

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
TONI WALKER

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. Since March, Connecticut's public health and local officials began managing the containment of COVID-19 and working together to limit its spread.

This mailer provides information to help keep you up-to-date as experts and officials continue to collaborate in order to fight against this pandemic.

I want you to know, as your elected official, my office is here for you and your family. Please reach out to me by email at Toni.Walker@cga.ct.gov or by phone at 860-240-0394. Together we will continue to get through this and I wish you and your family good health in this troubling time.

Take Care,



Toni Walker
State Representative

FOR MORE IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATES
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FOR THE LATEST ON STATE RESPONSE EFFORTS, DIAL 2-1-1 OR VISIT CT.GOV/CORONAVIRUS



COVID-19 and Health Services

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. If you think you may need to be tested, visit CDC.gov for a list of symptoms and consult a medical provider for more information.

At this time, you cannot receive a test without a doctor's recommendation.

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



Housing and Legal Assistance

If you are experiencing a housing emergency, dial 2-1-1 and press #3 then #4.

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

Governor Lamont has ordered that landlords must grant a 60-day grace period for rent due April 1 or May 1. This order also prohibits landlords from issuing a notice to quit or begin eviction proceedings until July 1. For more information go to: portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Information-For/Homeowners-and-Renters.

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 newhavenct.gov for the latest on local issues.



Economic Relief and Unemployment Insurance

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.

If you lost your job due to COVID-19 visit www.ctdol.state.ct.us to access an FAQ sheet on the rights of employees and employers.

The DOL recommends filing unemployment benefit claims at www.filectui.com, which can be done 24/7 through a computer or smart phone. If you are having trouble receiving your benefits and need assistance you can contact my office at 860-240-0394.

Restaurant Employee Relief Fund (RERF)

The RERF was created to assist restaurant workers facing job loss amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Operated by the National Restaurant Education Foundation, the RERF's mission is to provide food service workers with relief as quickly as possible. Find out if you qualify at www.rerf.us.

Utility Shutoff Protection and Assistance

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority has ordered utilities to temporarily stop service cutoffs in cases of nonpayment in light of the public health emergency. Be sure to know your rights by checking in with United Illuminating for regular updates. You can reach them by phone at 1-800-722-5584.



Food and Nutrition

For Meals on Wheels: call 860-560-5848.

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

Local Soup Kitchens and Food Pantry Services:

Downtown Pantry, 311 Temple St. Open Wed, 1:45 to 3 p.m.

Salvation Army, 450 George St. Open Mon., Wed, Fri, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Downtown Soup Kitchen, 311 Temple St. Open Mon thru Thurs, 5:30 p.m., Sun, 4:30 p.m.

Community Soup Kitchen, 84 Broadway. Open Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sat, 8 to 9:45 a.m.

"Grab and Go" lunches for students and youth:

New Haven is offering free grab and go meals for students on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the following locations:

Troop School, Roberto Clemente School, Lincoln Bassett School, King-Robinson School, Wexler-Grant School, Hill House High School, Beecher School and West Hills School.

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 to 7:30 a.m. daily.

Shop Rite will reserve the hours of 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. daily for customers who are 60 and older or have compromised immune systems.