

LATEST DARIEN COVID-19 NEWS: Continual Updates: June 22 to 28

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This week's news and links on the COVID-19 pandemic for Darien, as they come in:

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TUESDAY: Governor's COVID-19 Briefing

Tuesday, June 23 — Gov. Ned Lamont provided [the following updates](#) as of 6:30 p.m.:

Data updates on testing in Connecticut

The following is a summary of the day-to-day newly reported data on cases, deaths, and tests in Connecticut. It is important to note that these newly reported updates include data that occurred over the last several days to a week. All data in this report are preliminary, and data for previous dates will be updated as new reports are received and data errors are corrected.

Overall Summary	Statewide Total (includes confirmed and probable cases)	Change Since Yesterday
COVID-19 Cases	45,899	+117
COVID-19-Associated Deaths	4,277	+14
Patients Currently Hospitalized with COVID-19	138	-2
COVID-19 PCR Tests Reported	401,986	+6,396

County-by-county breakdown:

County	COVID-19 Cases		COVID-19 Deaths		COVID-19 Hospitalizations
	Confirmed	Probable	Confirmed	Probable	
Fairfield County	15,892	630	1,065	302	46
Hartford County	10,775	668	1,040	312	39
Litchfield County	1,406	63	116	20	1
Middlesex County	1,213	59	139	38	10
New Haven County	11,836	389	915	150	38
New London County	1,159	62	76	26	3
Tolland County	828	70	50	14	0
Windham County	580	7	13	1	1
<i>Pending address validation</i>	<i>252</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Total	43,941	1,958	3,414	863	138

For several additional graphs and tables containing more data, including a list of cases in every municipality, visit ct.gov/coronavirus and click the link that is labeled, "COVID-19 Data Tracker."

Department of Motor Vehicles partially reopens for select in-person services

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles reopened select offices today for in-person services, however due to the pandemic customers are required to make appointments in advance. At the moment, appointments can be made for new licenses and IDs, license and ID renewals, out-of-state license and registration transfers, and CDL upgrades. Appointments can be made online at the DMV’s website by visiting ct.gov/dmv.

In addition, road testing has resumed this week. Customers whose appointments had previously been canceled due to the pandemic are being contacted to reschedule new appointments. So far, approximately 1,000 road tests have been rescheduled through June 30.

The department is also reminding Connecticut residents that many DMV transactions [can be completed online](#) and do not require an in-person visit. Some of the online services offered include registration renewals, registration cancellations, payment of emission test late fees, and more.

For more information, [read the press release issued today by the DMV](#).

MONDAY: Governor's COVID-19 Briefing

Monday, June 22 — Gov. Ned Lamont provided [the following updates](#) as of 8 p.m.:

Data updates on testing in Connecticut

The following is a summary of the day-to-day newly reported data on cases, deaths, and tests in Connecticut. It is important to note that these newly reported updates include data that occurred over the last several days to a week. All data in this report are preliminary, and data for previous dates will be updated as new reports are received and data errors are corrected.

Overall Summary	Statewide Total (includes confirmed and probable cases)	Change Since Yesterday
COVID-19 Cases	45,782	+27
COVID-19-Associated Deaths	4,263	+3
Patients Currently Hospitalized with COVID-19	140	-9
COVID-19 PCR Tests Reported	395,590	+2,115

County-by-county breakdown:

County	COVID-19 Cases		COVID-19 Deaths		COVID-19 Hospitalizations
	Confirmed	Probable	Confirmed	Probable	
Fairfield County	15,854	629	1,064	298	51
Hartford County	10,743	671	1,038	312	39
Litchfield County	1,404	63	115	20	1
Middlesex County	1,200	59	136	38	8
New Haven County	11,805	391	911	152	37
New London County	1,152	62	76	25	3
Tolland County	825	70	50	14	0
Windham County	577	7	13	1	1
<i>Pending address validation</i>	<i>260</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Total	43,820	1,962	3,403	860	140

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Governor Encourages Low-Income Families to Get Help Through Expanded COVID-19 Assistance Program

Monday, June 22 — [An announcement](#) from the Governor's Office:

Gov. Ned Lamont has announced his support for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program and its statewide expansion. The program provides free help for Connecticut’s low-income and ALICE families to file tax returns, allowing them to receive tax credits and Coronavirus economic impact checks and to file for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits.

All residents making up to \$56,000 in income are eligible for the services. Administered by the Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS), the virtual VITA program is the first IRS-approved end-to-end digital portal to carry out these services, allowing it to rapidly scale operations statewide.

Residents can access the full Virtual VITA services online at www.cahs.org/covid_relief. Residents can also dial 2-1-1 to find the nearest in-person VITA service site or the nearest virtual VITA portal, which offers computers for residents to log on and submit their claims. VITA works with municipalities and local community groups to provide service and accommodate residents across the state.

Economic impact payments available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)

Act of up to \$1,200 for individuals or \$2,400 for married couples, and up to \$500 for each qualifying child are only available to those who have filed a 2018 or 2019 tax return, so virtual VITA opens the door for residents who don't normally file a tax return to receive sorely needed financial support.

Since the start of the COVID-19 crisis, beneficiaries of VITA's tax filing service have received an average of approximately \$3,000 from stimulus checks and tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit from filing their tax returns. Those whom VITA has also helped file for unemployment benefits will receive average additional benefits of approximately \$20,000 during the year. In total, VITA has delivered approximately \$30 million this past year in funds received for its beneficiaries in Connecticut.

"Many Connecticut families deeply affected by the COVID-19 crisis are unfortunately not receiving the financial support they are entitled to by the CARES stimulus, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, or other government programs," **Governor Lamont said**. "I applaud the work that VITA is doing to get our citizens the financial help they need and deserve, and our state is committed to supporting the efforts of this important organization to connect with and assist eligible Connecticut residents."

CAHS has been supported in its expansion by the philanthropic organization [4-CT](#), which was created with the express purpose of providing emergency assistance to the state's residents during the current pandemic.

"VITA and CAHS have proven to be an incredibly dynamic partner in pandemic support efforts," **Ted Yang, CEO of 4-CT, said**. "Few solutions empower individuals more in accelerating the pace of the government's response to layoffs and loss of income that we've been seeing across the country. 4-CT will continue to work helping the state get through the COVID-19 crisis as securely as possible."

"We appreciate the support that Governor Lamont's administration and 4-CT have provided and are proud to offer this critical service to families in our community at a time when they need our support the most," **John Merz, CEO of CAHS, said**. "We look forward to continuing to serve the population of Connecticut and getting financial resources to those that need it the most as quickly as possible."

Connecticut residents who have not filed a 2019 tax return or who have become unemployed but have not yet filed for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance should [visit the CAHS website](#) to learn if they are eligible and register for VITA's free assistance. VITA also recently announced a Referral Incentive Program, whereby philanthropic organizations within Connecticut can receive cash bonuses for referring eligible VITA beneficiaries who successfully complete the program.

VITA estimates that as many as 140,000 people across the State of Connecticut may be eligible for some type of cash benefit from the government. The deadline for filing tax returns has been extended to July 15, 2020, and the deadline for applying for CARES stimulus funds is October 15, 2020.

About the Picture

Monday, June 22 — It comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website:

