



# **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

**FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA**

November 4, 2020

Good evening. This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza reaching out to all town residents.

Election Day is now behind us, and while the votes in the presidential election nationally are still being counted, I wanted to offer congratulations to Congressman John Larson, state Senator Saud Anwar, and Representative Carol Hall on their re-elections. I also wanted to congratulate Representative-elect Jaime Foster on her victory, becoming the newest member of East Windsor's delegation in the state legislature.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Representative Chris Davis for his decade of service to our community. He opted not to seek re-election in order to spend more time with his family. Our entire community extends its gratitude and best wishes to Chris as he starts his next chapter.

Beyond candidates for office, East Windsor voters also considered three amendments to the Town Charter and an ordinance to resolve the long-standing tax disparity between residents in different sections of town. All four questions passed overwhelmingly.

We have had ten new cases of COVID-19 among East Windsor residents reported to us this week by our local health district, but the Connecticut Department of Public Health is reporting a total of 266 confirmed cases in town since the onset of the pandemic. In Connecticut, there have been 75,373 cases as of today.

Governor Lamont has directed that the entire state revert to Phase 2 of Connecticut's reopening, effective this Friday. That will mean that restaurants will reduce to fifty percent capacity with no more than eight people per table and will need to close by 9:30pm except for takeout. Barber shops and hair salons will remain at seventy-five percent capacity. Event venues will be limited to twenty-five people indoors and fifty people outdoors. Religious gatherings will be limited to fifty percent capacity and not more than one hundred people maximum.

The Town continues to partner with East Windsor Public Schools and Priority Urgent Care to offer live virus testing and antibody testing at East Windsor High School every Wednesday from 10am to 3pm. 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. We are starting to see concerning increases in our COVID-19 numbers in the area, and as such we want to help fight the "twindemic" of a COVID-19 outbreak and a flu outbreak. We now offer flu shots from 10am to 12pm at the drive through clinic. Most insurance plans cover the cost of a flu shot, but those without insurance can get a flu shot for a \$20 fee. Anyone interested is strongly encouraged to schedule appointments ahead of time by calling 860-454-0678.



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Our Department of Recreation and Community Services and the Five Corner Cupboard Food Pantry are in need of \$25 gift cards to local grocery stores to go with their turkeys this year in lieu of baskets. They need to collect them by November 16th. At this time, we need 100 cards. Any donation is appreciated.

We are also in the process of distributing East Windsor children's wish lists to anyone interested in adopting a child for the Christmas Season. If you are interested in either donating gift cards for Thanksgiving or adopting a child the Christmas Season, please call 860-623-2430 to sign up.

Thank you. I wish you continued good health,

Jason E. Bowsza  
First Selectman

