Ellington Announces First Confirmed Positive Case of COVID-19

The first confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in an Ellington resident was reported to the North Central District Health Department today, March 29, 2020. The individual is between 50-59 years of age. This person has not been hospitalized and has not been in a long-term care facility. “We have been watching the transmission of COVID-19 through the state and were expecting this,” stated First Selectman Spielman.

Town officials, first responders and North Central District Health Department staff have been working closely to plan and prepare for the presence of COVID-19 in our community. The Town’s primary objective is to keep residents safe and slow down the transmission of the virus. Residents are encouraged to protect themselves by practicing social distancing. Patrice Sulik, Director of Health, emphasizes the importance of adults and children remaining home as much as possible.

This novel (new) Coronavirus emerged in China in December of 2019. The symptoms are a dry cough, fever and shortness of breath. Residents should be following this guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health and stay home if you are sick except to get medical care, if needed. Recommendations include avoiding close contact with people that are sick, frequently washing your hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, covering your cough, avoid touching your face and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, tables, and countertops.

As more information becomes available, we will update and disseminate that information through our social media and press releases. Please continue to check our website, follow us at Ellington-ct.gov and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our residents as we get through this together as a community.