STATE REPRESENTATIVE **SUSAN JOHNSON**

Dear Neighbor,

The state has declared a public health emergency to combat COVID-19, a respiratory disease that has impacted communities across the state, country, and world. Public health and elected officials are managing containment to limit the spread of COVID-19.

This mailer provides information to help keep you up-todate as experts learn more and officials act to fight the pandemic.

I want you to know that I am here for you and together we will get through this. Please reach out to my office if you have any questions or concerns. Wishing you and your family safety and good health. You can reach me by email at: Susan.Johnson@cga.ct.gov or by phone at 860-240-0160.

Take Care,

Susan Johnson State Representative

> FOR MORE IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATES SIGN UP FOR MY E-BLASTS **ONLINE AT:**

> > www.housedems.ct.gov/Johnson

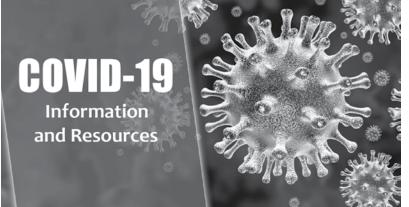
OR YOU CAN FOLLOW MY FACEBOOK PAGE AT: www.facebook.com/RepSusanJohnson

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FOR THE LATEST ON STATE RESPONSE EFFORTS, DIAL 2-1-1 OR VISIT CT.GOV/CORONAVIRUS

What Is Coronavirus/COVID-19?

COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) is a respiratory illness spread from person to person contact. Symptoms may include cough, fever, and difficulty breathing and may appear 2-14 days after exposure.



Health Services

Think you have COVID-19? Visit CDC.gov for a list of symptoms.

If you think you need to be tested for coronavirus, consult your doctor. At this time, you cannot receive a test without a doctor's prescription. The state is working with our hospitals to establish testing sites. To find a site, call 2-1-1.



Food and Nutrition

Apply for SNAP benefits visit the DSS website: Google Connecticut Department of Social Services;

Meals on Wheels Call: 860-456-0224, 860-934-1006 or 860-560-5848

The Covenant Soup Kitchen at 220 Valley Street, Willimantic will serve Breakfast at 9:00 am and Lunch at noon daily. Dinner is served only Friday at 4:30.

Grab and Go Lunch for Students

Bagged meals now available for pick up only Monday-Friday until schools reopen. If you cannot pick up your child's meals please arrange for another family to pick up for you, or contact your family liaison to assist in finding someone who can.

Windham High School (355 High Street., Willimantic, Near Cafeteria)	8-10AM
C. H. Barrows STEM Academy (141 Tuckie Rd., N. Windham, Bus Circle)	8-10AM
Windham Heights (Basketball Court)	9-9:20AM
Ivy Gardens (near stone fence)	8:30-8:50AM
Village Heights (Community Center)	9:30-9:50AM
West Avenue (near Emerald Ave.)	9-9:20AM
Kingswood Apartments (circle in middle of complex)	9:30-9:50AM

Visit CDC.gov and CT.gov/coronavirus for national and statewide notices or dial 2-1-1. Visit www. windhamct.com/ for the latest on local issues



STAY HOME

The Governor signed an Executive Order that encourages people to stay in their homes unless running essential errands and closes all businesses not deemed essential until May 20 to slow the spread of COVID-19.



STAY 6 + FEET FROM OTHERS

The CDC says that COVID-19 can be spread to people within at least six feet of one another and that people who have the virus without symptoms are contagious.



WEAR A MASK IN PUBLIC

If you have to leave the house, the federal government recommends that you wear a non-medical face mask to reduce the risk of getting infected or infecting others with COVID-19.



WASH HANDS AND
SANITIZE SURFACES FREQUENTLY



Economic Relief

Employer and employee rights and answers to frequently asked questions can be found at www.ctdol.state.ct.us; Unemployed employees and the self employed can apply for benefits on line on the above Department of Labor website.

The state and federal government offer a number of programs to support small businesses. To learn more, call the DECD hotline at 860-500-2333 or visit ct.gov/decd.

The IRS and State Department of Revenue Services have extended filing and payment deadlines for personal income tax returns to July 15, 2020.



Housing and Legal Assistance

Dial 2-1-1 and press #3 then #4 if you are in a housing emergency.

Participating financial institutions are now offering mortgage-payment forbearances of up to 90 days, allowing homeowners to reduce or delay mortgage payments.

On April 10th, 2020 the Governor signed an Executive Order providing that:

- Landlords are prohibited from issuing a notice to quit or beginning eviction proceedings before July 1, 2020
- For rent due in April 2020, landlords must grant tenants an automatic, 60-day grace period for payment, instead of the existing 9-day grace period
- For rent due in May 2020, landlords must grant a 60-day grace period for payment upon the request of tenants
- A tenant must notify the landlord that they have lost a job, lost hours, or otherwise lost revenue or faced significant increased expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- If a tenant has a paid security deposit of more than one month's rent, the tenant can apply all or part of that excess to April, May or June rent

Get legal information about court access, work, benefits, housing, and more during the COVID-19 crisis. Visit www.ctlawhelp.org/coronavirus.