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Below please find the Murphy office update on COVID-19.

As always, if you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our Hartford or Washington, D.C. offices.

Here's what you need to know today, June 11th:

- Yesterday, at a U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee hearing, Senator Murphy highlighted the need to increase emergency funding for education and supporting students with disabilities amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and discussed the danger of having police officers in schools.
- FYI: In light of continued financial difficulties attributable to the ongoing public health crisis, Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) is reminding Connecticut residents that the federal Lifeline Program has available resources to support low-income customers experiencing connectivity issues with broadband and telephone services. Lifesupport.org provides detailed information about how to apply for benefits, eligibility requirements, and other specifics of the program, including the recent relief offered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that relaxes qualifications around qualifying for the Lifeline Program and expands access to the Lifeline Program's National Eligibility Verifier.
- ICYMI: Governor Ned Lamont's administration has released documents detailing specific rules that eligible businesses falling under phase 2 of Connecticut's reopening plans must follow amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The second phase takes effect Wednesday, June 17. **Phase 2 includes the following sectors:**
 - Amusement parks
 - Hotels
 - Indoor dining
 - Indoor museums, zoos, and aquariums
 - Indoor recreation (e.g. bowling, movie theaters, etc.)
 - Libraries
 - Outdoor events
 - Personal services (e.g. nail salons, tattoo parlors, etc.)
 - Sports and fitness facilities (e.g. gyms, fitness centers, pools, etc.)

- It is easy and free to get tested for COVID-19. Check out [CT's 211 Testing Locator](#) and enter your town, zip code, street address, or county to find locations closest to you.

For information on federal coronavirus relief, including help for small businesses, direct cash payments and more, visit [murphy.senate.gov/coronavirus](#). This page provides answers to frequently asked questions and gives a summary of available programs and funding.

For the latest information about keeping you or your family safe go to [cdc.gov/coronavirus](#). For resources and information about Connecticut's response visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](#).

I hope you found this letter helpful. You can get the latest updates on Senator Murphy's work in the Senate by following him on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our offices in Hartford or in Washington, DC.



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