



COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

Mary Bylone
First Selectman

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 1

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE –Closure of the Cragin Memorial Library

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency in the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow down the transmission of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Connecticut in his Executive Order 7 speaks to the need for social distancing and prohibiting large gatherings;

WHEREAS, The Cragin Library is a public building with unlimited access to individuals; most people enter and spend at least an hour and move throughout the building freely, and many of the surfaces are upholstered and difficult to disinfect;

WHEREAS, the Staff of the library are able to provide resources through our electronic library card and can facilitate appointments for special requests by phone call;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Bylone, First Selectman of the Town of Colchester, under the authority in Section 28a(a), do hereby **DECLARE AND ORDER THAT, effective at 8 PM EST today, Thursday, March 12, 2020:**

1. The Cragin Library is closed to the public. All scheduled meeting and events will be cancelled or postponed until the Town determines it is appropriate to re-open the Library.
2. This includes the Friends of Cragin Memorial Library's book sale, originally scheduled for this weekend, March 13-15. The book sale will be held as soon as the Library re-opens
3. Library materials can be returned in the Library book drops throughout the closure. No late fees will be assessed for the duration of the closure

These actions will remain in effect until further notice.



Witness

Date: 3/12/2020

Local Time: 3:21 pm

BY:

TOWN OF COLCHESTER



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First Selectman



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