

## Killingworth Copes 4: Coronavirus update

Hello, Killingworth—

Well, that crazy snow today was nice to look at through the window, and we didn't even have to plow it!

The statewide total of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 rose to 415 today, with ten deaths. More than 4,500 tests have now been done. There are now 8 confirmed cases in Middlesex County, but no additional cases in Killingworth.

**Parks.** We have not closed the town parks, and we encourage you to walk outside, as long as you keep your distance from others—at least 6 feet. However, **the playgrounds are closed.** Since the coronavirus has been found to last on hard surfaces, it is not safe to let your children play on the equipment.

**Senior meals.** The weekly senior lunches at the Congregational Church have been cancelled, but the Estuary Council of Seniors is providing take-out meals to “grab-and-go.” Reservations must be made in advance for the meals, which are available to be picked up on Tuesday mornings in Clinton and Lyme, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in Old Saybrook. Call 860-388-1611, ext. 216 for details.

The Meals-on-Wheels program is continuing uninterrupted.

**Face mask makers:** We now have a collection bin inside the back door of Town Hall for the masks that many of you are sewing. We will get the masks to individuals and health care institutions. Please put all the masks you are depositing into a plastic bag, and fill out the log on top of the bin.

Once again, here's a simple pattern for a mask that can be used when N95 respirators are not available: [Deaconess Hospital System: How to Make a Face Mask](#).

If you happen to have any spare N95 masks, the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company would very much like to have them. KVFC provides medical first response in town, so the masks are crucial to their safety. Please contact Director of Emergency Management Todd Nelson at [tnelson@townofkillingworth.com](mailto:tnelson@townofkillingworth.com).

**Food.** The Killingworth Lions are collecting donations of food and money on Recycle Way when the Transfer Station is open. You can also leave donations of nonperishable food at the Center School at the traffic circle. There's a handsome donation bin built by our own Scouts for Helping Hands. Please don't make a special trip to buy food to contribute! Make as few trips to the store as possible.

If you need any kind of nonemergency assistance, please leave a message at 860-663-1765, x201. **In an emergency, call 911.**

Stay home, stay safe--

Cathy