

A Message from the First Selectman  
March 30, 2020  
An Update for Residents of the Town of Plainfield

As a result of the unprecedented occurrence of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the state I wanted to give you all another update on the Town of Plainfield and our actions in response to this situation. There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Plainfield and 7 in Windham County. The more testing that is done will result in more positive COVID-19 cases being documented.

Last Thursday Governor Lamont issued his Executive Order # 7-N, which further restricts the number of persons in social and recreational gatherings to no more than 5. This new executive order is intended to emphasize the need to maintain 6' separation between persons whenever possible. This separation needs to extend to all areas of our personal life for the near future. The only way to slow the spread on the COVID-19 virus is to stay away from others. This is NOT a lock down order ordering you to stay home. If you can stay home, stay home. If you need to go out for essential supplies, food or medical care do so, but follow the 6' rule.

In accordance with Executive Order #7-N, I have ordered the closure of all parks and playgrounds in Plainfield in a local effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. While this may be upsetting to those who use our parks and playgrounds it is a necessary decision at this time. As recently as this weekend we have seen large numbers of people using the basketball courts at the town hall and groups congregating on the walking track and the skateboard parks in Town. We ask that you help us with this directive by cooperating with it and educating those why this is necessary.

Governor Lamont has also asked that if you do not need to go out to "Stay Home and Stay Safe". This is NOT an order to shelter in place. The fewer people you have contact with the fewer people that may become infected. Limit your trips to do your essential business. Avoid standing in lines at the stores or when waiting for a food take out order. Remember that you may be carrying the virus and have no symptoms and not know it.

Kevin Cunningham  
First Selectman