



CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 08/17

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Last week we added three new COVID-19 cases in Washington. One case was a member of our staff at the Town Beach. The beach will remain closed until further notice. The closure is not due to any danger to the public; rather, through contact tracing and the safety of our employees, it simply leaves us without sufficient staff to keep the beach open. Keep a positive thought for these folks that they have a speedy recovery.

It would appear that there is much concern on social media relative to our schools reopening. I want to assure you that I have met regularly throughout the summer with leadership from all of our schools, both public and private. Each institution has submitted to my office very comprehensive plans for reopening. All students will be closely monitored to ensure that protocols put in place are followed, as well as the needed protocols in the event of COVID positive cases emerging. If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to my office jbrinton@washingtonct.org.

Many of you may have received census material. We are fortunate to have a young lady as our designated enumerator for the Town of Washington. It is important to note that this is a difficult job under normal conditions; it is infinitely more complex during a pandemic. If you see our representative at your door, please take the few minutes to listen to her questions. She is completely committed to doing the best possible job for Washington, and the information she collects is incredibly important to our town.

Thought of the Day: "We always hope for the easy fix: the one simple change that will erase a problem in a stroke. But few things in life work this way. Instead, success requires making a hundred small steps go right - one after the other, no slipups, no goofs, everyone pitching in."

- Unknown

Jim Brinton
First Selectman