

## **CDC website (updated today)**

Total cases: 1,504,830

Total deaths: 90,340

See breakdown here:

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

New & updated guidance:

[Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020 (NEW)

[COVID-19 Serology Surveillance](#)

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 (NEW)

[CDC Seroprevalence Survey Types](#)

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 (NEW)

[CDC Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President's Plan for Opening America Up Again](#)

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 (NEW)

[How to Get CDC's COVID-19 Diagnostic Test and Supplies](#)

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 (UPDATED)

## **CT DPH website (last updated yesterday)**

As of May 17, 2020, at 8:30 PM, a total of 38, 116 cases of COVID-19 have been reported among Connecticut residents. 920 patients are currently hospitalized with laboratory confirmed COVID-19. There have been 3449 COVID-19-associated deaths.

See breakdown here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary5182020.pdf?la=en>

## **Issued by Gov. Lamont**

May 18, 2020: [Executive Order No. 7PP](#)

- Reopening Phase 1
- Enforcement of sector rules governing the reopening of businesses
- Extension of prohibition on large gatherings to June 20, 2020
- Extension of restrictions on off-track betting, indoor fitness, and movie theaters to June 20
- Further clarification of limits on restaurants, bars, and private clubs – mixed drinks permitted for takeout delivery
- Limitation on the operation of day camps
- Enhanced health procedures for all day camps
- Cancellation of resident camp operations
- Limitation on the operation of summer and educational programs operated by local or regional boards of education
- Suspension or modification of regulatory requirements to protect public health and safety

## **Press reports**

- Nine weeks into the pandemic, there are only a handful of walk-up testing sites in the state, prohibiting those without cars from getting tested. Until last Friday, two-thirds of the state's testing sites required a doctor's note, and many of the residents living in low income communities have no insurance or primary care doctor to refer them.
- Each virus has its unique pattern of spread, and scientists are starting get a handle on how the novel coronavirus behaves. This understanding is making it possible to rank the risks of different activities from high to low to trivial. The most informative studies show how the disease is spreading in the real world - a big advance over the various simulations and models that, early on, showed only hypothetical scenarios. Read more here:

[https://www.thehour.com/opinion/article/Where-to-worry-about-catching-covid-19-and-where-15274877.php?src=nwkhpcp&\\_ga=2.55092395.1425971924.1589904059-1261541330.1584461887](https://www.thehour.com/opinion/article/Where-to-worry-about-catching-covid-19-and-where-15274877.php?src=nwkhpcp&_ga=2.55092395.1425971924.1589904059-1261541330.1584461887)

- Moderna, the Massachusetts biotechnology company behind a leading effort to create a coronavirus vaccine, announced promising early results from its first human safety tests Monday. The company plans to launch a large clinical trial in July aimed at showing whether the vaccine works.
- In addition to Phase 1 reopening rules for businesses, the Connecticut Office of Economic Development released illustrations showing examples what business should look like upon reopening. See the recommended May 20 setups for restaurants, offices, retail shops, malls, zoos and museums in the link below.

[https://www.nhregister.com/news/coronavirus/slideshow/Illustrations-show-what-CT-businesses-should-look-202457.php?src=nhrhpcp&\\_ga=2.10202165.1425971924.1589904059-1261541330.1584461887](https://www.nhregister.com/news/coronavirus/slideshow/Illustrations-show-what-CT-businesses-should-look-202457.php?src=nhrhpcp&_ga=2.10202165.1425971924.1589904059-1261541330.1584461887)

- With May 20 approaching, there may still be uncertainty about exactly what you can and can't do as the state starts to re-open for the first time since mid-March. While Lamont has set a list of rules for businesses to abide by for the big day, there are also rules that the public has to follow to ensure the safety of all. See link below.

<https://www.ctpost.com/news/coronavirus/slideshow/The-do-s-and-don-t-of-going-out-on-May-20-202452.php?src=posthpcp>

- Connecticut beaches will open for Memorial Day. See the rules you need to follow below:

<https://www.ctpost.com/news/coronavirus/slideshow/Where-you-can-go-to-the-beach-Memorial-Day-and-202451.php?src=ctphpcorona>

- Gov. Lamont indicated Monday he would only halt plans to gradually reopen businesses throughout the state on May 20 if health officials see a significant jump of new COVID-19 infections. "I don't want to have to

change direction, but if I saw that there was a spike in infections, I saw that there were flare ups... then we'd have to change gears," the governor said during his daily briefing. "'I don't think that's going to happen, not in Connecticut," he added.

- Gov. Ned Lamont indicated Monday that elderly and at-risk workers will be able to still draw unemployment benefits if they decide not to go back to work as the state reopens. "Look if you're over 65, you've got a pre-existing condition, I have an executive order that says you should not go to work. From my point of view, you should be eligible for unemployment compensation in a situation like that," Lamont said during his daily press briefing. The governor said he believed the Department of Labor had also interpreted his executive order that way.
- CT officials released new guidelines Monday for dental offices that plan to start offering teeth cleaning and other non-emergency procedures as other businesses are slated to reopen later this week. While Gov. Lamont never ordered dental practices to close completely, deeming them essential parts of the workforce as other businesses were forced to close or work from home in mid-March, dentists were "strongly advised" to limit their work to emergency procedures only.