

State and Community Resources and Information Guide

The **Office of Legislative Research** released a report entitled "COVID-19 Executive Orders Affecting State and Local Government Operations and Elections". [Click here to view the report.](#)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION: The primary goal of the Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Division (IGPP) is to formulate and implement state policy pertaining to the relationship between the State of Connecticut, regional councils of governments (COGs) and municipalities. [Click here for more information.](#)

Groundwork Bridgeport, Inc released a listing of COVID-19 related resources for Individuals, Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Community Groups in Connecticut. [Click here for more information.](#)

CCM partnered with the **Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH)**, the **Connecticut Department of Housing**, and the **Connecticut Department of Public Health** to host a special meeting for municipal leaders and staff engaged in addressing the needs of homeless populations in our state's towns and cities. [Please click here to view the webinar recording.](#)

Grantees may use **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds for a range of eligible activities that prevent and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease. Click here for a [Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Infectious Disease Response.](#)

Governor Lamont announced the creation of **4-CT**, a charitable organization uniting donors with Connecticut programs responding to Covid-19. 4-CT will raise new funds to support the state's nonprofit providers serving those with the greatest need. [Please visit 4-CT for more information.](#)

Shipman & Goodwin has a [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Center](#) which has numerous resources including guidance on [Paid Leave Regulations](#), and a summary document on the [Cares Act stimulus package](#).

Wireless carriers have increased access to internet coverage for Connecticut residents. [This link](#) provides a compilation of the packages and offers internet providers across the state are making to Connecticut residents to get online and stay connected at home through the COVID 19 crisis.

Due to the restrictions placed on restaurants and retailers, they have had to dramatically adapt and change how they do business. [The state has provided some strategies](#) for restaurants, retailers and municipal economic development officials to assist in their transition while the emergency orders are in place.

Congress passed and the President has signed the CARES Act. This bill provides many new resources for small businesses, certain non-profits and other large employers. The Governor's Office has provided the [Small Business Owners Guide to the Cares Act](#) in order to provide information about the major programs and initiatives included in the CARES Act.

The State Department of Education has [provided educational resources](#) for school districts in order to assist them as they transition to distance learning for Connecticut students.

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) created the [Coronavirus and Homelessness Resource Guide](#) for homeless providers in order to provide up-to-date guidance to prevent the spread of COVID – 19 in shelters, which may be helpful to you. We encourage you to use CCEH as a resource as you develop your town’s municipal response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The American Red Cross is in need of blood donors in order to ensure we have a sufficient blood supply to support hospital patients in our state and across the country. The Coronavirus pandemic has severely impacted the American Red Cross’ efforts to have an adequate blood supply due to scheduled blood drives having been canceled. [We include the American Red Cross’ letter](#) asking municipalities to help communicate the vital need for blood donations.

The **Connecticut Office of Early Childhood** (OEC) provides the [following information](#) in response to the many questions and concerns that it is receiving pertaining to the COVID - 19 situation. In an effort to support programs that choose to remain open, the Commissioner has granted waivers of licensing requirements during the period of the current declared state of emergency. These waivers will cease when the declared state of emergency ends.

The **Department of Economic and Community Development** (DECD) is working with the business community in an attempt to mitigate the severe impacts the Coronavirus pandemic is having on our local businesses. They have created a website, [Department of Economic and Community Development Business Resources](#), which provides a resource for you to help your local businesses as they navigate the disruption to their business operations.

The **U.S. Small Business Administration** (SBA) is providing disaster relief to the small businesses of Connecticut that have been impacted by COVID – 19.

SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance for each affected small business. These loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing (more information about the SBA loans can be found on the DECD Business Resource web page).

As municipalities consider declaring civil preparedness or emergency orders, the **Best Friends Animal Society** has asked us to consider companion animals (dogs and cats). They forwarded a [guidance document from the National Animal Care and Control Association](#) (NACA) for your consideration. Also, the Best Friends Animal Society [suggested language](#) if you are planning on including companion animals in in your order if the state requires individuals to shelter-in-place.