

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 two additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor, and three additional fatalities. Since Monday, we have had nineteen additional confirmed positive cases, fifteen of which were at Fresh River Rehabilitation Facility and four of which are in the general public. The Department of Public Health is reporting that East Windsor now has a total of 126 cases, an increase of 42 since Monday. This compares to a total of 35,464 cases throughout the state.

As the state continues to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Lamont has issued Executive Order 7MM, which allows in part for restaurants to reopen for outdoor dining under certain conditions and with certain local approvals. The Town is working with regional and state authorities to determine what safety measures will be necessary to allow our restaurants to do this, if our restaurants decide to do so. Supporting our local restaurants, who have been so supportive of our community, is an important component of boosting our economy, and we are committed to helping them reopen in as safe a way as possible.

For the state to proceed beyond just the Phase 1 reopening scheduled for Wednesday, the governor has been clear that increased testing will be necessary. To that end, the Town is also working to set up an opportunity for drive-by testing for anyone who would want to be tested for COVID-19. The site and testing location are still being finalized, and I am expecting to have more details confirmed in the very near future.

In our part of the state, we aren't out of the woods yet, but we are making progress. In trying times, some people get frustrated because of slow progress, never grasping that slow progress is still progress.

Please continue to take any reasonable precautions to keep yourselves, your families and your neighbors safe and healthy.

I wish you continued good health,

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