

# TOWN OF SUFFIELD

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Dear Suffield Community & Town Employees,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well and enjoying beautiful spring days. Today, May 20th, marks the beginning of the State of Connecticut officially reopening!

In Suffield, tennis courts are now open (playing fields, basketball courts and playgrounds still remain closed [Sector Rules and Certification for May 20th Reopen](#)). To support our local restaurants, the Town expedited its temporary approval process and we are pleased that some of Suffield's restaurants will be expanding their amenities by offering limited outdoor dining.

Journal Inquirer: "[Suffield Makes It Easier for Restaurants to Open for Outdoor Dining](#)"

The reopening effort involves a staged approach that weighs risks and makes measured recommendations while continuing to monitor new COVID-19 cases. We are grateful that this day has finally arrived and urge compliance, asking residents to practice the same thoughtful approach while exercising personal responsibility and good judgment. As we now move forward from this difficult time with varying opinions of what is right for our community and our economy, please consider the safety of not only yourself and your family, but the safety of your neighbors as well.

In advance of Wednesday's reopening, the town has already fielded many calls regarding lack of compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders. In order to centralize these concerns, address them appropriately, and best focus resources, we ask that residents email feedback to [suffieldreopens@suffieldct.gov](mailto:suffieldreopens@suffieldct.gov). Follow up will proceed as permissible.

At this writing, the State Health Department reports technology issues with its database so the most up-to-date figures are not currently available. Continue to visit the [Emergency Alert](#) website page and [Town Facebook](#) for new information.

Recent updates include the following:

## **Town of Suffield/Municipal Partners:**

- **Virtual Joint Meeting of Boards of Selectmen and Finance to Approve FY 20/21 Budget - Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m.**

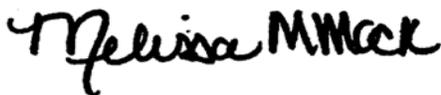
- [2020-21 Budget Handouts](#)
- [Public Hearing Presentation](#)
- Email questions to [budget2021@suffieldct.gov](mailto:budget2021@suffieldct.gov)
- **Parks & Recreation**
  - Summer Camps – working on in-person offerings in compliance with ever-changing regulatory landscape and on virtual programming
  - Tennis courts now open
    - Playing fields, basketball courts and playgrounds remain closed
- **Kent Memorial Library**
  - [Curbside service](#)
- **Building Department**
  - [Online permitting](#) now includes heating/air conditioning

**Federal, State & Local:**

- [Governor Lamont and Governor Raimondo to Align Hair Salon and Barber Shop Reopenings in Early June](#)
- [Sector Rules and Certification for May 20th Reopen](#)
- [Governor Lamont Announces Distribution of Infrared Thermometers to Eligible Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Places of Worship](#)
- [Connecticut Business Reopening & Recovery Center](#)
- [SBA to Make Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available to U.S. Agricultural Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Continue to take care of each other and be well.

Sincerely,



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John Spencer  
Director, Emergency Management

cc: Board of Selectmen