

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 12/31

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As of this writing, we have added four new cases in town. Please keep a warm thought for those struggling with this terrible disease. We continue to be optimistic on the roll out of a vaccine from multiple pharmaceutical companies. All of our first responders have been registered with the state CDC and are now scheduling appointments to be vaccinated.

In our update today, we want to focus on our residents who may be more vulnerable or in need. We have learned through several storms that the response of our utility companies is simply inadequate. In order to ensure that no needs go unmet, we must rely on each other.

We are asking all residents to reach out to the Selectman's office if you or someone you know has a need from storm or winter conditions, struggling with isolation, COVID-19, elderly family members, etc. The best contact is <u>ibrinton@washingtonct.org</u>. All information is kept confidential. Our goal is simply to build a list of residents who would be well-served by a checkup during any of these difficult times. We have many services and resources available.

The days ahead are filled with promise. We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, and our town will continue to persevere and overcome the hurdles as a community.

Thought of the Day: "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." – Edith Pierce

Happy New Year to all and stay well.

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