COVID-19 UPDATES

The New Fairfield Health Department is continuously working with the State Department of Health (CT DPH) to stay up-to-date with developments regarding COVID-19. We participate in daily conferences with our State and Local partners and are available every day for your questions.

The NFHD has made on site visits to various businesses around town to verify compliance with the Governor's directives. We would like to thank our local businesses for their cooperation.

Currently, the Town of New Fairfield has eight confirmed cases. We will update you as we learn of more cases. Please check our website for the latest information.

As of March 23, 2020, a total of 415 laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported among Connecticut residents. Cases have been reported in all 8 Connecticut counties. Fifty-four patients were hospitalized, and 10 residents have died (6 in Fairfield County, 2 in Hartford County, and 2 in Tolland County).
COVID-19 INFORMATION

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. There are many types of human coronaviruses, including some that commonly cause mild upper respiratory tract illnesses. COVID-19 is a new disease, caused by a novel (or new) coronavirus that has not previously been seen in humans. Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. CDC recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- 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 using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

COVID-19 TESTING

If an individual has a fever (greater than or equal to 100.0°) and a cough, or shortness of breath, please call your primary care provider for information regarding local testing locations. You will need an order from your primary care physician to be tested for COVID-19. If you do not have a primary care provider, and you have the symptoms of COVID-19 (a fever greater than or equal to 100.0°, and a cough or shortness of breath) please go to an urgent care center or to a federally qualified health center to get a doctor’s order to be tested.

Please do not go to any medical facility unannounced for the safety of all patients and medical professionals. Drive-thru testing sites are present on hospital grounds at Danbury Hospital. A Doctor’s note is required.

Nuvance Health created a document titled "Directions for Patients: Danbury Hospital COVID-19 Collection Site" which residents may find helpful. You can find this document here: https://www.westernconnecticuthealthnetwork.org/novel-coronavirus-covid19-update/covid19-collection-site-information

Please note that only individuals who present with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, a fever greater than or equal to 100.0°, and a cough, or shortness of breath, will be tested at this time.

HELPFUL LINKS:

New Fairfield Health Department:
http://www.newfairfield.org/municipal-departments/services/health

State Department of Public Health:  
ct.gov/coronavirus

FAQ on the Governor’s actions on Coronavirus:  

CDC:  

PERMITS

While Town Hall is closed to the public, the land use departments are working remotely and reviewing applications as they come in.

FOOD SCORES

The latest food inspection scores are available on our website. Please visit:  
http://www.newfairfield.org/municipal-departments/services/health

for more information!

PROPERTY FILES

All of our property files are available online for your convenience. Please visit:  
http://www.newfairfield.org/municipal-departments/services/building/land-use-records

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