

Update: from The Town of Manchester, CT on the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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The Town of Manchester is actively monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) along with the CDC, State of Connecticut, and other local health departments. The Town has taken inventory of potentially necessary supplies and participates in frequent calls with the state and other health authorities.

Given the state's recommendation to cancel or postpone large public events, the Town, in consultation with the Director of Health and Emergency Management team, will make these determinations on a case-by-case basis.

While there have been no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in Manchester, two Connecticut residents have tested positive, along with two others who work in the state. Nationally, more than 1,000 people have been infected with the disease, according to Johns Hopkins University, resulting in about 30 deaths. More positive tests are expected as the state expands testing efforts. As a reminder, it's always important to stay home when you're sick to prevent spreading illness to others.

In addition, everyone is encouraged to follow the CDC and CT Department of Public Health guidance to take everyday preventative actions to help stop the spread of germs:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

 For general questions call the Coronavirus Info Center 2-1-1 or text "COVID19" to 898211

 For the latest info. & updates visit: <http://bit.ly/37kfeqc>

 Read about the myths & facts here: <http://bit.ly/38nt64v>

 Visit ManchesterCT's COVID-19 page for updates & resources <http://bit.ly/2TYGLc1>

To contact our Health Department call 860.647.3173 or email healthdept@manchesterct.gov

