

Gov. Lamont Issues Executive Order Closing Connecticut Public Schools Until March 31



Gov. Ned Lamont has ordered all Connecticut public schools to remain closed through at least March 31. The following key points were included in the official press release:

Key Points:

- Since yesterday's update, an additional six Connecticut residents have tested positive, bringing the total number of positive cases reported in the state to 26.
- Governor Lamont today signed an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Cancels classes at all public schools statewide effective March 17 through at least March 31.
 - Provides flexibility for municipal budget deadlines and related issues.
 - Authorizes the DMV commissioner to close branches to the public, conduct business remotely, and extend deadlines.
 - Allows restrictions on visitor access to psychiatric facilities in order to protect vulnerable residents, patients, and staff.
- Governor Lamont is requesting the Small Business Administration issue a declaration enabling Connecticut's small business owners to receive disaster assistance.
- The Department of Revenue Services is extending the filing deadline for certain annual state business tax returns
- Responding to the national shortage of hand sanitizer, the state today issued a set of rules to pharmacies so they can begin producing and selling their own hand sanitizer while ensuring its effectiveness and safety.

The entire press release is available at

<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/03-2020/Governor-Lamont-Coronavirus-Update-March-15-2020-6PM>. This is a developing story.