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ANSONIA, DERBY | 104TH HOUSE DISTRICT



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

United Way Infoline (General Assistance) Dial 2-1-1

or visit www.211ct.org

TEAM, Inc. (General Assistance for Valley residents)

203-736-5420 or email info2@teaminc.org.

Website: www.teaminc.org

Meals on Wheels dial 203-538-5886 ext. 4225 or 203-736-5420

Medicare 800-633-4227

Center for Medicare Advocacy 800-262-4414

Office of the Healthcare Advocate 866-466-4446

Department of Social Services 855-626-6632

Department of Rehabilitation Services 800-537-2549

Agency on Aging of South Central CT 203-785-8533

Ansonia Police Department (Non-Emergency) 203-735-1885

Derby Police Department (Non-Emergency) 860-887-1755

Derby Senior Center 203-736-1484

Joseph Doyle (Ansonia) Senior Center 203-736-5933

FOR MORE IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATES

SIGN UP FOR MY E-BLASTS

ONLINE AT:

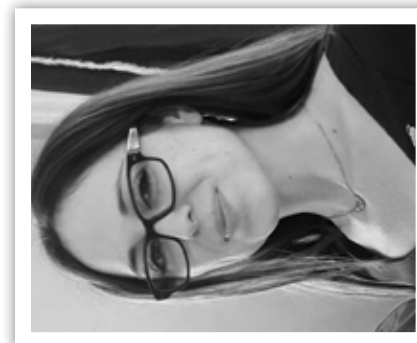
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**COVID19 UPDATE
FOR SENIORS**

Friends and Neighbors,

As you know, the state has declared a public health emergency to mitigate the spread of COVID-19/coronavirus, and public health and elected leaders are working collaboratively to contain the virus and limit its spread. State and federal officials have also worked to provide relief options for residents who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

I have included information on several relief options for residents enacted by the governor. There are also local resources that can help if you are struggling to provide food for yourself or your family, pay for utilities, housing expenses and other basic necessities.

My office and I are here for you during this trying time, and I hope you will reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Please email me at Kara.Rochelle@cga.ct.gov or call me at 860-240-8585.

For updates on the state's response efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and public information, please visit www.ct.gov/coronavirus.

Stay safe and be well,



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

RELIEF FOR CONNECTICUT

If you are struggling to keep up with paying your bills, relief options have been established to help you throughout the duration of this public health emergency. Below are some of the programs and options to help you.

- **Circuit Breaker Tax Relief Program:** The Governor suspended the reapplication filing requirement for the **elderly/disabled homeowners' Circuit Breaker Tax Relief Program and for the elderly/disabled homeowners' Freeze Tax Relief program.** This means program recipients will maintain their benefits for the coming year without having to recertify their eligibility. (Ex. Order 7S)
- **Property Tax Relief:** Per state order, municipalities are providing property tax relief for residents affected financially by this crisis. Ansonia will not charge interest to deferred current property tax payments and is charging a lower interest rate for late previous taxes. Derby is charging no interest to deferred current property tax payments. Landlords in both cities are also eligible for this relief if providing temporary rent relief to affected tenants. Please contact your tax collector for more information.
Ansonia Tax Collector: 203-736-5910
Derby Tax Collector: 203-736-1459 (Ex. Order 7S)
- **Mortgage Deferment:** Many mortgage servicers are granting a 90-day grace period for homeowners. Some financial institutions are waiving certain fees. Foreclosure sales and evictions are suspended for 60 days. Talk to your mortgage company to see if you qualify.



- **Utilities:** Throughout the duration of the COVID-19 emergency your gas, water, and electricity cannot be shut off for non-payment. Talk to your utility company about a flexible payment plan and other relief options.
- **For Renters:** Landlords cannot issue a notice to quit or begin eviction proceedings before July 1, 2020 and must offer a 60-day grace period for April 2020 rent automatically. For May 2020 rent, landlords must offer a 60-day grace period at a tenant's request. Tenants who've paid a security deposit of more than one month's rent can apply all or part of that excess to April, May, or June rent. (Ex. Order 7X).
- **Insurance:** Connecticut was the first state to order a 60-day grace period for insurance premium payments which applies to life, health, auto, property, casualty, and other types of insurance. Have you been driving less? Contact your providers for more information.
- **Connecticut Tax Filings:** The Department of Revenue Services has extended the deadline for certain state tax returns, including Individual Income Tax Return & Payment, until July 15, 2020. More information, including a complete list of the taxes that are delayed are available at the DRS website: <https://portal.ct.gov/DRS/COVID19/DRS-COVID-19-Response-FAQ>



IMPLEMENTATION OF A MEDICAL SURGE PLAN

The Governor enacted a medical surge plan for long-term care facilities. The plan will establish recovery centers in certain nursing homes to care for COVID patients who can be discharged from hospitals but still need skilled nursing care. COVID-negative residents residing at those facilities designated as recovery centers can choose to transfer to another facility. More information is available on ct.gov/coronavirus.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

If you are struggling to take care of your mental health, below are some resources:

- Call 2-1-1 to locate mental wellness services near you, or use the 2-1-1/CT United Way locator by visiting www.211ct.org.

Warmlines are available for those who are feeling stressed or anxious and need to talk:

Ansonia and Derby:

- BH Care Community Warmline: 203-732-2004. It is staffed Sunday-Thursday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Statewide:

- Advocacy Unlimited Statewide Phone Based Peer Support: 1-888-770-4478. Monday through Friday a.m. – 5 p.m.

From Diaper Banks to Food Stamps and Meals on Wheels,

TEAM, inc.

can help with these and more.

Call 203-736-5420
for an assessment for any social support.