

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

January 20, 2021

Good evening. This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza reaching out to all residents of the Town of East Windsor. A copy of this message, and more information about COVID-19, can be found on the Town's website.

We have had fourteen new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in East Windsor since last week, which marks a very positive trend compared to previous weeks.

The Town continues to partner with Priority Urgent Care to offer live virus testing and antibody testing every Wednesday from 10am to 3pm at the Town Hall Annex, 25 School Street, East Windsor. This is open to anyone, and all insurances are accepted. Depending on individual insurance plans, patients may be responsible for either a copay or deductible. People without insurance will be tested at no charge. Anyone interested is strongly encouraged to schedule appointments ahead of time by calling 860-454-0678.

Connecticut has now transitioned to Phase 1b of the vaccine distribution plan and are focusing now on senior citizens over the age of 75. This age group is the priority, and other groups are likely to be included in Phase 1b once most of those over age 75 have had a chance to be vaccinated. Those additional groups include citizens over 65 years of age, frontline essential workers and individuals and staff in congregate settings. When you are eligible for the vaccination, you will most likely work through your medical provider or the workplace coordinator.

Many people may still have questions about the risks and benefits of taking the vaccine when they are eligible. The Town has posted a <u>video</u> on our website featuring Dr. David Agus, Professor of Medicine at University of Southern California, in which the doctor addresses many questions about the vaccine.

Just a reminder about the "Snuggle-a-Senior" program, which seeks to pair a community member with a senior that may be experiencing loneliness and establishes a blanket exchange and a pen pal relationship if participants so choose. This program has been so popular that it has been extended through the first week of February. For more information call the Senior Center at 860-292-8262.

I wish a very happy and healthy New Year,

Jason E. Bowsza First Selectman Will to Stolk of Challenger