



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 206 confirmed cases in town. In Connecticut, there have been 57,550 cases as of today.

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.

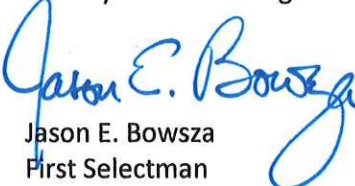
Recognizing that COVID-19 may have been disruptive to our taxpayers, earlier this year the Board of Selectmen exercised its option under Governor Lamont's Executive Orders 7S and 7W to defer the due date for the first installment of property taxes to October 1st without penalty. That is the latest possible date available to the Board for the extension under the order.

Governor Lamont has announced that Phase 3 of Connecticut's reopening will take effect on October 8th. Some key changes that will take place on that date include an increase to 75% capacity for indoor events such as restaurants, personal services, hair salons, barbershops and libraries; an increase to 50% capacity for outdoor venues such as amphitheaters and race tracks; and opening of indoor performing arts venues up to 50% capacity. Masks and social distancing are still required unless otherwise provided for in the state's COVID-19 safety requirements. For private group gatherings at commercial venues, crowd sizes will be increased to a maximum of 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors. Religious activities indoors will be able to increase to 50% capacity up to 200 people.

Bars and nightclubs are to remain closed.

I spoke with the governor yesterday about the Phase 3 reopening, and he is confident that we are at a point in time to give this next step a try. He also cautioned that the COVID-19 numbers in our region are seeing a resurgence, and that there may be a point in time where we need to reconsider that. As Robert Frost said, "Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up."

I wish you continued good health,


Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

