



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. A copy of this message can be found on the Town's website.

We have had one new case of COVID-19 reported to us this week. The Connecticut Department of Public Health is reporting a total of 205 confirmed cases in town since the onset of the pandemic, revising their previous total down by one case. In Connecticut, there have been 59,364 cases as of today. In many parts of the state, including Hartford County, COVID-related hospitalizations are creeping upwards.

The Town continues to partner with East Windsor Public Schools and with 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, all insurances are accepted, and copays are waived. Anyone interested is strongly encouraged to schedule appointments ahead of time by calling 860-454-0678. If Wednesday's aren't convenient for you, you can find an alternate testing site by visiting ct.gov/coronavirus.

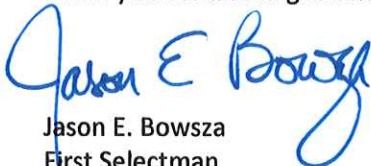
Despite some concern about an upward trend in COVID-19 cases in Connecticut recently, phase three of Connecticut's reopening takes effect tomorrow. Indoor facilities such as restaurants, hair salons and libraries will be able to open at 75% capacity; outdoor venues such as amphitheatres and racetracks will be able to open at 50% capacity, as will indoor performing arts venues. For private group gatherings at commercial sites, crowd sizes will be increased to a maximum of 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors. Indoor religious activities will be able to increase to 50% capacity up to 200 people. Masks and social distancing are still required unless otherwise provided for in the state's COVID-19 safety requirements.

The Town has received more than 1,800 absentee ballot requests. Everyone who has requested an absentee ballot should receive one in the next day or two, if they haven't received it already, as well as document explaining the four additional questions on this year's ballot. The first three questions pertain to proposed amendments to the Town Charter, and the last question concerns an ordinance that would establish a Town fire department.

The Town's Energy Assistance Program is now accepting applications for the 2020/2021 heating season. Anyone interested in determining their eligibility for the program, or interested in applying for the program, should call the Social Services Department at 860-623-2430.

Whether you can support small businesses in our community or if you need assistance yourself, our community is here to help each other. As Hippocrates said, "make a habit of two things: to help; or at least to do no harm."

I wish you continued good health,


Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

