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PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Greenwich Extends Ban on Service Businesses as More Cases Are Reported

In response to the continuing spread of the COVID-19 virus, Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camillo announced Tuesday that effective at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all body care facilities (hair salons, barber shops, nail salons) and massage establishments operating in the Town shall cease all operations.

“This operational ban shall remain in effect through April 30, 2020 unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated by me,” Mr. Camillo said.

This closure order follows previous executive orders issued by Gov. Ned Lamont which allows the serving of food by restaurants and bars by takeout or delivery service only.

As of Tuesday afternoon, there are six confirmed cases of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, in Greenwich. One patient is hospitalized. None of the patients traveled abroad.

We continue to encourage residents who live in apartment buildings, condominium complexes or work in highly-trafficked buildings, to maintain social distancing of at least six feet; to frequently wash their hands; frequently clean common areas such as community rooms, elevators, door handles and bannisters.

“As many residents, and all of our children, are spending more time at home, we strongly urge them to refrain from holding playdates, sleep-overs, dinner parties – any communal activity that greatly expands the risk of spreading this virus,” Mr. Camillo said.

Our office has received many offers from Town residents seeking to volunteer their services to help fellow residents who may need assistance or to help various nonprofit agencies. Please register to help by using this [online link](#) established by the Greenwich United Way as a ‘clearinghouse’ webpage direct people who want to volunteer.

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The Town is entering into a public-private partnership with the Greenwich United Way and private citizens to provide funds to those in our community who have been severely impacted by the adverse effects of the COVID-19 crisis. The Town will provide the first \$100,000 to act as seed money in the effort to raise what we hope are millions of dollars.

Many local private businesses are stepping up to provide delivery services and alter and extend hours of operation to accommodate people 60 years of age and older.

It is unfortunate that we also are beginning to receive complaints about price gouging at some local businesses. We urge businesses not to take advantage of this growing public health crisis by overcharging for necessities that are in short supply. If you experience price gouging, please contact the State Attorney General's Office which has a dedicated phone line and website to collect information: 860-808-5318 or online at <https://www.dir.ct.gov/ag/complaint/>

Town Hall, the civic centers and playgrounds remain closed to visitors. Time sensitive services will be provided by appointment only. Please contact the department directly to request help. All face-to-face interaction should be extremely limited. Please allow sufficient time for a response. Many Town services are available online, some of which can be accessed [here](#).

The Holly Hill Transfer Station will maintain its normal schedule.

The Department of Parking Services has cancelled all parking appeal hearings for the remainder of March. There have been changes to parking ticket payment and penalty regulations, which can be found [here](#).

"There is no question this is a time of great uncertainty. We feel confident that by sticking together and supporting each other, we'll emerge from this stronger than before," Mr. Camillo said. "For the most up-to-date information, Town residents should access this dedicated [webpage](#) on the Town website."

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