



COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

Mary Bylone

*First Selectman*

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 6

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19  
PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE –Reopening Orders

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*Mary Bylone*  
TOWN CLERK

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor declared a Local Civil Preparedness due to the global pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19);

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, I declared the closure of Town Hall and modifications to services provided by the Town:

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, I declared a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency under Section 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, due to the global pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); the projected shortage of supplies needed to address and prevent the disease; the national, state and local public health officials' recommendation to limit meeting in large groups and practice social distancing

**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 has issued forty-six (46) executive orders to suspend or modify statutes and to take other actions necessary to protect public health and safety and to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, positive test results, hospitalizations, and deaths related to COVID-19 continue to meet metrics for the Governor's Phase 1 reopening and indicate that additional, controlled resumption of certain economic and social activity may be conducted safely; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has issued Sector Rules for various business sectors (individually and collectively, the "Sector Rules"), which pursuant to prior executive orders are legally binding and enforceable and are necessary for the safe resumption of certain activities while reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and any potential upward trend in such measures of effectiveness; and

**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 AM EST today, Monday, June 1, 2020:**

1. Town Hall will re-open on June 8, 2020 at 8:30 AM. Activities will be restricted to allow for compliance with safety measures, including, but not limited to wearing of masks, limiting of the number of visitors, requirement for health screening upon entering and logging in and out for tracking purposes.
2. Town owned Tennis courts are open.
3. All Town and Colchester Public School owned basketball and playscapes remain closed for use by anyone until further notice.
4. Town owned recreation fields remain restricted and the reopening will be addressed in a subsequent Executive Order.
5. The reopening of the Library and the Senior Center will be addressed in a subsequent Executive Order.
6. The restrictions on Bars and Restaurants and other businesses are amended to will follow the Governor's Executive Orders related to reopening as well as the guidelines set up by the DEEP, DECD and CDC.

These actions will remain in effect until further notice.

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER**

  
Witness

Date: 6-1-2020

Local Time: 8:10

BY:

  
Mary Bylone  
First Selectman