

Killingworth Copes 9: Coronavirus update

Hello, Killingworth-

The number of coronavirus cases in Connecticut and in Middlesex County jumped by 28 percent on Friday. According to an NBC Connecticut news report, cases are only beginning to surge, with a peak expected around three weeks from now. At that point, we will need almost twice as many hospital beds as we now have for coronavirus patients, according to the projection. The state is working hard to prepare, setting up field hospitals and vigorously looking for medical equipment. Now is not the time to let up our guard.

Federal economic relief plan. The giant stimulus package passed today provides one-time payments to many individuals and families, expands unemployment benefits, and suspends some student loan payments until September 30. A clear FAQ on these measures is available at <https://www.nytimes.com/article/coronavirus-stimulus-package-questions-answers.html>. I will try to provide some guidance to make sure opportunities aren't missed.

Go fish. Governor Lamont opened fishing season early this year, urging people to enjoy fishing as a solitary experience—to maintain social distancing and keep fishing lines from getting tangled. Remember to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others, practice good personal hygiene, and stay home and away from others if you feel sick.

Killingworth Town Hall is closed, but you can get a fishing license on line at https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales/?utm_source=deep_website&utm_medium=fisheries_licenses_permits_related&utm_campaign=regs_info&utm_content=buttonlink

Blood shortage. Many of us who have been accustomed to donating blood are now supposed to remain isolated because of our age or other reasons. Consequently, the Red Cross is reporting a serious shortage of blood. If you are young and healthy, please consider donating. Find a nearby blood drive at redcrossblood.org, or call 800-733-2767.

Stay home, stay safe--

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