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Ellington Declares Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergency

(Ellington, CT) First Selectman Lori Spielman declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency throughout the Town of Ellington today. The Emergency Declaration was made in coordination with the State of CT's response to the global pandemic of COVID-19, a disease associated with a novel coronavirus.

The First Selectman and the Emergency Management Director, Joe Palombizio are monitoring information from the state and federal governments as well as local health officials and are taking proactive measures to prevent the spread of this virus.

The First Selectman along with many Town Department Heads is coordinating the emergency response effort including all Town departments and emergency services including Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Crystal Lake Fire Department and Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp. The Town employees will report to work and will be available to serve the public. Residents are encouraged to conduct business via phone, email and options available on the website whenever possible.

The Superintendent of Schools, Scott Nicol, has closed schools for at least the next two weeks; the Ellington Senior Center is closed and Hall Memorial Library is closed until at least March 30 in an abundance of caution for the safety of our residents and our employees. All Recreation and Youth Services programs are suspended until further notice.

The North Central District Health Department has advised that at this time there are no confirmed cases of the virus in Ellington however widespread community transmission is expected throughout the State of Connecticut. The Town of Ellington is taking proactive measures as this is a proven public health strategy to mitigate the severity of an outbreak.

For more information, visit the State of CT website at <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>.