

State of Connecticut - State Situation Report



Governor's
State Emergency Operation Center
Ned Lamont, Governor

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 Location(s): **State of Connecticut**
 Incident: **Pandemic Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**
 WebEOC Incident Name: **Health 2020-01-27 Novel Coronavirus 2019**
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Activation Level

F- FULL VIRTUAL ACTIVATION

Community Lifelines Status



Positive Cases of COVID-19

41 (+15)

Negative Tests of COVID-19

211 (+86)

Total Tests of COVID-19

234 (+98)

Total Deaths from COVID-19

0 (+0)

Critical Information

- **Presidential Declaration of National Emergency: *Stafford Act***
- **FEMA 3439-EM-CT for Emergency Protective Measures**
- **SBA Disaster Approval**
- **Governor Ned Lamont's COVID-19 Executive Orders: Executive Orders 7, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d**
<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases>
- **Governor Ned Lamont's Update:**
 - Per Governor Lamont on 20200316 at 2000 hours; Movie Theaters, Gyms, Fitness Centers and Bars that do not serve food to close
 - Restaurants & Bars that serve food must move to take-out delivery service only.
 - Events of more than 50 persons be postponed or canceled
 - Closure of Off-Track Betting Facilities
 - Drive-Through Testing at Seven hospitals; Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury, Greenwich, Stamford, Waterbury, Yale-New Haven Health
- **Department of Public Health:**
 - 61 COVID-19 Tests pending.
 - Ventilators & aspirators Deployed to: Yale, Harford, Trinity, Nuvance
- Beginning on January 27, 2020, DESPP/DEMHS initiated the State Response Framework (SRF) Pre-Activation procedures for novel coronavirus preparedness. Per the Framework and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) under which the state operates, **CT-DPH is the lead for state response and DESPP/DEMHS is the coordinating entity.**
- As of January 27, 2020, under the SRF, the State has been in an **Enhanced Monitoring posture, which is now moving to a Partial Activation during working hours** of the State Emergency Operations Center.
- In accordance with the SRF, as of 03/11/2020 DESPP/DEMHS began coordinating weekly meetings/calls of the **Governor's Unified Command**, made up of his commissioners and subject matter experts. The Governor's Chief Operating Officer, Josh Geballe, has also been hosting Monday, Wednesday and Friday briefings with the DPH Commissioner, Renee Coleman-Mitchell. The Unified Command call replaces a weekly coordination call that was led by CT-DPH for DEMHS, and provided updated information from federal agencies, including CDC. In addition to the established weekly calls, DPH and DEMHS staff are in regular communication regarding information received from other sources, questions arising from the field, and any updates.
- JIC Activated at the SEOC

- CT-DPH is the lead for public information, along with the Governor’s Office. **DPH, in coordination with DEMHS and other state agencies, as well as United Way 211, is establishing a Joint Information Center (JIC), beginning 3/11/2020.** Governor’s press releases on coronavirus have been sent by DEMHS to Emergency Support Function 5 communications group made up of representatives from diverse communities, who can translate and disseminate the messaging.
- Again, under the SRF, DEMHS has stood up a number of Emergency Support Function (ESF) Task Forces, made up of state agency representatives and other key subject matter experts, to address emerging issues.
- DESPP/DEMHS has been participating in numerous conference calls with federal agencies to remain current on the latest guidance, including conference calls with CDC, federal Health and Human Services; ASPR & Children and Families, the State Department, Homeland Security Advisors, and the National Governor’s Association.

Incident Overview	
Situation Update	
<p>Coronaviruses are respiratory viruses and are generally spread through respiratory secretions (i.e., droplets from coughs and sneezes) of an infected person to another person. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and in severe cases, pneumonia (fluid in the lungs). Conducting contact tracing and epidemiological investigations for COVID019 presumptive positive cases. Reviewing, inspecting and approving alternate testing sites. Ventilators & aspirators have been deployed to hospitals systems, Yale, Harford, Trinity, Nuvance.</p>	
State Response Actions	
State Priorities	
<p>State of Connecticut priorities are and remain focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Safety • Incident Stabilization • Property Conservation 	
Current Operational Period Objectives	
<p>State of Connecticut Operational Objectives are and remain focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent person to person spread; monitor disease trends and surveillance. • Ensure healthcare systems remain operational and have adequate PPE • Communicate and share timely information with clinicians, acute care hospitals, local directors of health, EMS, partners, government agencies 	
Activated Emergency Operations Center	Activated Alternate Emergency Operations Center
<p><u>Governor’s State Emergency Operations Center</u> William O’Neill National Guard Armory 360 Broad St., Hartford, CT (860) 920-3317</p>	<p><u>Alternate State Emergency Operations Center</u> Brainerd Airport 269 Maxim Rd., Hartford, CT (860) 706-5501</p>
Activated Joint Information Center	Activated Commodities Distribution Center
<p><u>Governor’s State Emergency Operations Center- JIC</u> William O’Neill National Guard Armory 360 Broad St., Hartford Covid19.JIC@ct.gov Phone: (860) 754-8342</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Emergency Support Functions Activated

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 1 Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 6 Mass Care	<input type="checkbox"/> ESF 11 Animal and Natural Resources
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 2 Communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 7 Resource Support	<input type="checkbox"/> ESF 12 Energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 3 Public Works	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 8 Public Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 13 Law Enforcement/Homeland Security
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 4 Fire	<input type="checkbox"/> ESF 9 Search and Rescue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 14 Long Term Recovery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 5 Legal Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/> ESF 10 Hazardous Materials Response	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 15 External Affairs

State Agency / Partner Agency / ESF Summary

ESF # 2, Communications – Monitoring State, Municipal and Commercial Communication Networks.

ESF # 7, Logistical Support – Monitoring WebEOC for resource requests, all corrections facilities are adequately staffed and running minimal operations.

Connecticut National Guard: Completing missions as assigned by the State EOC.

CT Department of Transportation: All operations currently ongoing. Construction project work continuing. Routine Maintenance activities and emergency work continuing. Rail service to be modified as ridership has steadily declined. Bus ridership also down around 20%.
VMS boards on state highways are running and displaying the message "For COVID-19 Info Call 2-1-1"

Judicial Branch: Courts are open performing constitutional responsibilities. The Judicial Branch has revised its Business Functions to preform Priority 1 functions only. Priority 1 functions are "Uninterruptible Functions, Criminal, Juvenile Detention Hearings, Family Orders of Protection, Ex Parte & orders of Temporary Custody, Lock-up and Juvenile Detention, Termination of Parental Rights.

American Red Cross: Red Cross disaster action team COVID 19 response guidance has been established and shared with government partners at the State and local levels

CT Department of Education: Reports that assisted with Federal guidance shared last week and the likelihood that closures will extend past two weeks based on new CDC guidance, CSDE has been providing clarification on continuing education in districts. Working with partners to compile resources for districts to use in planning their distance learning programming.
CT waiver to USDA to cont. serving meals to students during closure was approved on 3/13/20. CSDE Food and Nutrition Team is prioritizing applications from districts to allow them to serve students in remote locations; coaching districts and processing their applications for approval and immediate turnaround. As of 3/16/2020, CSDE approved 89 districts to serve meals at more than 353 sites.

FEMA, FIT – No Update, Continuing Support at CT State EOC

211 United Way - (3/15) we spoke with 301 callers who had questions or concerns regarding COVID-19. The total number of live-answer calls we've handled to-date is 2,127. The top towns of callers yesterday were Hartford, Waterbury, and Norwalk.
The pre-recorded messages were accessed 332 times yesterday (3/15) with most callers still listening to the messages about what to do if they are sick and signs/symptoms of the virus.
There have been 1,270 inquiries to the text channel to-date. And yesterday there were 33 searches for 'coronavirus' on 211ct.org and 764 views of the eLibrary paper.
211 Staff continue to participate in the regular PIO, ESF6, and Unified Command calls.

Office of Early Children:

1. Child care is a critical part of the public health emergency response. It is particularly important to ensure that public safety workers are able to work, healthcare workers are able to care for the sick (including those with coronavirus), and other workers can continue vital services in society, such as pharmacies and food stores. It is important that municipalities take this into consideration when considering any order to close child care programs.
- 2 OEC has received concerns from providers who are identifying that they can only access business interruption insurance if they are ordered to close by state or local entity.
- 3.. The OEC has issued a number of memos in English and Spanish to child care providers to guide their response during the COVID-19 crisis- by email blasts and website postings. All memos available on the OEC website under Latest News: <https://www.ct.gov/oec/site/default.asp>
4. OEC's licensing and legal divisions helped approve a temporary site to serve essential workers in Waterbury over the weekend. That site is now approved and will be ready for children this week.

DEHMS Regional Offices: Regional Offices distributed a survey for PPE and Cleaning supply inventory of local officials. Concerns from municipalities regarding the response efforts by first responders due to extensive exposure of first

responders to COVID-19 Patients. Continued requests to Regional Offices for personal protective equipment by municipalities from the State.

DEMHS Region 1: Westport OEM reporting that drive thru testing site has found 20 confirmed COVID-19 test results

DEMHS Region 2: 1250 Hours - New Haven Mayor Elicker has issued an executive order that prohibits all Day-Care's from operating with more than 12 Children, this may affect health care workers and first responders within the greater New Haven area. Yale – New Haven Healthcare reporting that they will be at a level 3 (No Visitors) and Emergency Level: Disaster for all their facilities.

DEMHS Region 3: reports the IMT is assisting the ESF-8 to create an IAP for regional response in a one week operations period.

DEMHS Region 4: L&M Hospital in New London is preparing for drive-through testing – to be available Tuesday or Wednesday through a private lab.

DEMHS Region 5: Ensuring municipalities are prepared for the legal requirements of upcoming elections.

Municipal EOC Activations: [Partial](#) [73](#) [Full](#) [6](#)

Municipal Declaration of State of Emergency: 46

Schools Closed: ALL Schools in the State are **CLOSED** per Governor Lamont

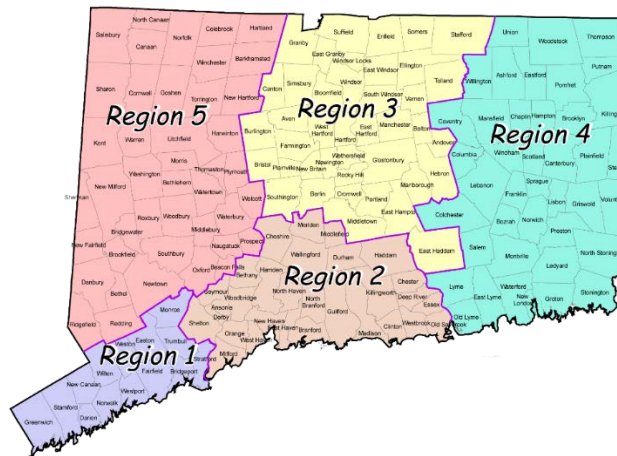
Potential Future Requirements

Unmet Needs

Awaiting response about request for 250,000 PPE (N95, gloves, gowns, surgical masks) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) managed by ASPR.

Placed an order for PPE from private vendors, will not receive until approximately June 2020.




Incident Specific Graphics







Signed Operations Chief
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State of Connecticut Lifeline Status

List as Potential Impact, Actual Impact, Actions, Limiting Factors, Estimated Time to Status Change

Safety and Security	
 <p>Safety and Security</p>	<p>Potential Impact: Multiple Municipalities reporting concerns of lack of responder staffing with exposure to COVID-19</p> <p>Potential Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact: Schools are Closed and providing reduced lunches during closure.</p> <p>Actions: Guidance from Department of Education to Superintendents for School Closings</p> <p>Actions: Established lines of communication with municipalities ensuring critical services by Law Enforcement and Fire Departments.</p> <p>Actions: Provide municipal conference calls for current and validated guidance to municipal fire and law enforcement services.</p> <p>Limiting Factors: Lack of responder PPE for Police and Fire Personnel.</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>ETA Status Change:</p>
Food, Water, Shelter	
 <p>Food, Water, Shelter</p>	<p>Potential Impact: American Red Cross reporting limited sheltering for fire and other incidents due to health guidance.</p> <p>Potential Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>ETA Status Change:</p>
Health and Medical	
 <p>Health and Medical</p>	<p>Potential Impact: Limited resources related to Responder PPE, Health Care may be required to utilize a PPE conversation plan.</p> <p>Potential Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact: American Red Cross reporting that blood collections and drives are impacted, urgent appeal for blood. Critical Need for Blood</p> <p>Actual Impact: Supply chain of PPE for healthcare. This is critical as PPE protects the healthcare workers from infection and allows them to remain at work to care for ill individuals.</p> <p>Actions: CT Department of Public Health has implemented policies for Long Term Care Facilities on Life Safety Implications.</p> <p>Actions: CT-DPH requested submitted to utilize the Strategic National Stockpile.</p> <p>Actions: Onboarding of Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) member to assist with statewide response.</p> <p>Limiting Factors: Awaiting response about request for 250,000 PPE (N95, gloves, gowns, surgical masks) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) managed by ASPR. Placed an order for PPE from private vendors, will not receive until approximately June 2020.</p> <p>ETA Status Change:</p>

Energy	
 <p>Energy (Power & Fuel)</p>	Potential Impact:
	Potential Impact:
	Actual Impact:
	Actual Impact:
	Actions:
	Actions:
	Limiting Factors:
	Limiting Factors:
	ETA Status Change:
Communications	
 <p>Communications</p>	Potential Impact:
	Potential Impact:
	Actual Impact:
	Actions: Established COVID19 email address at the State EOC.
	Actions: Activated Joint Information Center at the State EOC
	Actions: United Way 211 currently answering calls in regards to COVID19, Text CTCOVID to 898211 for information.
	Limiting Factors:
	Limiting Factors:
	ETA Status Change:
Transportation	
 <p>Transportation</p>	Potential Impact:
	Potential Impact:
	Actual Impact: Per CT DOT, Ridership is down 20% on bus lines and with amended service rail is down significantly
	Actual Impact:
	Actions:
	Actions:
	Limiting Factors:
	Limiting Factors:
	ETA Status Change:
Hazardous Materials	
 <p>Hazardous Materials</p>	Potential Impact:
	Potential Impact:
	Actual Impact:
	Actual Impact:
	Actions:
	Actions:
	Limiting Factors:
	Limiting Factors:
	ETA Status Change:

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Health and Medical

Reported by Connecticut Department of Public Health

List as Potential Impact, Actual Impact, Actions, Limiting Factors, Estimated Time to Status Change

	Medical Care
	<p>Potential Impact:</p> <p>Potential Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actions: Vital records coding is being provided by CT Department of Public Health</p> <p>Actions: CT Department of Public Health has implemented policies for Long Term Care Facilities on Life Safety Implications.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>ETA Status Change:</p>
	Patient Movement
	<p>Potential Impact: First Responder Personal Safety with shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to include N95 Respirators.</p> <p>Potential Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact: EMS responders are reporting that pre-entry screening for COVID-19 is impeding the ability for performing patient care.</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>ETA Status Change:</p>
	Fatality Management
	<p>Potential Impact: Space at Morgues and Chief Medical Examiner's Office for decedents.</p> <p>Potential Impact: Guidance provided by CT Department of Public Health for funeral home directors.</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actions: Vital records coding is being provided by CT Department of Public Health for morgues.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>ETA Status Change:</p>

	Public Health
	Potential Impact:
	Potential Impact:
	Actual Impact: CT Department of Public Health is reported increased volume of calls to the Department impacting their agency.
	Actual Impact: CT Department of Social Services is reporting potential expansion of the supplemental nutrition services for residents.
	Actions:
	Actions:
	Limiting Factors: CT Department of Public Health reports that laboratory analysis is limited as the commercial labs in the state are not up and running.
Limiting Factors:	
ETA Status Change:	
	Medical Supply Chain
	Potential Impact: Shortage of PPE for Healthcare Workers with PPE resource limits
	Potential Impact:
	Actual Impact: Critical need for blood. American Red Cross issued an urgent appeal for blood donations
	Actual Impacts: Supply chain of PPE for healthcare. This is critical as PPE protects the healthcare workers from infection and allows them to remain at work to care for ill individuals.
	Actions: The State of Connecticut has made an emergency request from the Strategic National Supply for a total of 540,000 additional N-95 protective masks, at 0900 hours.
	Actions: Placed an order for PPE from private vendors, will not receive until approximately June 2020.
	Limiting Factors: Vendors have limited stock for N95 and P100 respirators and are being distribute in a priority manner.
Limiting Factors: Awaiting response about request for 250,000 PPE (N95, gloves, gowns, surgical masks) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) managed by ASPR.	
ETA Status Change:	





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Safety and Security

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	Law Enforcement and Security
	<p>Potential Impact: Law Enforcement Safety with potential shortage of PPE</p> <p>Potential Impact: Shortage of Law Enforcement Employees if exposure occurs during response.</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actions: Regional Chiefs of Police are preparing contingency plans</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Limiting Factors: Access to PPE due to supply chain shortage.</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>ETA Status Change:</p>
	Fire Services
	<p>Potential Impact: Firefighter Personal Safety with potential shortage of PPE</p> <p>Potential Impact: Shortage of Fire Service Employees and Volunteers If exposure occurs during response</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Limiting Factors: Access to PPE due to supply chain shortage.</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>ETA Status Change:</p>
	Search and Rescue
	<p>Potential Impact:</p> <p>Potential Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actual Impact:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Limiting Factors:</p> <p>ETA Status Change:</p>

	Government Services
	Potential Impact:
	Potential Impact:
	Actual Impact: Multiple School Districts are closed and reduced lunch programs are currently being administrated at the local level
	Actual Impact: Municipal Meetings are being held back due to concerns of large gatherings. Some towns are "Town Hall Meetings" where they have to convene a meeting with the town for government business.
	Actions: State Department of Education, through the Governor to allow for continuing to provide lunch programs to students
	Actions:
	Limiting Factors:
	Community Safety
	Potential Impact:
	Potential Impact:
	Actual Impact:
	Actions: Governor's Office has suspended meeting requirements to protect members of the community from COVID-19
	Actions:
	Actions:
	Limiting Factors:
Limiting Factors:	
ETA Status Change:	