



CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 11/13

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As many of you may be aware, Washington went from gray to red on the states' COVID map. While this may seem alarming, it needs to be viewed in context. Our town currently has two residents that are COVID positive. The remaining numbers attributed to Washington come from one of our schools, and those students are no longer on campus. These recent events should serve as a reminder that we are in the middle of a surge in cases, and we need to continue to be vigilant.

As we approach the holiday season, I am urging all of our residents to take any needed precautions to ensure everyone's safety. Please consider carefully your plans for holiday gatherings. I fully understand that we are all suffering from COVID fatigue, but now more than ever, it is critical that we do not let down our guard. We all want to gather with family and friends on the holidays, but is it truly worth the risk? I am asking residents to postpone any travel out of state and to avoid hosting or attending any large holiday events. If you must travel to any of the regions on the state's travel advisory or have friends and family arriving from one of those states, please go to <http://ct.gov/travelform> and follow all protocols and guidance.

We will get through this. Our ability as a community to pivot and adjust where needed has served us well throughout the pandemic and will continue to do so. We simply need to remember what has kept us safe to this point and continue to look after each other.

Thoughts of the Day from Washington's own Bob Mandel:

"If your mind is running away with you, take it out for a walk."

"When you don't know what to say, say you don't know."

Thanks to all and stay well.

Jim Brinton
First Selectman