# STATE REPRESENTATIVE **STEVE STAFSTROM**

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 have begun managing containment and limiting the spread.

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 Steve.Stafstrom@cga.ct.gov or by phone at 860-240-0532.

Take Care,

Steve Stafstrom State Representative

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

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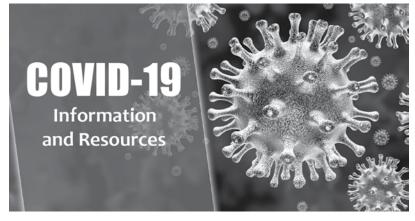
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# FOR THE LATEST ON STATE RESPONSE EFFORTS, DIAL 2-1-1 OR VISIT CT.GOV/CORONAVIRUS

#### **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 can 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.

HUSKY members can receive medical and behavioral health services from their health care providers by audio-only telephone or video conferencing.



# **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 mortgagepayment forbearances of up to 90 days, allowing homeowners to reduce or delay mortgage payments.

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

Visit CDC.gov and CT.gov/coronavirus for national and statewide notices or dial 2-1-1.

Visit bridgeportct.gov 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 further notice 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.



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SANITIZE SURFACES FREQUENTLY



# **Economic Relief**

Visit www.ctdol.state.ct.us to access an FAQ sheet on the rights of employees and employers as well as the form to file for unemployment.

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 DRS has extended filing and payment deadlines for personal income tax returns to July 15, 2020.



# **Food and Nutrition**

For Meals on Wheels call 860-560-5848.

To apply for SNAP benefits visit ct.gov/DSS.

#### **Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry Services:**

Black Rock Pantry, 15 Princeton Street, Bridgeport. Open: Sat. 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Phone: 203-610-1222.

Feed the People Food Pantry, 301 Bostwick Avenue, Bridgeport. Open: Tues: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, 4th Wed, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Sun, 8:30 am - 9:00 am. Phone: 203-260-3953.

Norma F. Pfriem Food Pantry UCC, 877 Park Ave, Bridgeport. Open: Wed., 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Phone: 203-335-3107.

For hours and locations of "Grab and Go" lunches for students and youth: Visit Bridgeportedu.net or call 203-275-1001 for a pick up location near you.

For seniors living at home, some grocery stores have begun offering hours of operation specifically for those over the age of 60.

Stop & Shop stores offer early hours to seniors or vulnerable customers from 6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. daily.

Price Rite will reserve the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. for customers who are 60 and older or have compromised immune systems.