



**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
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**Press Release**

Today, the Connecticut Department of Public Health has confirmed the first positive cases of COVID-19 among Cromwell residents. The resident is an 84 year old male. “Positive cases of COVID-19 in Cromwell have been expected as community transmission of the virus has been occurring in the area” said Anthony J. Salvatore, Town Manager for the Town of Cromwell. The Cromwell Health Department will work with the individuals to ensure all appropriate CDC guidance is followed to limit any potential for exposure said Salvatore Nesci, Public Health Coordinator and Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Cromwell.

The Town of Cromwell’s main objective is to continue to keep residents safe and slow the spread of the virus. “The single best way to slow the spread is to practice social distancing. Social distancing is crucial in helping to reduce the spread of the virus and limit the number of people who are infected” said J. Wesley Bell, Director of Health. The Health Department is advising people confirmed with COVID-19 to not leave their houses until they are fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines, other symptoms have noticeably improved, and it has been at least seven days since symptoms began. Positive cases reported to the Health Department will be investigated.

Everyone should be taking the everyday preventative actions to help protect themselves, these include:

- Staying home if you are sick except to get medical care
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Washing your hands with soap and water frequently and for at least 20 seconds
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands after
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces

COVID-19 is a Novel Coronavirus which first emerged in China in December 2019. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. More information and resources are available of the website for the Town of Cromwell: [www.cromwellct.com](http://www.cromwellct.com) and the town Facebook page.

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