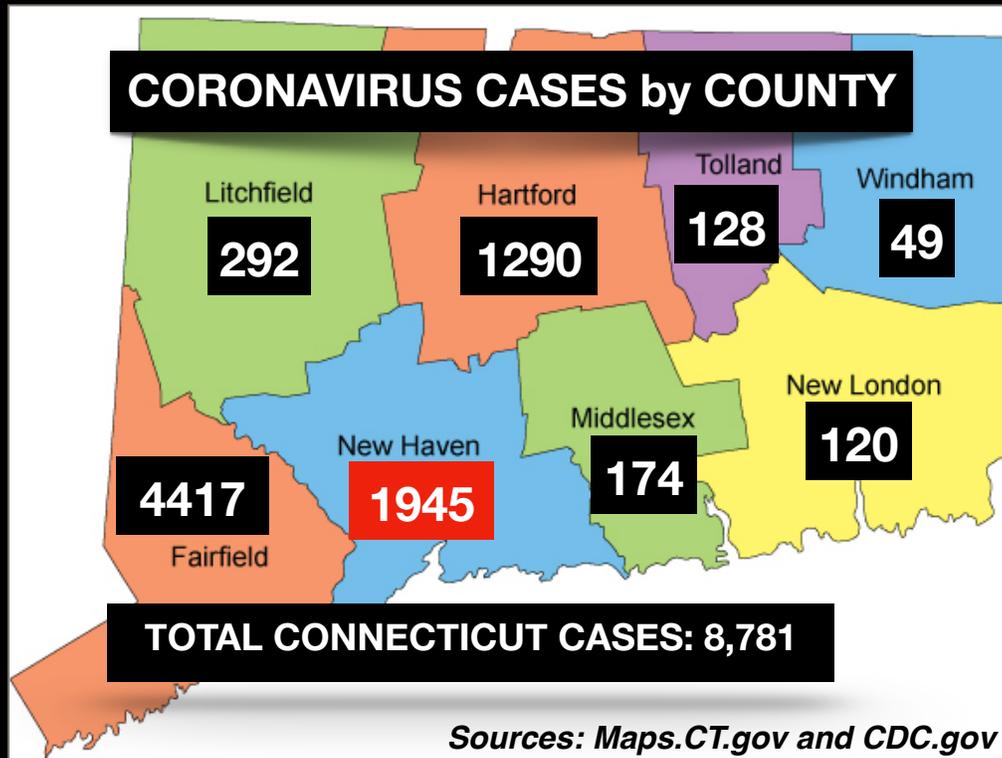


Coronavirus (COVID-19) Watch



As of Thursday, April 9, 2020, Connecticut confirmed 8,781 cases of the Coronavirus, with more than 435,780 cases confirmed in the United States.



A Few Free Resources Available during Shelter-in-Place

Craft at Home with JOANN Fabric - New idea everyday on [YouTube Channel](#).

National Geographic Society - Developed [curated collections of resources and activities](#) to teach, connect, explore, and inspire K-12 learners anywhere, anytime.

[Michaels](#) offers free online crafty videos for kids and you can tune-in to [Michaels FaceBook](#) Live every Wednesday at 11 a.m. for fun family activity.

A FUN MUSIC VIDEO TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY!

NEWSPAPERS THAT OFFER FREE ONLINE CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE

[Washington Post](#); [National Geographic](#); [Atlantic](#); [Financial Times](#) and Hearst Connecticut Media Group includes [New Haven Register](#).

Open [Yale Courses](#) provides free and open access to a selection of introductory courses taught by teachers and scholars at Yale University.

Complimentary ebooks from [Early Bird Books](#) are offered during this coronavirus pandemic. Start reading today for free.

Urban Grants 4 Us' Coronavirus Updates

Friday, April 3, 2020

Additional coronavirus available resources are on pages 11-14 of the document.

IRS Warns Taxpayers About **Stimulus-Check Scams**.

Don't have a face mask? Click **HERE** for a quick and easy solution.

Published list of restaurants open during COVID-19 provided by **zip06.com**.

Upcoming Webinars

Artspace via Zoom - Saturday, April 4, 2020 - 7:30-9:30 p.m.

DOOLEY-O 54 GROOVE SESH: Join Artspace for a LIVE quarantine dance party. DJ'ed by the legendary CT-based rapper/producer Dooley-O. Free with **Registration**.

Q&A with Governor Ned Lamont & State Virus Update - Monday, April 6, 2020 - 1 p.m.

Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce: Join **Governor Lamont** to hear the latest on how the state is dealing with the coronavirus and the impacts on business. We will be fielding questions for the Governor during the webinar.

Upcoming Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Webinar Meetings

Video Conference with Legislators

Monday, April 6, 2020 - 3 p.m.

REGISTER

Nonprofit CEO Roundtable

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

REGISTER

Maximize Your Membership Workshop

Friday, April 10, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

REGISTER

Virtual Networking

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.

REGISTER

Thursday, April 2, 2020

IMPORTANT UPDATE TO SENIORS AND SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS OF STIMULUS CHECK - No Tax Returns Required

Social Security recipients who don't usually file tax returns **will automatically get \$1,200 payments**, Treasury says in reversal.

Washington Post reported on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, that "the Treasury announced that **Social Security beneficiaries who typically do not file a tax return** will automatically get the \$1,200 payment and no longer must submit anything extra. Due to backlash, Trump administration changes rules on eligibility for stimulus payments.

Tele-Town Halls and Online Casting

AARP - Thursday, April 2, 2020 - 1 p.m.

Join AARP along with money management and health experts for a special coronavirus live Q&A. Ask questions, hear the latest about the global crisis, and learn how the government stimulus will affect your finances. **To join, call 855-274-9507 toll-free.**

Long Wharf Theater Online Casting - Through Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Are you a musician, poet, dancer, actor, or playwright? If so, you're in the right place. Long Wharf Theatre is now casting performing artists for the **NEW HAVEN PLAY PROJECT 2020**. Applications will be received and reviewed through Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

Latest News

West Hartford: Tennis courts, pickleball courts, golf courses now **off limits in West Hartford** in the name of social distancing.

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Seniors and Social Security Recipients can Receive a Stimulus Check too!

People who typically do not file a tax return will need to file a simple tax return to receive an economic impact payment, includes but not limited to, low-income taxpayers, senior citizens, social security recipients, some veterans and individuals with disabilities. IRS offers [Q & A on federal stimulus checks](#).

Governor Lamont has reached the [following agreement](#) with credit unions and banks in Connecticut on 3/31/20 to offer mortgage relief to the state's residents and businesses who continue to face hardship caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

90-day grace period for all mortgage payments;
Relief from fees and charges for 90 days;
No new foreclosures for 60 days and;
No credit score changes for accessing relief.

Connecticut will break up the [state's nursing home population](#) and send those who are sick to facilities designated only for residents who have been infected with the coronavirus.

250-bed mobile hospital from FEMA is being built inside the Moore Fieldhouse on SCSU campus and the National Guard will put up the last of the state's 3 mobile hospitals, a 25-bed unit at Middlesex Memorial Hospital. The others were installed at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Danbury Hospital. The state is also retrofitting at least one dormitory at Western Connecticut State University, which will add 200-250 beds. [Most sites will be used for patients with COVID-19](#) who are not critically ill but still need care, in order to free up hospital beds.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently examining the Connecticut Convention Center and the Mohegan Sun casino as potential overflow sites for COVID-19 treatment.

Upcoming Webinar Meetings and Activities



Sign-up [here](#) free for a Zoom account prior to registration of a Zoom Meeting. Zoom is a communication platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars.

Hartford Stage - Wednesday, April 1, 2020 - 5 p.m.

A virtual happy hour via Zoom - Join Artistic Director Melia Bensussen as she hosts a roundtable discussion with former Hartford Stage Artistic Directors Mark Lamos, Michael Wilson and Darko Tresnjak.

Fundraising Campaign - April 2, 2020 - 10 a.m. PST

Learn how to create a campaign that reaches more donors, activates attendee participation, and *raises more money*. [Click Here to Register](#).

Alvin Ailey On Stage

For a limited time, Ailey is thrilled to share [full length videos](#) of the Company performing on stage!

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

New Application Link for Disaster Loan Assistance

Federal Disaster Loans for Businesses, Private Non-profits, Homeowners and Renters

[COVID-19 ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN APPLICATION](#)

Small Business **[Guide to Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security \(CARES Act\)](#)**

LATEST CORONAVIRUS NEWS

West Haven: Beach Walk Closed Indefinitely. The city has closed the boardwalk to help prevent the spread of the new coronavirus, **[officials announced 3/30.](#)**

The United States Naval Ship (USNS) Comfort hospital ship **[arrived in New York Harbor](#)** on Monday morning (3/30/20) to aid in the coronavirus fight.

Monday March 30, 2020

New Haven: To reduce the spread of COVID-19, **[Mayor Elicker announced](#)** on 3/29/20 that the City will be closing all playgrounds at New Haven schools and all playgrounds in public parks effective immediately and until further notice. While public parks are still open, you must stay at least six feet away from others at all times.

[Trump Administration announced](#) on Sunday, March 29, 2020 that federal guidance urging social distancing will stay in place through April 30.

[Tri-State Travel Advisory in Effect for Connecticut, New York and New Jersey](#)

On Saturday, March 28, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Protection issued a 14-day travel advisory for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. **[CDC advisory read](#)**, “Due to extensive community transmission of COVID-19 in the area, CDC urges residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately.”

Monday, March 30, 2020 continued

FEMA approved [Gov. Lamont's Major Disaster Declaration](#) request on 3/29/20. State and municipal agencies in all eight counties will be reimbursed for 75% of the costs related to COVID-19 response and emergency protective measures.

New Haven: [Yale University President, Peter Salovey, announced](#) that 300 beds would be available by the end of the week to accommodate housing for up to 150 officers in the event that they are exposed to COVID-19 (on or about 3/28/20).

West Haven: [Steven Kaplan, President of the University of New Haven](#), offered to provide temporary housing for up to 180 of New Haven's police officers and firefighters during the coronavirus crisis; post [Yale University's initially refusal](#) to provide housing assistance to the City New Haven (on or about 3/20/20).

[Visit New Haven](#) is collecting a list of stores who are currently offering online shopping, free delivery, curbside pick up, gift certificates or e-gift certificates within Greater New Haven, to place on the Visit New Haven's website. [Click to Register](#).

Senator Chis Murphy's Office released an informative summary of the COVID-19 relief package which breaks down the major provisions of the bill and answers frequently asked questions. Click [here](#) to view the summary. For a detailed small business owner's guide, [click here](#).

Impact of Coronavirus on our Communities - Surveys

Many organizations are collecting data to provide feedback to the state and policymakers regarding how Connecticut businesses and arts communities are responding to the COVID-19 crisis. To participate, click on link to organization of interest.

[Connecticut Business Survey](#)

[Arts Council of Greater New Haven Survey](#)

[Americans for Arts Survey](#)

[Northwest Connecticut Arts Council Survey](#)

[Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition Survey](#)

Saturday, March 28, 2020

As of March 27, 2020, at 6 p.m., the Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) stopped accepting applications for the Connecticut Recovery Bridge Loan program; after receiving over 4,000 applications. Inquiries should be sent to DECD.COVID19@ct.gov.

Still Available: Applications for Small Business Association (SBA) disaster assistance loans and applications can be accessed [here](#).

Governor Lamont enacted provisions to **Executive Order 7N** on March 27, 2020, in direct response to the growing number of COVID-19 positive cases:

- Restricts gatherings of no more than five individuals;
- Requires all restaurants and any bars that remain open for take-out to limit entrance of customers to the minimum to pick up or pay for orders (use touchless payment systems and require remote ordering and payment) and;
- Prohibits employers of any grocery store or retail business from requiring their employees to bag items into a customer-provided reusable bag. Customers are still permitted to use reusable bags, but they may need to bag their own items.

New Haven Board of Alders - Finance Committee Webinar Meeting **Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6 p.m.**

Participate in the Alders Finance Committee Meeting on the FY21 budget. Join via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/204204463> or Phone +1.646.558.8656, meeting ID: 204204463. Email public comments in advance to: publictestimony@newhavenct.gov with cc: to staff contact dhayden@newhavenct.gov

Available to Connecticut Residents

Still Need Help Filing Taxes? - Sign up for a virtual tax appointment to prepare your 2019 return [here](#). A VITA preparer will call you at your appointment time and complete your return with you over the phone. For more information, email virtualvita.ct@gmail.com

Connect to the Internet free for 60 days with Comcast Internet Essentials - Low-income families who live in a Comcast service area will receive 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service. Find more information [here](#).

Staple's offers some free tools for kids learning from home. For more information, go to [Staple's Connect](#).

On 3/27/20, Trump signed into law Phase III of the **\$2 trillion stimulus package** and invoked the **Defense Production Act** to force General Motors to make ventilators.

Thursday, March 26, 2020

AARP Coronavirus Tele-Town Hall - 1 p.m.

Call toll-free 855-274-9507

[AARP Live Q&A Event: The Coronavirus](#)

Phase III: Senate passes **\$2 trillion stimulus package** amid the coronavirus pandemic on 3/25/20. Full details have yet to be released, but package includes **\$250 billion for direct payments to individuals** and families, \$350 billion in small business loans, \$250 billion in unemployment insurance benefits and \$500 billion in loans for distressed companies. House expected to vote on this **CARES ACT** on Friday.

Calculate how much you'll get from the \$1,200 (or more) coronavirus checks [HERE!](#)

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal - **[Business Town Hall Webinar](#)** - Coronavirus and the Federal Legislative efforts to address the economic fallout at 11:00 a.m. If you missed it, **[click here](#)** to for review.

U.S. Senator Martin Looney - Telephone Town Hall - 7 p.m. I received a recorded telephone invitation for this Town Hall. No mention of how to register, but a telephone number was provided (860-240-0375). If you are interested in attending, a suggestion would be to call that number, prior to the event, to see if they are allowing any additional participants.

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Florida governor orders **[travelers from CT, NJ, NY](#)** to quarantine when entering through airports.

Japan and International Olympic Committee agree to **[postpone Tokyo Games](#)** to summer of 2021.

Yale has repurposed a complex in its **[Payne-Whitney Gym](#)** into a subacute-care facility for university community members who have contracted COVID-19 but don't need to go to the hospital.

Trump administration **[activated the National Guard](#)** in New York, California and Washington and all the costs will be paid by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

COVID-19 Travel **[Overseas Assistance](#)** for American citizens: 1-888-407-4747 U.S. & Canada;
1-202-521-4444 Overseas

Complimentary ebooks from **[Early Bird Books](#)** are offered during this coronavirus pandemic. Start reading today for free.

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Sunday, March 22, 2020

On Friday, March 20, 2020, Connecticut's Governor Ned Lamont signed [**Executive Order No. 7H**](#) that directs residents to shelter-in-place and non-essential businesses to close, effective Monday, March 23, 2020 at 8 p.m.

The following partial list of essential Connecticut Businesses will remain Open under Executive Order No. 7H "**Stay Safe, Stay Home**" mandate:

Restaurants (Take-Out Only)

Grocery Stores

Food Delivery

Packages Stores

Health Care

Pharmacies

[**Frequently Asked Questions.**](#)

[**National Geographic**](#) is providing free access to all of their coronavirus coverage.

Friday, March 20, 2020

New Haven: [**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4**](#) - Gatherings of more than 10 people for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, are prohibited.

Governor Lamont announced that the [**state's presidential primary**](#) will now be on June 2nd; and issued an [**executive order**](#) directing the closure of establishments like nail salons, barber shops, and hair salons.

4 [**Hartford officers test positive**](#) for COVID-19; city prohibits gatherings of 10 or more.

U.S. State Department issued its highest level travel alert: [**The Level 4**](#): Do Not Travel advisory "advises citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19."

[**Tax filing deadline extended**](#) to July 15 due to coronavirus disruption.

Washington Post offers free access to coronavirus coverage on [**WP's website**](#).

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Jackson Laboratory in Farmington, CT is partnering with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, UConn Health, and Hartford HealthCare to **start testing for COVID-19** by March 23, 2020.

Trump invoked the **Defense Production Act** on 3/18/20, which gives the administration the authority to ramp up domestic manufacturing of personal protective equipment and other items needed to fight the coronavirus.

Phase II: Trump signed the bipartisan **Families First Coronavirus Response Act** on 3/18/20 to provide sick leave, unemployment benefits, free coronavirus testing, and food and medical aid to people impacted by the pandemic.

City of New Haven announced 3/18/20: Preparation for a **75-bed facility at Career High School** to house homeless people with cases of the novel coronavirus who do not require hospitalization.

On 3/17/20, Yale New Haven Hospital has established its first local testing and specimen collection center on **150 Sargent Dr.**, and will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Only with a doctor's order and a previously scheduled appointment, patients can be tested for a variety of respiratory viruses, including **the novel coronavirus causing the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Released March 17: An internal report from the Department of Health and Services entitled **U.S. Government COVID-19 Response Plan** concluded that the "pandemic will last 18 months or longer and could include multiple waves of illness."

CNN today reports that the United States and Canada will suspend non-essential travel between the two countries. Trade will not be affected.

Phase I: Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020
- **H.R. 6074**

On March 6, 2020, Trump signed an \$8.3 billion measure focused on public-health infrastructure, which passed in the House and Senate two weeks ago, to help tackle the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S.

Developing Coronavirus Information

The following 3 pages contain information obtained from Webinars and Tele-Town Halls attended over the last few weeks in March 2020; hosted by Senator Blumenthal, Senator Chris Murphy, Senator Looney, Congresswoman DeLauro, AARP and area Chamber of Commerce associations.

Coronavirus Testing: Contact your primary care physician to obtain a prescription for a coronavirus test at one of the Connecticut Roadside Testing Facilities. If you do not have a primary care physician, call Yale New Haven Health (833-484-1200) for a screening appointment to determine whether a test is viable. **Forewarning:** You **can not** be tested for coronavirus if you do not first receive a doctor's authorization form prior to your arrival at a testing facility.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance: If you need to apply for unemployment, please go to www.filectui.com.

Small Business Association: Many small businesses (under 500 employees), including landlords and 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations, may be eligible for loans that may convert to loan forgiveness, if funding was used for payroll. **COVID-19 ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN APPLICATION**

Eldercare Locator: A public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging connecting you to services for older adults and your families. You can reach them at 800-677-1116 or via Eldercare Locator's [website](#); CT Long Term Care **Ombudsman Program** 866-388-1888.

Price Gouging is illegal. Please consider reporting instances of exorbitant pricing of products by local and/or national stores and vendors to the **Connecticut Attorney General's Office**.

Current coronavirus scam: Solicitors are notifying citizens, via phone, email and in-person, that they can provide coronavirus testing at a cost. This is a scam and do not give these solicitors any money for these fake tests. Please report these instances of fraud to the **National Center for Disaster Fraud** (866) 720-5721, or email disaster@leo.gov.

List of Local Resources: Greater New Haven Community's **Directory of Local Resource Pages** in Response to Coronavirus, posted by Lee Cruz on March 25, 2020.

Census 2020: Please consider filling out your [Census 2020 Questionnaire Online](#) by **April 1, 2020**. Your input determines how much funding Connecticut and the City of New Haven receives from such aid legislation like the coronavirus relief bill.

Upcoming Webinars and Tele-Town Halls

Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 5 p.m. - RECORDING AVAILABLE

Governor Lamont and Lieutenant Governor Bysiewicz will be hosting a Virtual Town Hall, *"Supporting Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus."* They will be joined by Connecticut Department of Labor Commissioner Westby and DECD Deputy Commissioner Thames. View webinar recording [HERE](#).

Zoom Meeting with Legislators - Monday, March 30, 2020 - 3 p.m.

Join the Chamber for a video conference to hear from your State Legislators: Senator Christine Cohen, Representative Vin Candelora, Representative Sean Scanlon and Representative Robin Comey.

Join via Zoom at:

<https://zoom.us/j/729687500?pwd=Q25VdURnY2lFL0FwU0tLMXNYV3pEdz09>

or Call (301) 715-8592 - Meeting ID: 729 687 500 - Password: 648274. Email your questions ahead of time to sheri@shorelinechamberct.com or ask questions during the conference through the chat function.

Understanding the Federal Stimulus Program - Monday, March 30, 2020 - 3:30 p.m.

Discussion: A look at the details of the stimulus package and actionable information for businesses to begin the application process. [Click to Register](#) or [Join Live on Facebook](#).

New Haven Board of Alders - Finance Committee - Monday, March 30, 2020 - 6 p.m.

Participate in the Alders Finance Committee Meeting on the FY21 budget. Join via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/204204463> or Phone +1.646.558.8656 - Meeting ID: 204204463. Email public comments in advance to: publictestimony@newhavent.gov with cc: to staff contact dhayden@newhavent.gov. Each member of the public will be given three minutes to testify.

The Campaign School at Yale - Tuesday, March 31, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

Get advice, tips and tactics on how to keep campaigning in a thoughtful way during the pandemic. Discussion includes ideas on messaging, online and phone strategies and answers to your questions. [Click here to Register.](#)

AARP - Free Medicare Webinar - Tuesday, March 31, 2020 - 7 pm

Medicare: Answers to Your Biggest Questions. Attend the free webinar and discover the hows, whats and whens of Medicare. [Click Here to Register.](#)

Square Town Hall - Tuesday, March 31, 2020 - 5 p.m. EDT

A series of webinars to help you rethink your business and access tools to better connect with your customer base. Next webinar: Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-hall-services-tickets-100723358276>

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

LEAP: How is COVID-19 impacting people from New Haven's low-income neighborhoods? RSVP to [Erin Bond](#) at ebond@leapforkids.org. (They will send you the Zoom videoconference link in advance of the meeting to those who RSVP)

Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce Weekly Seminar - Thursday, April 2, 2020 - 10 a.m.

Navigating the Coronavirus Threat in the Restaurant, Hospitality, & Retail Industries. [Click Here to Register.](#)

Each Week on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

AARP's Weekly Coronavirus Tele-Town Halls and Q&A

Join each week on Thursdays at 1 p.m. for the latest information on coronavirus by calling toll-free 855-274-9507.

Contact Information provided by Senators during Town Halls:

Senator Richard Blumenthal (202) 641-0532. Sen. Blumenthal said he accepts text messages.

Senator Martin Looney (860) 240-0375 martin.looney@cga.ct.gov

RESOURCES · Coronavirus (COVID-19) Watch

COVID-19 Surface Stability

Particles Remain:

- ✓ 3 hours in Air
- ✓ 4 hours on Copper Surface
- ✓ 24 hours on Cardboard
- ✓ 2-3 days on Plastic & Steel

Source: New England Journal of Medicine 3/18/20

^ 5-3 days on Plastic & Steel

If you've become unemployed due to the coronavirus pandemic, you can file for unemployment benefits by visiting [Connecticut Department of Labor](#) website.

While the Coronavirus outbreak is a rapidly changing and fluid situation from a public health perspective, the City of New Haven has provided regular updates through the [city's emergency alert system](#). Additionally, Connecticut coronavirus information website at www.ct.gov/coronavirus and the [CDC website](#) are committed to keeping all of us informed. You may also call 2-1-1 and text "CTCOVID" to 898211.

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Due to New Haven school, library and senior center closings, pick up of free breakfast and lunch are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at [37 schools](#).

COVID-19 Travel [Overseas Assistance](#) for American citizens: 1-888-407-4747 U.S. & Canada; 1-202-521-4444 Overseas

[Sprint](#) signed the [Keep Americans Connected Pledge](#) which guarantees customers free unlimited data, 20GB of mobile hotspot data per month, and the waiving of per-minute calling rates from U.S. to countries defined by CDC as [Level 3](#).

Slowing the spread of the coronavirus will depend on all of us. I urge all of you to heed the warnings of our pandemic health care professionals by routinely washing hands and by practicing the new normal of [social distancing](#).

[Urban Grants 4 Us](#) is a charitable nonprofit organization under IRS §501(c)(3).