



THE CT REENTRY COLLABORATIVE

COVID-19 & REENTRY IN CONNECTICUT

The CT Reentry Collaborative is made up of 10 reentry roundtables across the state with each representing a collaboration of state and local organizations working together to foster successful reentry, eliminate barriers, reduce recidivism and increase public safety. With COVID-19 significantly impacting our state, nation and world, the Collaborative is here to assist you as much as possible while you transition to the community.

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IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR YOU

As of Wednesday, 3/18/20, the U.S. Treasury Department pitched the details of the President's \$1 trillion economic stimulus proposal to Congress, which would authorize two \$250 billion rounds of direct payments to individual taxpayers. If approved, the first payment would be issued beginning early April and another wave of payments would be distributed to taxpayers beginning mid-May.

CT Department of Social Services

DSS Field Offices are closed to the public from March 17 to March 27, 2020. DSS will continue to provide services during this time. You can access benefit and application information at any time/day by visiting www.connect.ct.gov and www.ct.gov/dss/apply; or by calling **1-855-6-CONNECT**.

CT Department of Labor

DOL's phone system for filing weekly unemployment claims and performing an account status inquiry will no longer be available. You must file a claim or check your account status at: www.FileCTUI.com.

CT Department of Motor Vehicles

DMV branch offices are closed to the public for the transaction of business until further notice. DMV is providing services online, through the mail and by phone.

Public Transportation:

CT Transit Bus is requiring passengers to board from the rear door with the exception of passengers who are in wheelchairs and others who require the bus to kneel. The normal schedules are currently active.

Metro-North is not currently accepting fare payments on trains or at ticket counters. The change is intended to reduce hand-to-hand contact to stop the spread of COVID-19. Only credit and debit card payments will be accepted for ticket transactions.

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COVID-19 & You

What is coronavirus disease 2019?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can I get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the world. Risk of infection from the virus that causes COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

The current list of global locations with cases of COVID-19 is available on CDC's web page at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/locations-confirmed-cases.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should
- 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.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19.

People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19