trying to check in on your child, answer questions etc.... or related service providers offering assistance.

**INTERNET:** For those of you who may need assistance with Internet, please see the message below from our Director of Technology:

East Windsor families that live in a Cox Cable service area that need affordable internet can visit **www.cox.com/c2c**, or email **connectnow@cox.com** to see if they qualify. Cox can also be reached at **1-800-234-3993**. Cox is offering the first month free, including one month of free remote helpdesk support. The service will be \$9.95/month after that. There are also low-cost options for those that do not qualify.

**SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS:** PLEASE AVOID THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS DURING THE STAY AT HOME, STAY SAFE TIME.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for all children turning 5 on or before December 31, 2020 is being completed through Central Registration at the Board of Education office. Please call or e-mail Carol Sauerhoefer at 860-623-3346, ext. 7415 or csauerhoefer@ewct.org to schedule an appointment for registration.

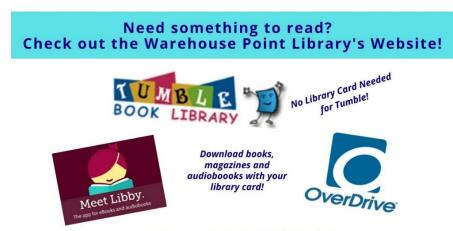
Please complete the registration packet available online at www.eastwindsork12.org and bring it to your registration appointment with the following:

- 1. A copy of the child's birth certificate.
- 2. Proof of residency (lease/mortgage and tax or utility bill).
- Proof of immunizations against: a. DtaP (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus)- 4 doses b.
   Polio 3 doses c. Measles, Mumps, Rubella 2 doses d. Pneumococcal 1 dose e.
   HIB (Hemophilus influenza, type B) 1 dose f. Hepatitis B 3 doses g. Varicella (history of chicken pox documented or vaccine) 2 doses h. Hepatitis A 2 doses.
- 4. A physical examination completed within twelve (12) months of entry into school (completed after July 1, 2019).
  - a. This exam must be completed on the blue state physical exam form.
  - b. The first page of the blue form must be completed by the parent and signed.
  - c. The exam must include an assessment of risk of exposure to Tuberculosis. d. The child's lead level must be completed on the form. Children have their lead level completed between 1-2 years of age (the lead level at that age is what should be reported on the form by the physician).
- 5. An oral exam completed by a dentist is now required by the state. This exam is on the 3rd page of the state blue form. The dentist will complete this page and sign the bottom of the form. The physical examination, oral exam, and proof of immunizations must be submitted to school by July 1, 2020.

Your child will not be registered without the submission of all required medical information as listed above, and he/she will not be permitted to begin school in September until all information has been provided. To assist parents in preparing their children for a smooth transition to kindergarten, an orientation evening for parents/guardians will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Broad Brook School cafeteria. At that time, we will provide information on the kindergarten day and classroom activities, as well as answer any questions you have about the program. Please join us for an informative evening.

### **LIBRARIES**

WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY: https://www.facebook.com/warehousepointpubliclibrary/



www.warehousepointlibrary.info

#### **BROAD BROOK LIBRARY:**

Broad Brook Library Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Broad-Brook-Library">https://www.facebook.com/Broad-Brook-Library</a>

IN KEEPING WITH THE CONCERNS FOR PERSONAL HEALTH SAFETY - THE BROAD BROOK LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE TIME BEING - STAY SAFE. READING IS A GOOD WAY TO SPEND TIME WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THIS DIFFICULT TIME TO PASS.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

PARKS AND RECREATION: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/East-Windsor-Parks-and-Recreation">https://www.facebook.com/East-Windsor-Parks-and-Recreation</a>
Check out our fun and exciting at home recreation activities and tag us in your photos with #EastWindsorRECathome



#### **SENIOR SERVICES:**

### https://www.facebook.com/East-Windsor-Senior-Services

The Senior Center is currently CLOSED. We will continue transportation for medicals, food pantry and grocery shopping only. Our staff will deliver "Grab and Go" meals and Meals on Wheels to registered seniors. Please call us at **860-292-8279** with any questions, to register a senior citizen for service. Follow our Senior Services on Facebook for ideas and activities to keep you busy. Don't forget to check in on us too! Be Well!

### SOCIAL SERVICES: https://www.facebook.com/East-Windsor-Social-Services

East Windsor Social Services Office is currently CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON MEETINGS. Staff will remotely continue to assist via telephone and email during normal office hours. Please call us at 860-623-2430 for assistance.

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE:** The **last day** to order deliverable fuel through the Energy Assistance Program (CRT) is **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**. You can order fuel by calling CRT at **860-560-5800**. You can place your order with either your case number or your social security number. If you have any questions, please contact East Windsor Social Services at **860-623-2430**.

CTCARES for Frontline Workers Child Care Subsidy Program If you're struggling to find and pay for childcare during COVID-19 — and you're a frontline worker, like a health care, childcare, or grocery worker — this short-term program can help. It offers payments directly to childcare providers, so your child gets the care they need and you're able to work.

How does the program work? The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) has a \$10 million fund to help frontline workers' pay for licensed childcare at a childcare center, family childcare home, or group childcare home. And if you need care outside of the provider settings mentioned above, we can still help. We'll pay the same funding to an adult to care for your child while you're working. Note that this adult needs to be age 20 or older and can't be the child's parent. This is a short-term program — we're accepting applications from Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 22, 2020.

How much funding does the program offer? The funding depends on the number of children you have who need care and the number of hours the frontline worker in your family needs to work. If you work 21 or more hours each week: For one child, \$200 each week for up to 6 weeks For 2 or more children, up to a maximum of \$500 per family each week for up to 6 weeks If you work 8 to 20 hours each week: For one child, \$100 each week for up to 6 weeks For 2 or more children, up to a maximum of \$250 per family each week for up to 6 weeks OEC will pay the subsidy directly to the child care provider. You should expect to pay a co-pay as well, since childcare costs are often higher than the subsidy. Note that there are some requirements. You can't receive this funding if you're already in the Care 4 Kids program. There's also a family income limit of up to 85% of state median income to qualify. For example, if you're in a family of

4, your income would need to be less than \$99,000 a year to qualify. You can get more information about income limits when you apply.

#### Who counts as a frontline worker?

Frontline workers are those who must work outside of their own home for at least 8 hours a week caring for people or providing in-person direct services and essential goods to maintain human livelihood during Governor Lamont's Stay Safe, Stay Home order. Examples of frontline workers may include:

- Healthcare workers
- First responders
- Childcare workers
- Grocery workers
- Workers at state facilities (get more detail in the next question)
- Home/group home care workers (for seniors, youth, mental health or people with disabilities)
- People who provide in-person services to any of the above

<u>Here's a more detailed list of frontline workers</u>. The state may expand the list of frontline workers later. It depends on the essential services Connecticut needs during the COVID-19 emergency.

### I work for the State of Connecticut — can I apply?

Yes, state workers — such as employees in corrections, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service, Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Developmental Services — can qualify as long as they're frontline workers and either:

- Designated as a Level 1 Intermittent or Level 1 Constant by the State of Connecticut for the COVID-19 pandemic
- Excluded from or deemed exempt from expanded family and medical leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Can I get funding if I already receive Care 4 Kids funding? No, this program isn't for families who already receive Care 4 Kids.

**Learn about Care 4 Kids**Care 4 Kids is a program that helps low to moderate income families pay for child care. Find out if you are eligible for Care 4 Kids — <u>use the screening tool on their website</u>. For some families with lower incomes, Care 4 Kids would provide financial help for longer than CT Cares for Frontline Workers.

How do I apply for the CTCARES for Frontline Workers Program? Dial 800-505-1000 to connect with 2-1-1 Child Care and let them know you want to apply. They'll help you understand if you're eligible and tell you about nearby childcare programs.

**RENTERS REBATE:** East Windsor Social Services will be accepting applications for the 2019 Renters' Rebate Program. We will be setting up appointments for June, you will get a phone call from us to setup an appointment for return clients, new clients should call us after May 20<sup>th</sup> at 860-623-2430 to set up an appointment. For a list of information that is <u>required</u> in order to process your application, please visit our website at <u>www.eastwindsor-ct.gov</u> under Social Services. Please note that if you do not provide these documents at your scheduled appointment your application will <u>not</u> be processed.



#### **CT SafeConnect:**

If you are experiencing abuse at home and need a family violence restraining order, we want you to know that help is available. Governor Lamont signed an executive order making it possible to file for a family violence restraining order completely online.

Domestic violence advocates are ready to assist you with the process.

#CTSafeConnect advocates are available 24/7 via call, chat and email. All services are confidential, safe, free and voluntary. CTSafeConnect.org | 888.774.2900.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS:** Stimulus checks will either be directly deposited into your bank or mailed to you home. People will receive their stimulus checks via direct deposit if they currently receive Social Security, Social Security Disability or if they filed 2018 and/or 2019 with direct deposit.

**SOCIAL WELL-BEING CHECK INS:** Social isolation can take its toll on anyone. Now is a great time to call, email, or text family, friends, neighbors, etc. The Community Services Departments are working on developing a Social Wellbeing Check-in system for its residents. Phone calls will be placed by town staff to help limit the feeling of isolation. This system is currently in the development phase. If you are an East Windsor resident and wish to be added to the call list, you can email your full name, address, and phone number to <a href="mailto:Dwilliams@eastwindsorct.com">Dwilliams@eastwindsorct.com</a>, Bjoy@eastwindsorct.com, or KMonteiro@eastwindsorct.com.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations like COVID-19. You may feel anxiousness, anger, sadness, or be overwhelmed. Find ways to reduce your stress to help yourself and the people you care about. The CDC is recommending that if you or a loved one is feeling overwhelmed, get support 24/7 by calling **1-800-985-5990** or text **TalkWithUs to 66746**. Learn more about stress and coping during the COVID-19 outbreak: <a href="https://bit.ly/39UVoEj">https://bit.ly/39UVoEj</a>



### FOOD RESOURCES

#### FIVE CORNER CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY:

www.facebook.com/FiveCornerCupboardFoodPantry

Five Corner Cupboard will continue to stay open as long as they can during this difficult time. Their hours have NOT changed. **TUESDAYS ONLY: 9 am -12 pm and 1 pm - 5:30 pm**. Clients are asked to stay in their cars and do not come into the building. You will be given a number in the parking lot. **PLEASE BRING A LIST OF WHAT YOU NEED**. A volunteer will take your list and fill the order as best they can based on what is available. Your order will be brought to your car. Please be prepared to wait. We don't know how long it will take to serve everyone using this "car hop" method. THE PANTRY IS IN DIRE NEED OF BAGS FOR SHOPPERS.

Donations will be accepted, especially paper products, Mondays from 9 a.m. to Noon.

**SENIOR/DISABLED MEALS:** Meals on Wheels and CRT "Grab and GO" lunches: Senior Center staff will deliver "Grab and Go" meals and Meals on Wheels to registered seniors. "Grab and Go" Meals are for people age 60 and older. The suggested donation is \$2.50 per day. Five days' worth of frozen meals will be delivered on **TUESDAY** of each week. No mid-week signups are permitted. Please call us at 860-292-8279 with any questions or to register.

#### PAULINE'S STOCKPOT KITCHEN:

### https://www.facebook.com/stockpot.kitchen.33

TO-GO Dinners are offered from 4pm to 5pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Just drive in and meals are brought to your car along with milk and whatever goodies we can share. Thursday meals are generously donated by Sofias Restaurant.

We are located at 55 North Main Street in downtown East Windsor with the **Wesley United Methodist Church**. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING!

This is all made possible by the Wesley United Methodist Church of East Windsor, Food Share of Bloomfield, The South Windsor Masons, TBC Services of East Windsor, DATTCO of Windsor Locks and a 100% volunteer staff of caring neighbors.

### Foodshare Extends Drive-thru Food Distribution at Rentschler Field

One allocation of food per car per day to ensure that we have enough food for everyone.

#### Distribution dates:

WEEKDAYS: Monday, May 11 through Friday, May 29; 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; CLOSED on Memorial Day, May 25.

**Address:** 615 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT 06118 – Silver Lane entrance; gates will close at Noon

This emergency food distribution at Rentschler Field is <u>in addition</u> to Foodshare's ongoing efforts to provide food to a network of over 200 pantries, community kitchens, and Mobile Foodshare sites throughout the region.

Community members unable to drive to East Hartford can access help through the following:

- Mobile Foodshare an outdoor pantry-on-wheels, to find a site near you please text "FOODSHARE" to 85511 or go to www.foodshare.org/mobile.
- To find a food pantry and other resources near year, call 2-1-1 or go to <a href="211ct.org">211ct.org</a>. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to donate to help us continue to serve our neighbors visit <a href="www.foodshare.org">www.foodshare.org</a>

### End Hunger CT-EHC! SNAP Call Center (English & Spanish –1-866-974-7627)

**SNAP**- SNAP is available to anyone at or under 185% of the FPL. Full SNAP benefits will be given to all SNAP recipients for the months of March and April. If clients did not receive full benefits for March, they will get a supplement payment on April 9 and if they did not receive the full amount for April, they will get a supplement payment on April 20<sup>th</sup>. DSS still has 30 days to make a decision unless your income is less than what you are paying out in bills in that case, they have seven days to make the decision. You can apply online or call 18556connect or drop off an application at the office (for the time being) Someone can use your SNAP card to shop on your behalf. In order to find out if you are eligible for assistance, you will need to give information about your household, income, assets, and the bills you must pay each month. You can request forms mailed to you by calling **1-855-626-6632** or apply online at <a href="www.connect.ct.gov">www.connect.ct.gov</a>. The East Windsor Social Services office can also assist with this by calling **860-623-2430**.

### **GROCERIES:**

Geissler's: https://www.facebook.com/Geisslers.Supermarkets/

New "Community Hour" every day 7 am - 8 am. This time will be reserved for seniors, those who are immunocompromised, and our first responders, to allow for the most vulnerable members of our community to shop in a less crowded environment.



**Big Y:** Big Y stores will reserve the hours of 7 am to 8 am each day for customers who are 60 and older or have compromised immune systems. **INSTACART FOR BIG Y:** https://www.instacart.com/big-y

#### PRESCRIPTIONS:



### Stop & Shop - Peapod (Fee's Vary):

Online Order Only – <a href="https://www.peapod.com/">https://www.peapod.com/</a>

NO Pick-up available (Temporarily Paused)

In-Store open ONLY to age 60 and over as well as customers who may have weakened immune systems from 6:00 am – 7:30 am Daily. Open to Public for remaining hours.

### Walmart – (Fee's Vary):

Online Order Only - <a href="https://grocery.walmart.com/">https://grocery.walmart.com/</a>

Offers Pick – Up

Deliveries extremely limited currently

### Shoprite - (Fee's Vary):

Online Order – https://shop.shoprite.com/store/a4214012

Phone Service Order – 1-800- ShopRite – 1-800-746-7748 Offers Delivery

AMAZON Prime - online only: https://primenow.amazon.com/

### Target- (Membership to Pay Annually/Monthly):

Shipt.com

Offers Delivery

### Aldi's - (Fee's Vary):

Online Order Only -https://shop.aldi.us/

Delivery and In-Store only

### LOCAL RESTAURANTS:

This list was compiled by staff and is not all-inclusive. It was created using information from Facebook posts and information from the restaurants. We encourage you to check with your favorite restaurant to see if they are offering takeout or delivery services.

### **AMERICAN**

#### Roberto's Real American Tavern

31 South Main Street

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: **860-370-9888** http://www.robertosct.com/

Take Out, 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Main Street Grille Restaurant and Pizzeria

110 Main Street

Broad Brook

Telephone: **860-386-6990** http://grillemainstreet.com/

Take Out, Delivery \$5.00 Fee

DoorDash, Grubhub

Sunday to Thursday11:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### **Wayback Burgers**

137 Prospect Hill Road

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: **860-623-2404** https://waybackburgers.com/

Take Out, Drive Through

Tako Gai, Bilvo Tilloagii

Grubhub, Wayback App, Doordash

10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### <u>ASIAN</u>

Mei Tzu Sushi Bar and Kitchen

4 Prospect Hill Road, #6

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: **860-254-5797** http://www.meitzu.com/

Take Out

Monday to Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday to Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Jimmy Chens 122 Prospect Hill Rd East Windsor

Take Out only

Telephone: (860) 623-8882

### **BREAKFAST/COMFORT FOOD**

**Hotcakes Family Restaurant** 

238 South Main Street

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: 860-623-9969

Take Out Only

6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Sunny House** 

75 South Main Street

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: 860-254-5399

http://sunnyhouserestaurant.com/

Take Out Only

7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Cracker Barrel Old Country Store** 

145 Prospect Hill Road

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: 860-623-8824

https://www.crackerbarrel.com/order-online/ Carry Out and Curbside 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m

### **COFFEE**

**Dunkin' (Three Locations)** 

1 Thompson Road

East Windsor

Telephone: **860-783-8958**Drive Through – 24 Hours

Lobby – Take Out Only 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

216 South Main Street

East Windsor

Telephone: **860-903-1013**Drive Through and Pick Up Only

Monday - Saturday 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

172 Bridge Street East Windsor

Telephone: 860-623-2522

Take Out Open 24 Hours

Baker and the Brew

2 North Rd East Windsor

**Drive Through Only** 

### **FAST FOOD**

**Burger King** 

172 Bridge Street East Windsor

Telephone: **860-623-5027** 

Drive Through and Take Out Only

6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Doordash

**KFC** 

21 Prospect Hill Road

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: 860-623-0647

**Drive Through** 

10:00 a.m. to Midnight

**Subway (Two Locations)** 

2 North Road East Windsor

Telephone: 860-627-0777

Take Out Only

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**ITALIAN/MEDITERRANEAN** 

Henry's Pizzeria 255 South Main Street

East Windsor

Telephone: 860-623-4020

https://www.henryspizzeria.com/

Full Menu – Take Out Only 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Nonna's Pizza Restaurant 140 South Main Street, #1

East Windsor

Telephone: **860-903-1403** 

https://www.nonnaspizzarestaurantmenu.com/

Take Out

Delivery through DoorDash.com

10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Taco Bell

41 Prospect Hill Road

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: 860-623-0647

**Drive Through** 

Wendy's

45 Prospect Hill Road

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: 860-640-2773

Drive Through 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Doordash

Inside Walmart Supercenter

44 Prospect Hill Road

**East Windsor** 

Telephone: 860-627-3622

Take Out Only

9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Golden Irene 18 Mullen Road East Windsor

Telephone: 860-627-5971
<a href="http://www.goldenirenes.com/">http://www.goldenirenes.com/</a>
Full Menu and Family Specials
Take Out Only 11:00 a.m. to 8:00

Sofia's Restaurant and Pizzeria

136 Prospect Hill Road

East Windsor

Telephone: 860-623-9477

https://www.sofiasrestaurantct.com/

Take Out Only 11:00 – 8: 30 p.m.

### **SEAFOOD**

**Main Fish Market and Restaurant** 

60 Bridge Street East Windsor

Telephone: 860-623-2281

Website: <a href="https://mainefishmarket.com/">https://mainefishmarket.com/</a>

Take Out Only

Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday – Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **SUPPLIES**

The demand is high for certain supplies such as cleaning products, paper towels, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, etc. Local stores have been restocking as quickly as possible and some stores have issued limits on the amount you can buy of certain items. Please check back with local stores to see if they have certain items available. In the Food Resources section of this resource guide, you can find specific grocery store information. Additional stores or resources include local gas stations or convenience stores.

### **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Medicare-1800-Medicare

**CHOICES**-Connecticut's program for Health Insurance assistance, Outreach, Information and referral, Counseling, Eligibility Screen 1-800-994-9422. Contact the East Windsor Senior Centers Choices Counselor Shawna Tustin with any questions: 860-698-1415.

### **PHARMACIES/PRESCRIPTIONS**

The CDC recommends you contact your health care provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand during the outbreak of COVID-19. If you cannot get extra medications, consider using mail-order for medications. CVS and Walgreens are offering free delivery of prescriptions. There may be delays due to high demand. Please contact your pharmacy directly.

### **PHARMACIES:**

Big Y Pharmacy 67 Prospect Hill Road East Windsor

Telephone: **860-623-1407** 

Rite Aid/Walgreens
74 Bridge Street
Warehouse Point
Telephone: 860-623-3327

Walmart Pharmacy
44 Prospect Hill Road
East Windsor
Talanhana: 860 202 45

Telephone: 860-292-1573

### **MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

East Windsor Senior Center **860-292-8261**: Rides are available for East Windsor residents age 60 and over and for disabled individuals under the age of 60. Riders are limited to one ride per week and are asked a series of health-related questions prior to riding.

Veyo for Husky Clients 1-855-478-7350

### **Other Agencies**

- DSS-Department of Social Services 1-855-626-6632 Assistance with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Medical Assistance and SAGA (Cash assistance for single disabled adults with no children), TFA (Temporary Family Assistance for families with children under 18 years. <a href="https://connect.ct.gov/">https://connect.ct.gov/</a>
- Social Security Administration 1-877-409-8429 <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/">https://www.ssa.gov/</a>
- Department of Labor-Filing for Unemployment 860-263-6000 http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

RESCHEDULED TO: <u>JUNE 2, 2020 – DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES</u>

### TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

### **Democratic & Republican Primaries Rescheduled**

The June 2, 2020 Democratic & Republican Primaries have been rescheduled to Tuesday, August 11, 2020, by Governor Ned Lamont. As we get closer to the primaries, there will be detailed information about the primaries on the Town Clerk's page of the Town of East Windsor website, <a href="www.eastwindsor-ct.gov">www.eastwindsor-ct.gov</a> and on the town of East Windsor's Facebook page. If you have any questions, please call the town clerk's office (860) 292-8255.

### **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

### **2020 DOG LICENSE INFORMATION (Revised)**

Due to COVID-19 the Town Hall is still closed to the public. <u>ALL</u> dog licenses will have to either be sent through the **mail** or dropped in the **Tax Collector's drop box**, which is located outside the front door to the Town Hall. Per Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7II, the start date for the imposition of a late fee for obtaining this year's annual dog license has been changed from July 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020. This will give everyone two months to get your dog licensed renewed before having to pay late fees.

All dogs six months old or older, must be licensed. Per Connecticut General Statutes 22-338(b) and 22-338, you must provide us with a current valid rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate (if applicable). Anyone acquiring a new dog, must license their dog within 30 days of acquiring the dog.

### <u>Instructions to license your dog through the mail or drop box:</u>

Send to: Town Clerk, 11 Rye St., Broad Brook, CT 06016

**Drop in the Tax Collector's drop box:** Box is located outside the front door to the town hall.

- 1. Check made out to: "Town of East Windsor" for the applicable fee.
- 2. Late fees included in check (if applicable).
- 3. Current valid rabies certificate (must be valid through July 1, 2020 if you register by June 30<sup>th</sup>).
- 4. Spay/Neuter certificate (if applicable).
- 5. **Self-addressed stamped envelope** for the return of the dog license, dog tag, rabies certificate and spay/neuter certificate.

### **Dog License Fees:**

Neutered Male or Spayed Female \$8.00 Male or Female (not spayed or neutered) \$19.00

Kennel (10 tags) \$51.00 Guide Dogs – Free Lost Tags \$.50

Transfer from another CT town \$.50

Transfer of ownership within town \$1.00 (if already licensed) Late Penalty \$1.00 per month or fraction thereof- starting in August (Just for 2020). If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 292-8255.

### **TAX PREPARATION**

### VIRTUALVITA

### (VOLUNTEERINCOMETAXASSISTANCE)

S PONSOR ED BY CAHS, THE IRS AND UNITED WAY
Free remote tax preparation services
https://form.jotform.com/200715549679062

Email virtualvita.ct@gmail.com for more information

AARP Foundation Tax Aide sites were closed beginning March 16th until further notice. They will continue to assess when they can open again. You can call **1-(888)-227-7669** for updates about the status of AARP Tax Aide. Many VITA sites across the state have closed. Check back in with **2-1-1** in a couple of weeks to see if sites are reopening. You can prepare your taxes online for **FREE** at <a href="https://www.myfreetaxes.com">www.myfreetaxes.com</a>. The Federal & State Income Tax filing and payment deadlines have been moved to July 15th instead of the traditional April 15th deadline.

### **SCAMS/PRICE GOUGING**

Whenever a situation as serious as coronavirus is on residents' minds across the country, bad actors and scam artists often take advantage of consumers. The Department of Consumer Protection and the Office of the Attorney General have already received complaints and issued warnings to consumers. Anyone who notices a marketplace issue or feels they have been the victim of a scam, should please contact the State.

Connecticut U.S. Attorney John H. Durham said suspected fraud schemes related to COVID-19 should be reported to National Center for Disaster Fraud at **866-720-5721** or by email: disaster@leo.gov

State Agency Contact Information to file a complaint: 860-808-5318

Connecticut Attorney General

Department of Consumer Protection 860-713-6300

Complaint Forms and Procedures Insurance Department (The Insurance Department should be contacted about Issues with travel insurance.

860-203-3447 or 860-297-3900

### <u>Unemployment Information:</u>

# Self-Employed/Other Non-Qualifiers: "Step 2" Button on DOL Website Now Available for PUA Filing

The below information is directly from the Governor's Office and the Department of Labor.

SELF-EMPLOYED/OTHER NON-QUALIFIERS (FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE)

PUA (self-employed and other non-qualifiers) program update: "Step 2" button now available on www.filectui.com.

Click here to view the <u>updated FAQ page</u>.

This is a two step-program:

Step 1. This step involves applying for the state UI benefits, using the blue button on FileCTUI.com, to receive an ineligibility determination. This step is a federal requirement required by the US-DOL.

- o The ineligibility determination is called a Form UC-58. It will arrive via U.S. Mail and is a monetary determination of a \$0.00 weekly benefit, obtaining this is a requirement of PUA. Those who have already received the UC-58 \$0.00 weekly benefit are already in the CT-DOL system and can go straight to Step 2.
- o IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THIS STEP, the DOL strongly suggests that you log into the continued claim options via the green button on FileCTUI.com and set payment preferences to direct deposit. If you do not do this, the system will default to payment via a debit card, a process that takes an extra 10 days.

\*\*NEW\*\* Step 2. AVAILABLE NOW to receive a weekly benefit determination. In this step, the individuals, with their ineligibility determinations in hand, will go to FileCTUI.com and select the red button labeled PUA. This is the application for those ineligible to receive UI benefits under the state program to access the funds made available under PUA. Individuals will need documentation of their net earnings in the form of either a 2019 W2, a 2019 1099 or a 2019 Schedule C.

o If the individual is able to answer "Yes" to being self-employed, can provide their "employer registration number" to the DOL, and are out of work due to COVID, then this step places them into an automated system that will speed up delivery of the benefits.

Claimants will receive a monetary determination of their weekly benefit via U.S. Mail.

o There is a tutorial for applicants to use to complete their PUA applications on <u>FileCTUI.com</u> and an <u>explanation of the 2-Step process</u> for PUA applicants is available on the FAQ page.

NEW: FREE ONLINE JOB TRAINING FOR UI RECIPIENTS

CT is expanding a program that will make free online learning licenses available to recipients of unemployment insurance, including those who have been impacted by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 public health crisis. The <a href="SkillUp CT program">SkillUp CT program</a> will expand access to comprehensive online course work by expanding a program that originally launched in eastern Connecticut.

Eligible Connecticut residents will receive email instructions on obtaining a Metrix Learning license that provides them access to about 5,000 online Skillsoft courses in areas such as information technology, business analysis, customer service, project management, and digital literacy, among others. Anyone with an internet connection and a computer can access courses. SkillUp CT also offers training tracks leading to over 100 industry certifications and will provide career coaching through the workforce boards.

To enroll in SkillUp CT, unemployment insurance claimants in Connecticut should visit <a href="mailto:ct.metrixlearning.com/landing.cfm">ct.metrixlearning.com/landing.cfm</a>.

For more information, <a href="mailto:read the press release">release</a>.

ADDITIONAL DOL PHONE CONTACT INFORMATION

General Information

Claimants may call the following numbers for general information concerning unemployment benefits:

860-263-6975 and 203-455-2653

Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday – Friday (excluding holidays)

203-809-9847 and 203-892-6036

Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday - Friday (excluding holidays)

Spanish: 203-548-7322

Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday – Friday (excluding holidays)

Claims cannot be processed or expedited by calling this telephone service.

#### To File a Claim without Internet

According to the Governor's DOL Commissioner Kurt Westby, the following telephone numbers can be used for general information, and for those who cannot file a claim online:

860-263-6975 203-455-2653

Again, according to DOL: If you cannot file a claim online, call either of the above numbers. A DOL Customer Service Representative will gather your contact information including name, phone number and Social Security Number and will assign staff to contact you within five business days to take the unemployment claim by phone.

### **PRACTICAL TIPS**

- Always make sure to wash your hands before and after you pick up the groceries from your doorstep. The CDC recommends washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Although <u>researchers say</u> the risk of contracting the virus from contaminated surfaces – such as bags and packaging – is low, it's better to be safe than sorry.
- 2. The food safety rules when it comes to eating fresh fruits and vegetables haven't changed: Just run them under the faucet and use clean hands to rub off any soil or dirt. Soap is not necessary since many soaps are harmful to ingest. Plus, there is very little evidence that a respiratory disease is transmitted through produce.
- 3. After you've put away all of your groceries, **disinfect all the surfaces your bags have touched**. Generally, it's a good practice to clean surfaces after any sort of use.
- 4. **Wash nonporous containers.** Simple rubbing with soap and water can kill the coronavirus because it tears apart its outer barrier. So use dish soap on plastic, glass, and metal before putting them away. If that's not practical, wash your hands well after putting away all packaging, including paper boxes and bags. It also doesn't hurt to wash your hands after opening the containers and using their contents.

"It all comes down to hand hygiene," says Liz Garman, a spokesperson for the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology in Arlington, Virginia.



As of today, Tuesday, May 12, a total of 34,333 Connecticut residents have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus – another 568 state residents since yesterday, which is a sobering reminder that citizens continue to catch this virus. As of today, 3,041 Connecticut residents have died of COVID-19 complications, another 33 residents since yesterday. 1,189 people still remain in the hospital, though that's 23 fewer hospitalizations than yesterday. A total of 138,424 tests have been administered, including nearly 6,000 tests administered yesterday.

For a town-by-town breakdown and other COVID-19 statistics, please visit: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus">https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus</a>

### **State Receives 6.7 Million Pieces of PPE In One Shipment**

The state has received a massive shipment of up to 6.7 million pieces of personal protective equipment in the fight against COVID-19. The equipment, delivered over the last few days to the state's commodities warehouse in New Britain, includes:

- Six million surgical masks
- 500,000 protective masks
- 100,000 surgical gowns
- 100,000 temporal thermometers

Once sorted, the PPE will be delivered to frontline workers, including first responders, hospital staff, long-term care facility staff, direct providers and others fighting COVID every day.

Distribution of PPE has been managed by several state agencies and distributed by the Connecticut National Guard. As of May 11, the state has delivered more than 15 million pieces of PPE to those in need, including more than 5.8 million surgical masks, 956,000 KN95 masks and 326,656 N95 masks, 448,435 face shields, 40,587 surgical gowns, 51,248 pairs of Tyvek coveralls and more than 7.5 million pairs of gloves. Any entity seeking to partner with the state on acquiring PPE can fill out this form on the state's website.

### Free Face Coverings For Essential Small Businesses With Fewer Than 50 Employees

The state is distributing free face coverings to essential small businesses with fewer than 50 employees through a partnership with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association and CONNSTEP. Eligible essential small businesses can request up to two free face coverings per employee by filling out a form available at ctcovidresponse.org.

### **Updated Nursing Home Visitor Restrictions**

The state has updated restrictions on visitation for nursing home residents amid the COVID-19 pandemic, with new standards recognizing the need for residents to hear from loved ones. As of May 9, facilities are now asked to facilitate practical alternatives for communication between residents and their family and other individuals, which can include but not be limited to window visits, virtual visits through digital platforms like FaceTime or Zoom or phone calls; those visits must occur at least weekly. Facilities will contact residents' family, conservators or legal representatives to establish how visits will be provided; they will be for at least 20 minutes. Perimeter visits, like visiting through a window or social distancing outside, should be planned to preserve facility safety. Facility staff is asked to assist residents in how to use these solutions and family members in scheduling them. Facilities without the capacity to provide alternatives for visiting are asked to work with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to find other solutions.

### Connecticut Wants to Test Nursing Home Residents and Staff for Coronavirus by June

New encouragement from the White House is prompting Connecticut Health officials to protect those in nursing homes from the coronavirus outbreak. The federal government is recommending all nursing home staff and residents to be tested for coronavirus over the next two weeks. Health officials in the state want the testing at all 215 nursing homes in Connecticut to be done by June. Data released last Thursday shows COVID-19-related deaths among nursing home residents make up nearly 60 percent of the total deaths in the state. By testing every single resident and staff member for COVID-19, this could help slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

### **Remdesivir Arrives In Hospitals**

This weekend, the Department of Public Health distributed Connecticut's first allotment of Remdesivir to acute care hospitals. The medication has shown promise in reducing hospitalization time in the event of severe cases of COVID-19, recently authorized by the Food and Drug Administration. The state has received 1,200 doses as of this weekend and leaders are working to secure more doses for the state; the drug's producer has committed to supplying more than 600,000 vials of the medication over the next six weeks.

### **Department of Labor Update**

The state Department of Labor continues to work amid the COVID-19 pandemic, reporting this week that it has processed more than 450,000 of a total 501,735 unemployment applications received since March. That represents more than three years of application activity in two months. Most claims will be processed in one to two weeks, heavily reduced from a peak of six weeks. The state so far has issued more than \$511 million in unemployment benefits. Additionally, the state began administering Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to eligible claimants with weekly state benefit, which are continuing to be added to every payment; more than \$755 million has been issued. For information on state and pandemic-related unemployment insurance and federal stimulus, please visit this link; for guidance on Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, please visit here for a table of contents and visit here for comprehensive filing instructions.

**AARP To Hold National Tele-Town Hall Thursday on COVID-19 and The Military** This Thursday, May 14 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., AARP will hold a nationwide tele-town hall

focused on veterans, military families and COVID-19, with topics to be discussed including accessing benefits and health services through the VA or other health care providers, caring for loved ones including coordinating supports, backup care and staying connected to those in long-term care systems; understanding and managing income and finances in the midst of the pandemic; and providing resources to help cope, including tips on managing well-being, managing stress and anxiety, and other adverse effects of physical distancing. To hear the call, please call 855-274-9507 on Thursday.

### **Modifications For August Primaries**

A new executive order makes modifications to the petitioning process for the August primary for minor parties, unaffiliated petitioning candidates and major party candidates who fail to receive 15 percent of the vote at a major convention but still wish to run in the August primary. Under the new rules, candidates will need to receive 30 percent fewer signatures from members of the public, will have two additional days to submit a petition and permits individuals to sign and mail, or email, petitions to candidates containing their signature provided they meet all required representations under state law. This is aimed to make the election process fair amid the pandemic.

# State and Nonprofit Partners Expand Volunteer Recruitment Efforts for COVID-19 Response

The State of Connecticut and its nonprofit partners are continuing to seek volunteers willing to help communities respond to the COVID-10 crisis. The state's volunteer recruitment effort is being expanded to bolster the ranks of volunteers needed at nonprofits that offer support to children and adults in programs for intellectual disabilities and behavioral health settings, as well as organizations that support senior citizens.

To date, more than 5,000 medical volunteers and 1,600 non-medical volunteers have come forward to assist Connecticut's hospitals and health systems, and also provide support to nonprofits that provide essential human services. Volunteers have helped distribute food with food banks, provided support for those experiencing homelessness in shelters across the state, and delivered meals to homebound senior citizens in communities across Connecticut.

#### How to volunteer:

Anyone interested in volunteering to help their communities in this effort can sign up by visiting <a href="www.ct.gov/coronavirus">www.ct.gov/coronavirus</a> and clicking the "Volunteers" link. Those interested will be matched with a community provider in need based on their personal interests and abilities. Volunteers must be 18 or older and should not volunteer if at risk or compromised. Those who are immunocompromised, over 60, showing symptoms of COVID-19, or live with or care for someone in any of those categories should avoid being in public, including for volunteer efforts. Please stay safe, stay home.

Volunteers do not need to be health care workers. In addition to calling on physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals who may be retired, the state needs community members to help out at food banks, food deliveries to the elderly, and at shelters in a number of ways.

Every effort is being made to keep volunteers safe. The state and all of the organizations involved are working hard to make sure that everyone helping out can do so as safely as possible. If any volunteers have concerns, they are strongly urged to ask about the safety protocols of the organization they are volunteering.

Volunteers will be sent where they are most needed and feel most comfortable. The volunteer process is centralized so that the state and participating organizations have a clear picture of everyone who can help, and everything that is needed. That way, volunteers can be matched with an opportunity that is most in need of that person's skillset.

### **Congratulations to 2020 College Graduates**

While ceremonies likely took place on platforms like Zoom and FaceTime rather than in big gatherings, this weekend saw the graduation of many 2020 college students, an event that should be recognized. As graduates prepare to move on to the next steps of their lives, I would like to congratulate them for their hard work and their dedication, as well as their flexibility and willingness to adapt considering the current circumstances. Congratulations on your success; the future is bright.

### **Eastern Equine Encephalitis Response**

After last summer and fall's significant outbreak of eastern equine encephalitis, or "EEE," state legislators pushed for a stronger response in the future to mitigate the potentially deadly mosquito-carried disease. I am pleased to provide a compelling update on the state's response. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, in connection with the Governor's Office and the Office of Policy and Management, has established a plan to expand mosquito testing and trapping to 15 new sites in Eastern Connecticut this upcoming summer, with new trapping sites selected based on EEE activity in 2019. I am excited about this development and will share more details as they become available.

#### **Senator Saud Anwar**