

UPDATED: Easton Plans for Coronavirus Outbreak



Police Captain Richard Doyle, who also serves as emergency operations director for Easton's first responders, offered advice and reassurance to local residents. The police department is in ongoing contact with the Easton Fire Department and Easton Volunteer Emergency Medical Service, he said.

Together they have inventoried equipment and have sufficient quantities of gloves, masks, face shields, protective body suits and footwear, should they be required.

"We are monitoring reports from the Department of Health and can adjust our preparations based on that," Doyle said.

Doyle advises citizens not to panic, simply to keep personal supplies on hand and to monitor the official U.S. government website, [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), for updates.

Fire Chief Steven Waugh confirmed, "The fire department will continue to operate in accordance with our set policies and procedures. We will look to the Office of Emergency Management for information and updates that would require us to adjust to the way we respond."

The Easton Volunteer EMS has 30 volunteers, who respond to more than 550 emergency calls a year. Members are on call all hours of the day and night.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health can now conduct diagnostic testing for the Coronavirus after receiving approval from the centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration.

“Being able to test for the virus locally will allow us to conduct diagnostics and take every measure in our capability in an expedited fashion,” Gov. Ned Lamont said.

Updates will appear as additional information is reported.

EPA’s Registered Antimicrobial Products for Use Against Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the Cause of COVID-19

The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a list of antimicrobial products for use against the Coronavirus. [Click here](#) to download the PDF.

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Easton's emergency dispatch center is located inside the Easton Police Department, 700 Morehouse Road, Easton, Conn. — Jane Paley Photo