



CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 04/21

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

When will the Town of Washington reopen? I am hearing this question more and more. When all of this started, we put some proactive protocols in place to address certain issues. We also kept an open line of communication with the State relative to guidelines and executive orders. As the crisis evolved, we took many of our cues from the Governor's twice weekly conference calls. When the crisis begins to abate, we will put the process in place that will allow us to begin to reopen again. To emerge safely from this crisis, we need to take sensible, measured steps. If we do not get back to "normal" in a thoughtful manner, we risk greater harm to the community.

One of our current priorities is to continue to find ways to prop up our local economy. There have been many innovative ideas from the business community, civic organizations and individual residents. I would urge everyone to pay regular visits to Washingtonct.org, Explorewashington.com and washingtonbusinessassociation.org for the latest updates.

The Governor's latest executive order read in part:

Cloth Face Coverings or Higher Level of Protection Required in Public Wherever Close Contact is Unavoidable. Effective at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020, any person in a public place in Connecticut who is unable to or does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet from every other person shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face-covering. L&G Cleaners in Marbledale produce cloth masks. For details call 860-868-6485

Please reach out to the Selectman's Office if you have any questions on this latest order.

Thought of the Day: "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today."
Will Rogers

Thank you to all and stay well.

Jim Brinton
First Selectman