Everbridge Message

This is an important message from Emergency Management Director Craig Mansfield and First Selectman Rob Smith on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 6:00PM.

In an effort to keep our residents informed as to how the town is addressing the current Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak concerns, we will be providing periodic updates. It is with an abundance of caution that we are now making changes to certain areas of activity.

The **East Haddam Public Schools** have closed at the end of the day, today March 13, 2020, and will be closed for a minimum of two weeks. Please refer to the school website at [www.easthaddamschools.org](http://www.easthaddamschools.org) for the most up to date information.

The **Municipal Office Complex** will be open during normal business hours until further notice. We request that residents conduct as much municipal business as possible by phone, email or mail in an effort to decrease exposure. Board, Commission & Committee meetings will continue as scheduled until further notice.

**Parks & Recreation** has cancelled all events and classes.

The **Senior Center** will be open during normal business hours until further notice. Senior lunches and Meals on Wheels distribution will continue until further notice. All trips have been cancelled for the next two months.

The **East Haddam Free Public Library and Rathbun Library** will be open during normal business hours until further notice. All library and non-library events are cancelled. All non-library meetings are also cancelled.

The **East Haddam Food Bank** will continue to operate on a normal schedule until they receive alternate instructions from Town Administration or the East Haddam Emergency Management Team.

**Emergency Response Services** will continue as usual. If the call is for a medical issue, please understand the First Responders may be wearing face masks to protect themselves and you.

We appreciate your vigilance and we will continue to keep you aware of changes. Please remember that 80% of positive cases of COVID-19 are mild and resemble a cold. If you have a fever and respiratory issues, please seek care through your primary care physician.
We ask our residents to practice **every day preventative actions** which will help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. 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.

For town information please visit the town COVID-19 website page at [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org).

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation throughout this crisis. Please be Safe.