

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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Mayor Rossi Update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

"Good morning. This is an important update on coronavirus activity in West Haven. West Haven is experiencing an increase in infections and currently has more than 40 positive cases of COVID-19. The city has now been designated a "caution-yellow" municipality by the state Department of Public Health.

Many of these cases are at the University of New Haven. UNH has instituted mandatory quarantines and is following state protocol to deal with the virus upsurge. The city is working with the university to address the situation.

The city will pause all appointments in City Hall starting Tuesday, Oct. 20, through the end of the week, and then we will reassess the situation. The outside windows will stay open for the Tax Assessment and Tax Collection departments and the city clerk's office.

West Haven residents have been very cooperative and have followed the recommended local, state and national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

directives and guidance. Because of this, there were very low infection rates in our city over the summer months. My office and our Health Department thank you for your assistance, support and compassion for your neighbors, which include some of our most vulnerable residents.

As we are now in the autumn season with colder weather, in-person education, and more indoor activities and events, please continue to remain vigilant and follow public health recommendations by practicing social distancing, wearing a mask or face covering, and washing your hands frequently. Together we can avoid a dangerous surge in virus transmission.

Like all our residents, I look forward to the end of this crisis and the return to a sense of normalcy in our personal lives and within our community. If you have any coronavirus concerns, please contact Health Director Maureen Lillis or Emergency Management Operations at 203-937-3500, ext. 3830, or by email at jsoto@westhaven-ct.gov.

Thank you again for your cooperation, and please stay healthy and Westie Strong!"