

### **CDC website (updated 5/1)**

Total cases: **1,062,446**

Total deaths: **62,406**

See the breakdown here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

CDC Guidance documents are updated routinely; see all updates on various topics here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance-list.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc>

### **CT DPH**

As of May 01, 2020, a total of **28,764 cases** of COVID-19 have been reported among Connecticut residents. **1,592 patients are currently hospitalized**. There have been **2339 COVID-19-associated deaths**.

See breakdown here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary5012020.pdf?la=en>

April 30, 2020: **Executive Order No. 7GG**

- Extension of payment time for sealed ticket revenue due to the state
- Waiver of notarization requirement for embalmer's affidavit accompanying death certificates
- Temporary suspension of controlled substance registration
- Modification of state contracting statutes to facilitate the emergency procurement of essential services
- Modification of state contracting authorities to facilitate the emergency procurement of essential services
- Modification of state construction requirements to facilitate the emergency provision of construction and construction-related services

- Extension of existing contracts to prevent gaps in necessary services

Governor Ned Lamont today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved another portion of his ongoing request for disaster assistance as part of the State of Connecticut's Major Disaster Declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Today's approval includes funding for crisis counseling under the individual assistance category, which will help support mental health initiatives designed to benefit individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, FEMA approved Governor Lamont's request for public assistance for Connecticut, allowing impacted state agencies, municipalities, and tribal nations in all eight of the state's counties to be reimbursed by the federal government for 75 percent of the costs associated with their response and emergency protective measures. A supplemental request from the governor to increase that reimbursement to 100 percent is still pending.

Other requests by Governor Lamont for individual assistance remain under review by FEMA, including in the categories of disaster unemployment assistance, disaster case management, disaster legal services, child care assistance, and funeral assistance.

### **Press Reports**

- Connecticut will shoot to have about 6,000 tests done daily in the coming weeks, according to Dr. Albert Ko, co-leader of the Reopen CT Advisory Group.
- The state of Connecticut is currently projected to run a deficit of approximately \$900 million this fiscal year and \$2.4 billion in the following one, according to Gov. Ned Lamont. Lamont said the projection was based on not receiving further federal assistance. The state's rainy day fund will fill the projected \$900 million shortfall, Lamont said.
- Following the lead of JetBlue Airways, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines said Thursday they will require passengers to cover their faces during flights.
- Gov. Ned Lamont said there are many Connecticut businesses that will be able to start to reopen with restrictions starting May 20, including:

restaurants for outdoor service only, personal services like hair and nail salons, museums and zoos outdoor areas and university research programs.

- The company that owns 14 assisted living homes in Connecticut where 56 residents have died from the coronavirus says it has been taking “aggressive” measures to help stop the spread of the illness. In a sweeping statement released Wednesday to Hearst Connecticut Media, a spokeswoman for Benchmark Senior Living said the company first began taking steps to prepare for the virus in February before there were any confirmed cases.