



TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

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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.

Today, we were notified of thirty-eight additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor, one of whom has also passed away. All of the newly confirmed cases are in long-term care facilities. This number may seem high – and it is – but it includes three days' worth of statistical reporting. These numbers have increased, at least in part, due to increased testing, and it is likely that some of those cases are asymptomatic.

DPH is now reporting that we have had a total of 84 cases in East Windsor. This compares to 33,765 confirmed positive cases in Connecticut.

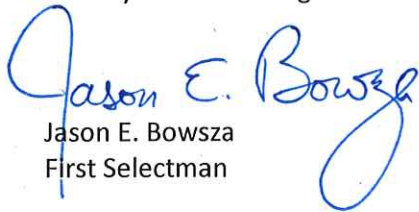
As Connecticut prepares for the first round of reopening, scheduled for May 20th, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has put forth their required guidelines for those businesses that will be reopening. They include a capacity limit of 50% for businesses that reopen; strict cleaning and disinfection protocols in all settings; those who can work from home should continue to do so; those in high-risk groups and over the age of 65 should continue to stay safe and stay home; facemasks should continue to be worn in public at all times; social gatherings will be restricted to a maximum of five people. Those are the initial general guidelines put out by DECD.

The reopening date of May 20 is only a suggestion, not a requirement. When that date comes, please carefully consider the risks before venturing out, and please be diligent in following the required guidelines. We want to make sure that the public is safe as we take this next step.

All the planning associated with reopening is predicated on the continued control of viral spread. To do that, we all need to stay committed doing our part: practice social distancing, wash your hands regularly, and most important, stay home if you can.

We are getting through this difficult time, and we are beginning to feel progress. There may be bumps along the way, as we figure out this new normal. But as Einstein, "you never fail until you stop trying."

I wish you continued good health,


Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

