



# **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.

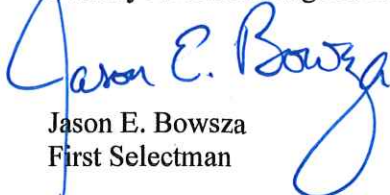
Today, the local health district notified us of three new cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor, and one additional fatality at Fresh River. The Connecticut Department of Public Health is now reporting a total of 143 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor. In Connecticut, there are now 41,559 confirmed cases. We are seeing an important trend: each day the total number of new cases in Connecticut is falling, while the number of tests performed continues to rise. We are also seeing fewer COVID-19 related hospitalizations statewide each day. These are very encouraging trends, but we must stay diligent and continue to practice those social distancing and sanitation protocols.

Yesterday, the Town partnered with Priority Urgent Care to conduct our first drive-through testing for COVID-19 for anyone who wanted a test. We had over 140 people tested, and the day went very smoothly. People who pre-registered were in and out of the testing site in less than ten minutes in most cases. Because of the success of the day and due to clear demand for testing, we will provide another testing opportunity next Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10am to 3pm at East Windsor High School.

After much discussion and serious thought, as well as consultation with local public health officials, the Town has made the difficult decision to cancel our summer camp program for 2020. This isn't a decision that we came to lightly, but the most important priority must be to protect the health of the children in our care. Our dedicated Parks and Recreation staff will continue to find new and innovative ways of engaging the community as we begin the summer season.

We're now a week into Phase I of re-opening our economy and more than eleven weeks into managing the pandemic, and I know it's been taxing for a lot of people. Many families have been working hard to find new ways of working in these circumstances, some while trying to educate our children at home, as well. At times, I'm sure it has felt like an impossible task, but as Nelson Mandela said, "it always seems impossible until it's done." East Windsor's best days are ahead.

I wish you continued good health,

  
Jason E. Bowsza  
First Selectman

