Dear Warren Residents,

As of writing this we have zero confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Warren. We have the ability to mitigate the spread of COVID-19: Practice social distancing, stay up to date on the CDC website and follow CDC guidelines for proper hygiene, more importantly, if you can stay home, do stay home. If you have recently traveled or are visiting or renting from New York, New Jersey or Fairfield County Connecticut, please self quarantine for 14 days as recommended by Governor Lamont and The White House Corona Virus Task Force.

We have in place a program that will get you your groceries or prescription medication without leaving your house. Please call 860-868-7881 ext. 114.

I will continue to work closely with town officials that include the Selectmen, Social Services Department, Fire Chief and Ambulance Chief to keep our community safe.

On behalf of myself and the Emergency Management Team I would like to thank you for adhering to these guidelines during this difficult time. Together we can get through this.

Thank You
John Meeker, Jr.
Town Of Warren
Emergency Management Director

Special Interest Points:
- Social Services
- Food Pantry
- Business Resources
- Small Businesses
- Looking Forward

https://www.cdc.gov
https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus
Good Morning Volunteers and Community Members: To those of you who have immediately reached out to be a volunteer at this time, We Thank you so much for meeting us at the front lines to help ensure the safety of our community members. To those who are in need of some support at this unprecedented time, know that you have a community around you ready to help! Please read on...

**GROCERY & RX DELIVERY SERVICES**

We are working hard to establish a process for grocery delivery and pick up for those who are either homebound in quarantine for their physical safety, those who are in need and unable to purchase goods, or both. We continue to operate our food pantry for those in need of free foods, and delivery from the pantry is available by request. We are also establishing accounts with grocers to create an easy and efficient way to purchase and provide groceries to those who are quarantined or homebound at this time.

*If you are on our volunteer list,* I will email when I receive a grocery or medication pick up request and location of pick up site to find the best match available. Please respond as quickly as you are able and please understand I may not respond to all emails immediately as I will be working to match a volunteer to the resident in need.

*If you are in need of grocery deliveries* please call or email social services immediately. You will need to provide social services with a detailed list of items requested. The most efficient way to do this is via email, however if you do not use email we can find alternative ways to communicate your list to our volunteer.

**NEWS FROM THE PANTRY**

If you are interested and able to donate to our Food Pantry during this time but you are quarantining, **Please consider online shopping!** The pantry has already had an increase in visitors during this time, and currently we are need of non-perishable food items or home goods/hygiene items. **Please see the list below.**

Where to deliver? John Favreau has kindly & generously allowed us to use the Warren Store as a delivery location. **Please DO NOT drop off bags of groceries personally shopped for or from your pantry to the Warren Store:** This is a delivery site from online shopping only! Please ship to:

**Warren General Store: Care of Social Services**

10 Cornwall Rd  Warren CT 06754
**PANTRY NEEDS:**

- Cereal
- Spam
- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Pasta sauces (variety)
- Chef Boyardee/canned ravioli/pastas
- Soups
- Low sodium soups
- Canned carrots/beets/mushrooms
- Flour
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Pancake mix
- Cooking oils/olive oil

**Hygiene and Home Items** (these items cannot be purchased with state funded SNAP benefits; therefore they are in high demand):

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body wash/soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Paper towels
- Razors
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent

We are well stocked on: canned corn, green beans, and fruit.

Please Note: The pantry continues to be open its normal hours of the first and third Thursday every month from 10:00am to 12:00. In April we will open an extra day, April 9th. We will consider continuing to have extra pantry days as we progress into May depending on the need we see.

If you are a Warren resident in need of grocery or medication delivery please call Missy Woodward at 860-868-7881 ext. 114.

Do you have a friend, family member or neighbor who would like to be on social services email list? Please forward them my email and have them request to be part of our list! I will continue to write updates on services we are working to provide during this time.

If you are concerned or have questions regarding COVID-19 please call 211
Businesses are the backbone of this country. Our state and federal governments, in addition to the public and private organizations set up to support businesses, are doing their part to provide opportunities to help businesses survive this pandemic. Help is available in many forms, from counseling to funding, and what is available is rapidly changing day by day. Availability and eligibility are both fluid - websites are updated, and webinars or conference calls are held frequently to help keep the information flowing. Individuals who typically do not qualify, such as the self-employed or part-time workers, are eligible for certain programs. Below are very brief descriptions of the programs available currently, and how to access them. This is not at all a comprehensive list, and will likely be outdated information by the time you’re reading this. The volume of information available is overwhelming, and most resources are websites, but the opportunity to get help to bridge these troubled waters is available. Ask for help if you need it.

The following are good places to start:
https://ct.gov/coronavirus.com
https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Information-For/Business-Resources
https://portal.ct.gov/DECD
https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/ct/hartford
https://home.treasury.gov/fedresponse

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)’s COVID-19 Business Emergency Response Unit: dedicated to assisting businesses navigate resources and develop new resources. Call 860-500-2333 or email the Joint Information Center at COVID19.JIC@ct.gov

The Paycheck Protection Program: provides small businesses, as well as those who are self-employed or independent contractors, with funds to pay up to 8 weeks of payroll costs and capital expenses, including benefits.
https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp
https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/top-priorities/cares-act/assistance-for-small-businesses
Small business owner's guide to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act:

An 11-page guide about how the act will impact small businesses is available with details on the following programs:

**Small Business Debt Relief Program:**
Immediate relief to small businesses with non-disaster SBA loans, in particular 7(a), 504, and microloans.

**Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) & Emergency Injury Grants:**
An emergency advance of up to $10,000. Companies in the state can also apply for loans of up to $2 million. [https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/)

**SBA assistance:**
In addition to the EIDL and Emergency Injury Grants above, SBA also has more valuable information for businesses: [https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/](https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/)

**Counseling & Training:**
If you, like many small business owners, need a business counselor to help guide you through this uncertain time, you can turn to your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at [https://ctsbdc.com/](https://ctsbdc.com/), Women’s Business Center (WBC) at [https://ctwbdc.org/](https://ctwbdc.org/), or SCORE mentorship chapter [https://northwestconnecticut.score.org/](https://northwestconnecticut.score.org/)

**Small Business Tax Provisions:**

- **Employee Retention Credit for Employers Subject to Closure or Experiencing Economic Hardship:** This provision would provide a refundable payroll tax credit for 50 percent of wages paid by eligible employers to certain employees during the COVID-19 crisis.
- **Delay of Payment of Employer Payroll Taxes:** This provision would allow taxpayers to defer paying the employer portion of certain payroll taxes.
Small Business Continued

**Unemployment assistance:**
Workers directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic no longer must be actively searching for work to qualify for unemployment assistance. And employers who are furloughing workers can use the Department of Labor’s shared work program, which allows businesses to reduce working hours and have those wages supplemented with unemployment insurance.
https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/DOLCOVIDFAQ.PDF

**Business Interruption Insurance:** A business interruption insurance policy should list or describe the types of events it covers. Events that are not described in the policy are typically not covered. It is important to review the policy exclusions, coverage limits, and applicable deductibles with your agent, broker or insurer. https://portal.ct.gov/CID/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-Business-Interruption-FAQs

**Reimbursement of medical leave costs for small and medium-sized businesses:** The Connecticut Department of Insurance reminds small and medium-sized employers of recent guidance from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on COVID-19 - related medical leave.

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**From the Park and Recreation Office**

We are still here and have a lot of things on the drawing board. Once we are able to move forward, our Summer Concert Series planned for Warren Woods, concerts at the Beach, Motor Coach Daytrippers Series, local Senior trips, and Lunch and Learn series will be happening. We hope to have our Town Wide Clean-up sometime at the end of May along with a possible Memorial Day Tribute. Watch for important information on the website and future emails regarding beach parking permits. Please continue to monitor the Warren website for up to date information.

The Light at the end of the Tunnel is glistening and we will see the **Sun Shine Again Soon.**

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Home.
Covid-19 Virus and the Primary Election

Primary Day for Connecticut is now JUNE 2, 2020

The Registrar’s office is making every attempt to keep our voting place as clean and sanitary as possible. Abundant supplies of hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, disinfecting wipes, and protective gloves will be available and will be used often throughout the day. If you are feeling ill you do not need to give up your right to vote; see the Town Clerk for an Absentee Ballot not later than June 1st.

Important Dates you should know:

May 12:
Absentee Ballots will become available at the Town Clerk’s office.

May 19:
The Registrar’s office will be open from 5pm to 7pm to enroll new and unaffiliated voters. Contact the Registrar’s office for details.

May 28:
Deadline for new and unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party. Contact the Registrar’s office for details.

June 1, by noon:
In-person enrollment deadline for new voters and unaffiliated voters. Contact the Registrar’s office for details.

Call or email the Registrar’s office with any questions or concerns. 860-868-7881 x 109,

Or email: registrars@warrenct.org
Thank you to everyone who has offered their time and service to our community during this time of need. This includes all of our emergency responders, everyone on the Emergency Management Team and especially John Meeker who has taken on the role of Emergency Management Director. Please continue to be diligent with your social distancing as well as creating a safe protocol if you do have to go out. Be comfortable reaching out to a neighbor, friend or the town if you need something but have to stay at home.

Tim Angevine First Selectman