



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 town residents.

We have had eight 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 240 confirmed cases in town since the onset of the pandemic. In Connecticut, there have been 69,127 cases as of today. The numbers in Connecticut are increasing, particularly in Hartford County.

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. Starting next week, flu shots will also be provided 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.

We are now six days away from Election Day, and so far more than 1,700 voters in town have cast their ballots through absentee ballots. We are expecting another 4,000 people to vote between now and 8pm on November 3rd. The Town wants to ensure that any eligible voter who wants to vote can do so safely. We are taking steps to do that, ***but we are asking for your help, as well.*** I want to strongly urge everyone who is planning to vote in person on Election Day to please ***wear masks when inside a building and try and maintain social distancing.*** This is for the safety of other voters, municipal employees, and those working the polls (many of whom are higher risk.)

As always, polls will be open on Election Day from 6am to 8pm. If you have an absentee ballot already and would rather drop the ballot in the secure drop box outside of Town Hall, that option is available as well. Also, any registered voter who would like to vote early can come to the Town Hall during normal business hours and cast their vote with the Town Clerk's Office. Again, we want to ensure every eligible voter who wants to vote is able to do so safely.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, so I'll leave you tonight with a quote from Susan B. Anthony that really applies to us all: "Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it."

I wish you continued good health,


Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

