

## **CANCELED: Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing at Darien Town Hall Won't Be Happening**

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Drive-thru testing for COVID-19 won't be happening at the Darien Town Hall lower parking lot after all, the town announced Wednesday afternoon, not long after first announcing it would begin.

### **UPDATE: 8:44 p.m., Wednesday:**

In New Canaan, the program is still expected to start as previously announced, according to a 7 p.m. announcement from Mike Handler, emergency medical director for that town.

### **UPDATE: 4:52 p.m., Wednesday:**

The second announcement didn't give a reason why the program, which was due to start on Thursday, is being cancelled.

Here's the full cancellation announcement:

The Town of Darien will not be providing COVID-19 testing as previously announced.

We appreciate the important work being done by Murphy Medical Associates to provide testing to our residents at their other locations. Please visit the Murphy Medical website at [www.greenwichdocs.com](http://www.greenwichdocs.com) for locations and times of testing.

Additional testing sites include:

Bridgeport Hospital - Ahlbin Center garage, 226 Mill Hill Ave., Bridgeport, Monday-Friday from 8 AM - 5 PM, Saturday & Sunday from 9 AM - 3 PM. Opens 3/17/20.

Lawrence & Memorial Hospital - Parking lot A of the hospital, 365 Montauk Ave., New London, Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 5 PM, weekend times to be determined. Opens 3/17/20.

Yale New Haven Hospital - 150 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Monday - Friday from 8 AM - 4:30 PM. Opens 3/17/20.

Greenwich Hospital - located on hospital property in the lower level physician parking lot off of Lake Avenue (hospital address is 5 Perryridge Road). Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM, Saturday & Sunday from 9 AM - 3 PM. Opened last week.

If residents or providers have any questions, please refer them to our Covid-19 Call Center at 203-ASKYNHH.

***Original article at 10:56 a.m.:***

If you have your doctor's permission to get a COVID-19 test and have gone through a pre-screening process online, you can get your test in a new drive-thru testing location in the lower parking lot of Darien Town Hall starting Thursday afternoon, March 19, town officials announced Wednesday morning.

Before you go, you'll need, along with (1) a doctor's permission: (2) to through a pre-screening process online; (3) to make an appointment.

Current plans are for testing to take place from 1 to 5 p.m., six days a week (not on Sundays), according to the announcement from First Selectman Jayme Stevenson and town Health Director David Knauf.

Murphy Medical Associates has been hired by the town to do the testing. The same company is also providing drive-thru testing in New Canaan, limited to residents of that town, starting on Friday, that town's emergency medical director said in an announcement Tuesday.

It may take up to four days to get results back, the announcement said.

Drive-thru testing is also being done at Stamford Hospital, Greenwich Hospital and Bridgeport Hospital. A doctor's order is needed for testing in all the drive-thru locations in Connecticut.

Here's the entire announcement:

In partnership with Murphy Medical Associates, the Town of Darien is pleased to announce the establishment of a drive-through COVID-19 test site in the lower parking lot at Darien Town Hall, located at 2 Renshaw Road. This is one of the first such sites in Connecticut.

It is important to note that those who want to be tested **MUST BE PRE-SCREENED** and **HAVE A PRE-SET APPOINTMENT** approved by the testing organization.

Testing is only being offered to those who have doctor's orders and are approved through an on-line screening process at <https://coronatestct.com>. Those who come to the site without an appointment **WILL BE TURNED AWAY**.

Scheduled testing at the Darien Town Hall location will be as follows:

—1 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Friday & Saturday, March 19 through 21

—1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, March 23 through 28

Other dates may be added as needed.

Please be aware that results from screening will not be immediately available as specimens need to be sent to a laboratory for testing.

There may be up to a four-day period between testing and receiving your results.

The Town of Darien is pleased to facilitate this important community service! For questions, please contact Murphy Medical Associates directly at (203)658-6051

— Jayme J. Stevenson, First Selectman

— David Knauf, Director of Health