

Dear Warren Community,

The Warren Board of Selectmen and Emergency Services, working together as the Town of Warren Emergency Management Team, have approved a Declaration of Local Civil Preparedness Emergency for the Town of Warren in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This declaration gives our community easier access to local and state resources such as financial aid and emergency protective gear to better protect the community.

We will continue to keep you updated as the emergency situation continues. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 860-868-7881 x102 or selectman@warrenct.com.

- Tim Angevine, First Selectman Town of Warren

STATE OF CONNECTICUT EXECUTIVE ORDERS

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Pages/Emergency-Orders-issued-by-the-Governor-and-State-Agencies>

Governor Lamont has ordered the closing of all malls, dine-in restaurants, bars, movie theaters, barber shops, salons, body care, tattoo/piercing facilities, gyms, sport facilities and other non-essential services/venues. Although Warren is home to few of these facilities, be aware that all surrounding towns will be enforcing these emergency orders, and for the protection of public health and safety they must be followed until further notice.

FOR ACCURATE AND RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19

Please do not rely on friends and Facebook or other social media sites. Seek out reliable sources such as the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at:

[cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

For more local information, go to the state of Connecticut's special website:

www.CT.gov/coronavirus

COVID-19 COMMUNITY HOTLINES

<https://www.danburyhospital.org/hospital-network/home/novel-coronavirus-covid19-update>

The Western Connecticut Health Network (which includes Danbury and New Milford Hospitals) has set up a COVID-19 Community Hotline to address questions and concerns for community members. Please be aware that this dedicated hotline is for community members who are concerned about symptoms they may have. Individuals experiencing symptoms are encouraged to call this line to mitigate the high-volume call-intake of our emergency departments and medical practices. Other inquiries can be answered on the [hospital's website](#).

COVID-19 Community hotline: 888-667-9262

Hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; seven days a week

Hartford HealthCare's COVID-19 Clinical Command Center hotline, staffed by health care professionals, is also now available to the community. To reach the 24-hour hotline, call 860.972.8100 or (toll-free) 833.621.0600

Additionally, Governor Lamont has set up a **211** Infoline for Coronavirus
Dial 2-1-1 or text "CTCOVID" to 898211

EMERGENCY SERVICES

If you are ill and suspect you may have the coronavirus please call your primary care physician before entering any urgent care facility. Our first responders, ambulance and fire companies are aware of heightened risk and will respond appropriately. Please alert them to any information you may have (test results, symptoms, recent contacts, foreign travel, etc.) that would indicate your problems might be related to COVID-19.

RESTRICTED TOWN HALL ACCESS

The State of CT has declared a Public Health Emergency in response to COVID-19. In order to continue to serve the public while maintaining the health and safety of our staff and visitors, residents and visitors must call ahead to schedule an appointment with a department before entering the Town Hall. Departments will be providing essential services only. If your issue can be resolved via phone or email, our staff will assist you remotely. Appointments are available as needed.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & SCHOOL OR TOWN SPONSORED ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Warren Elementary School and Wamogo Regional High School are closed until further notice. All athletic events planned by the town or regional schools are canceled.

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Warren Public Library will be closed to the public until at least March 31 due to the coronavirus emergency. There will be no adult or children's programs offered. Please do not return library books to the building. All donations of books are suspended at this time. We thank you for your patience and urge you to use your library card to access our wide range of online services available through our website (<https://www.warrenctlibrary.org/>) to find links to ebooks, audiobooks, movies, daily newspapers, and homework help. Our online services include: HOOPLA, OVERDRIVE, NEWSBANK, and RESEARCHIT.

HOMEBOUND SENIORS

If you are a homebound senior and want Meals on Wheels call Western CT Area Agency on Aging at 800-994-9422 or 203-757-5449. They will arrange for a 2-week supply of meals to be delivered to homebound seniors. You may also consider contacting Warren Social Services at 860-868-7881 x114.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need healthy people to assist with various tasks our fellow citizens may need to have performed. Although jobs such as grocery pickup and delivery require minimal contact with others and are suitable for all adults, for certain other tasks only those under 60 are suitable, and, of course, only those who have experienced no symptoms. To volunteer, please contact Warren Social Services at 860-868-7881 x114.

PUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD PLAN INTO ACTION (from the CDC website)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklist-household-ready.html#>

- Continue to practice [everyday preventive actions](#)
- [If someone in the household is sick](#), separate them into the prepared room
- [If caring for a household member, follow recommended precautions and monitor your own health](#)
- Keep surfaces disinfected
- Avoid sharing personal items
- If you become sick, stay in contact with others by phone or email
- Stay informed about the local outbreak situation
- Notify your employer if your schedule needs to change
- Take care of the emotional health of your household members, including yourself

BEFORE DISCONTINUING HOME ISOLATION

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

People with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated) can stop home isolation under the following conditions.

If you will be tested to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened:

You no longer have a fever (without the use of medicine to reduce fevers)

AND

Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)

AND

You received two negative tests in a row, 24 hours apart. Your doctor will follow [CDC guidelines](#).

If you will not have a test to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened:

You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine to reduce fevers)

AND

Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)

AND

At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared