



COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

Mary Bylone
First Selectman

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 3

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE –Crowd Reduction and Social Distancing

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 of Connecticut in his Executive Order 7A speaks to the need for social distancing; Executive Order 7D (2) puts limits on Restaurant, Bar and Private Club Operations to only serve food or beverages for off-premise consumption; Executive Order 7N further defines the restriction of social and recreational gatherings to no more than 5 people, put restrictions on restaurant payment and pickup operations and further restrictions on retail operations;

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 26, 2020:

1. All Town and Colchester Public School owned basketball, tennis courts and playscapes are closed for use by anyone.
2. Bars and Restaurants are allowed to provide take-out service only and must not allow people to gather inside of the building. They must provide disposable menus, online ordering or other means of safely providing customers with the selections available. They must take orders, have people wait outside and not in close groups, and deliver orders to the people in a way that does not promote the gathering of individuals inside or sitting at a counter. At no time, should customers be served beverages or be seated at a counter, booth, bench or otherwise, and no food or beverage can be consumed inside the establishment or on tables outside.

These actions will remain in effect until further notice.


TOWN OF COLCHESTER


Witness

Date: 3-27-2020

Local Time: 1:12 pm

BY:


Mary Bylone
First Selectman

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