

Eastern Highlands Health District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Agenda  
1712 Main Street, Coventry  
Town Hall Annex  
Thursday April 21, 2022 4:30 PM\*

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes (February 17, 2022)

Public Comments

Old Business

1. FY 22/23 New Salary Pay Ranges – Implementation (item#2, 10/21/21)
2. Cosmetology Permitting and Inspection Program – Proposed Sanitary Code amendments (item#2, 12/13/18)

New Business - none

Subcommittee Reports

Town Reports

Directors Report

3. Sodium Chloride (NaCl) Exceedances – private well survey (no attachment)
4. COVID-19 Activity Update
5. CADH Legislative Session Report
6. Health District staffing update (no attachment)

Communications/Other

7. CADH re: Testimony on funding for Local Public Health Departments and Districts
8. DPH re: Draft MOU between LHD's regarding itinerant vendor reciprocity
9. CT DOA re: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
10. R Miller re: EHHD Statement to School Superintendents regarding DPH COVID guidance
11. DPH re: Press release regarding CDC updated COVID-19 monitoring and masks on buses
12. R Miller re: New CDC COVID-19 Guidance
13. R Miller re: Updated EHHD COVID-19 Guidance for Schools
14. R Miller re: Town Hall Located EHHD Permitting Kiosk

Adjournment

*Next Board Meeting – June 16, 2022, 4:30PM*

**\*Virtual Meeting Option**

In accordance with PA 21-2 §149, meeting participants may also attend virtually. Please email [mbrosseau@ehhd.org](mailto:mbrosseau@ehhd.org) or call 860-429-3325 by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting to receive instructions for how to view, listen, or comment live. A video recording of the meeting will be available at EHHD.ORG within seven (7) days after the meeting.

Public comment will be accepted by email at [mbrosseau@ehhd.org](mailto:mbrosseau@ehhd.org) or by USPS mail at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268 and must be received by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting to be shared at the meeting (public comment received after the meeting will be shared at the next meeting).

Eastern Highlands Health District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom  
Thursday, February 17, 2022

**Members present:** E. Anderson (Andover), R. Aylesworth (Mansfield), J. Elsesser (Coventry), H. Evans (Mansfield), L. Hancock (Tolland), S. Powers (Scotland), T. Nuccio (Tolland), J. Rupert (Bolton), D. Walsh (Coventry), M. Walter (Columbia), E. Wiececki (Willington)

**Staff present:** R. Miller, C. Bradshaw-Hill, M. Brosseau

**Others:** J. Roman, First Selectman Chaplin

J. Elsesser called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm

L. Hancock made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting as presented. MOTION PASSED with H. Evans abstaining.

R. Miller introduced H. Evans to the board.

**Financial Report for the period ending 12/31/21**

R. Miller presented an overview of the financial report for the period ending 12/31/21. E. Anderson made a MOTION, seconded by L. Hancock to accept the financial report as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**Town Reports**

**Andover** E. Anderson informed the board that the town of Andover has ended the mask mandate in town buildings. In addition, there was an accident that caused damage to the Veterans Monument Park.

A new business is coming to Andover and is possibly a Dollar General.

**Columbia** M. Walter reported that the town of Columbia has ended the mask mandate in municipal buildings. M. Walter noted that speeding on highways continues to be an issue.

**Coventry** D. Walsh informed the board the town will go out to bid for repairs on the library.

**Scotland** S. Powers reported that the town of Scotland has received a grant to be used to improve Town Hall.

**Tolland** L. Hancock informed the board that Tolland will most likely be lifting the mask at the end of the month. L. Hancock reported that the town is hesitant to lift the state of emergency.

**Chaplin** J. Roman reported that the town of Chaplin will lift the mask mandate on February 28<sup>th</sup>. J. Roman informed the board that Chaplin is celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The celebration will culminate with a parade and fireworks on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Mansfield** H. Evans and R. Aylesworth reported that Mansfield has extended the mask mandate for the town. The mandate has been extended until the meeting on 2/28.

**Bolton** J. Rupert reported there is a meeting next week to discuss the mask mandate.

**Willington** E. Wicewski reported there is a meeting next week where they will discuss the mask mandate. E. Wicewski informed the board that the Love's Truck Stop project is expected to complete mid to late spring. School building committee is moving in the direction of a consolidated school.

**Coventry** J. Elsesser reported that the UConn School of Engineering and School of Nursing will be giving Coventry 200 air filtration units they are building to be used in school buildings. J. Elsesser informed the board that the town is Evaluating ARPA projects. The town has received a trails grant to build trails that will connect the Homestead to the Hop River Trail.

J. Elsesser informed the board that he is sending a mask mandate draft to council to change the existing policy.

J. Elsesser reported that a second soccer field and recreational football field will be constructed.

D. Walsh questioned how restaurants are doing in the towns. The following was stated:

Columbia: Doing well

Willington: Restaurants are doing well yet struggling to keep staff.

Mansfield: Pains were experienced in the downtown area when UConn delayed the return to campus. Otherwise, restaurants are doing well.

## **Directors Report**

### **COVID-19 Activity Update**

R. Miller reported on the activities related to COVID-19 in which his office has engaged. R. Miller noted that the case prevalence is decreasing. However, despite the downward trend, all towns in the district, except Scotland are in the red zone. There was discussion regarding when there would be a switch in the way numbers are reported. R. Miller noted he is still waiting for DPH to make changes.

R. Miller informed the board that extend powers to commission regarding the mask mandate through June 30<sup>th</sup>. While the mandate will be lifted on February 28<sup>th</sup>, the DPH recommendation may still be to mask indoors. R. Miller noted that he is still waiting for guidelines and hopes it will be released by early next week. Following review, R. Miller will issue a statement to schools.

R. Miller informed the board that the CDC has announced they will update their mask and contact tracing guidelines.

S. Powers informed the board that Scotland Elementary school sent out a survey regarding masking to parents. R. Miller noted that many schools are taking a similar approach.

E. Anderson stated that Andover sent out a similar survey.

H. Evans encouraged the board to consider putting out education regarding masking.



R. Miller reported that he is still waiting on approval for the ELC2 grant.

Reported that the health district has given out 12240 doses of the vaccine at over 200 clinics.

#### **Quarterly Activity Report period ending 12/31/2021**

R. Miller highlighted that, new this year, the Food service license renewal process is being done through the online system.

R. Miller informed that board that the Public Health Nurse position has been posted for a third time and interviews occurred Wednesday.

There was discussion regarding health district permitting kiosks at each of the town halls. R. Miller requested that an email be sent to him with the decision made at each town.

J. Elsesser initiated discussion regarding Hospitals in the district area. In particular that Manchester and Rockville Hospitals are being bought out by Yale New Haven.

#### **Adjournment**

E. Wicinski made a MOTION, seconded by M. Walter to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:32 pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

#### **Next Board Meeting – April 21, 2022, 4:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller

Secretary






## Eastern Highlands Health District

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### Memo

**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Holly Schaefer, Director of Human Resources  
**From:** Robert Miller, Director of Health   
**Date:** April 13, 2022  
**Re:** EHHD Approved FY 22/23 Pay Ranges – Implementation

### Background

Pursuant to the EHHD Personnel Rules the agency shall make comparative compensation studies for positions within the Health District periodically. On the basis of the information derived from the studies, requests for adjustments in salary ranges shall be initiated by the Director of Health/Personnel Committee, and submitted to the District Board of Directors for action. Please recall that subsequent to a presentation of such a study, the Board took action on October 21, 2021, approving updated broadband pay ranges for health district positions. The new pay ranges go into effect on July 1, 2022.

A component of the presentation included a plan to implement the pay range changes as it affects two Sanitarian II positions. Both of these individuals reached the current maximum annual pay rate on or about FY18/19, and subsequently the maximum annual one-time merit payment threshold in FY20/21. Therefore, in order to avoid a disruption in their annual compensation increase for FY21/22, a separate board action authorizing an increase above the maximum one-time merit payment threshold will be necessary prior to their next annual performance evaluation in June 2022. The presentation further detailed that their current base annual salary, and the final one-time annual merit payment will be added together to set the new base salary rate that would go to effect July 1, 2022 for these two positions.

### Fiscal Impact

Adequate appropriations exist in both the FY 2021/2022, and FY 2022/2023 budgets for this action. No impact.

### Recommendation

To avoid a disruption in the annual merit increases for the two subject two Sanitarian II positions, authorization to exceed the 5% maximum personnel rules threshold for the one-time merit payment in FY21/22 is respectfully recommended. Authorization to set the new FY 22/23 base salary rate by adding the FY 21/22 one-time payment to the existing base rate is also respectfully recommended for these two positions.


If the board concurs with these recommendations then the following motion is in order: *Move, in concurrence with the pay range implementation plan, to authorize the Director to exceed the FY 21/22 maximum one-time merit payment threshold for the two subject Sanitarian II positions; Further, to authorize the Director to set the new base rate for the two subject Sanitarian II positions consistent with the new pay ranges; the new rate shall be based on the sum of the FY21/22 base rate plus the value of the FY21/22 one-time merit payment, and become effective July 1, 2022.*



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### Memo

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Robert Miller, Director of Health   
**Date:** April 13, 2022  
**Re:** New Cosmetology Permitting and Inspection Program

#### **Background**

Over 15 years ago, the Connecticut General Statute, section 19a-231 was passed into law. This statute mandates an annual sanitary inspection by the local health director of all “salons” within the local health department’s jurisdiction. As of this date, this matter remains an unfunded, unimplemented mandate. In December 2018, the board authorized an appropriation to cover the legal fees associated with the drafting and development of a new “cosmetology” section of the EHHD Sanitary Code. The development of this new section was necessary to establish the local legal framework necessary to administer this new local regulatory program. Halloran & Sage completed the final draft of the new “cosmetology” Section 5, in December, 2019. Health District management convened a public forum of area business owners in January, 2020, to present and solicit feedback on the draft code, with a tentative date for the board to hold the public hearing at the April 2020 regular meeting. In March 2020, health district resources were reassigned to the pandemic response, causing a pause in this initiative. With the demands of the pandemic waning, the health district is now resuming this initiative.

#### **Section 5, Barbershop, Hairdressing, Cosmetology, Nail Salon and Spa - DRAFT**

Attached for your edification is the above referenced proposed amendments to the Eastern Highlands Health District, Sanitary Code. Highlighted subsections of this draft code include definitions, provisions for establishing the permitting process, sanitary inspection standards, corresponding field inspection form, and enforcement.

This office drafted this new code section in partnership with attorneys at Halloran & Sage. While this work was completed prior to 2020, an updated legal review of this proposed language is currently underway to assure no major changes in the underpinning law.

#### **Updated Program Implementation Plan**

With the resumption of this important initiative the following updated implementation timeline is proposed:

- April 2022- Board of Directors sets a public hearing date for June 2022.
- May 2022- Health District management convenes a second public forum to re-present and solicit feedback from area business owners. (See attached power point presentation.)





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June 2022- Board of Directors holds public hearing; pending public hearing adopts sanitary code amendments, effective July 1, 2022 (effective date could be delayed if needed due to public hearing feedback.)

July 2022 to December 2022 – Permit Application and fee submittal period. Owner and operators schedule their initial sanitary inspection.

January 2024- First annual permit renewal

### **Fiscal Impact**

In anticipation of the resumption of this initiative, the adopted FY2022/2023 budget incorporates anticipated revenue and expenditures for the new program. No fiscal impact is anticipated.

### **Recommendation**

The adoption of this new code section will facilitate health district compliance with CGS section 19a-231. It is therefore recommended that the board, as authorized by CGS section 19a-243, set a public hearing date to receive the public's comments regarding the above referenced sanitary code amendments.

If the board concurs with these recommendations then the following motion is in order: *Move, to set a public hearing date of Thursday June 16, 2022 at 4:30PM to receive the public's comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Eastern Highlands Health District Sanitary Code, Section 5, Barbershop, Hairdressing, Cosmetology, Nail Salon and Spa, as presented on April 21, 2022.*



# Barbershop, Hairdressing, Nail Salon, and Cosmetology

## Permitting and Inspection Program

May 3, 2022  
Mansfield Town Hall  
Council Chambers



## Presentation Outline

- ▶ Background/History
- ▶ State Inspection Guidelines - overview
- ▶ Proposed EHHD Sanitary Code - overview
  - ▶ Permitting Process
  - ▶ Inspection Standards
- ▶ Program Implementation - tentative timeline
- ▶ Questions & Comments



## Background/History

- ▶ Public Health Risk - Disease Transmission, Chemical Exposures
- ▶ Individual Licensing
- ▶ Mandate to conduct annual inspections - CGS 19a-231 & P.A. 19-117
- ▶ Neighboring Health Department Programs
- ▶ Proposed EHHD program



## State Inspection Guidelines (PA 19-177)

- ▶ Salon Definition
  - ▶ ...as any shop, store, day spa, or other commercial establishment at which the practice of barbering, hairdressing and cosmetology, or the services of a nail technician, esthetician, or eyelash technician is offered and provided.
- ▶ Inspection mandate
  - ▶ The director of health for any town, city, borough or district department of health, or the director's authorized representative, **shall...inspect** (annually) all salons within the director's jurisdiction... such inspection shall be in accordance with such standards.





## State Inspection Guidelines

- ▶ Public Act 19-117, Section 196
  - ▶ Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the local directors of health of the state, shall establish a standardized inspection form and guidelines concerning standards for the inspection of the sanitary condition of a salon.
  - ▶ Personal Protective Equipment
  - ▶ Disposal of signal service materials/tools
  - ▶ Cleaning and sanitizing finger bowls, and other surfaces, equipment
  - ▶ Handwashing
  - ▶ <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/SalonInspection/Salon-Inspections>



## Proposed EHHD Sanitary Code - Section 5, Overview

- ▶ Authority - GGS, Section 19a-243
- ▶ Permitting Process
  - ▶ Require valid permit to operate
    - ▶ Complete and submit application and fee
    - ▶ Plan review for new construction/renovation
  - ▶ Not transferable
  - ▶ Independent contractor provisions
  - ▶ Renewed annually
  - ▶ Suspension/Revocation provisions





## Inspection Standards

- ▶ Sanitary Condition/Infection Control (Section 5.8)
  - ▶ PPE
  - ▶ Disinfection of reusable equipment, and work area
  - ▶ Hand washing sink available
  - ▶ No re-use of single service items
  - ▶ No sick workers
- ▶ Customer Protection (Section 5.9)
  - ▶ Wash hands, soap/paper towels available
  - ▶ Proper labeling
  - ▶ No prohibited items
  - ▶ Good hygiene
  - ▶ Equipment cleaning sink
  - ▶ Clean equipment properly protected
  - ▶ Clean paper strips or towels for reusable cape



## Inspection Standards - Continued

- ▶ Licensure (Section 5.10)
  - ▶ Establishment permit
  - ▶ Individual licensed
- ▶ Facility (Section 5.11)
  - ▶ Hot/cold water
  - ▶ Proper waste water disposal
  - ▶ Ventilation
  - ▶ Surfaces in good repair
  - ▶ Clean laundry
  - ▶ Proper garbage receptacles



## Inspection Standard - Continued

- ▶ Facility (Section 5.11) - cont.
  - ▶ Adequate lighting
  - ▶ No animals (except service animals)
  - ▶ Work area separate from private home
  - ▶ Commercial equipment
  - ▶ Proper plumbing
- ▶ Restrooms (Section 5.12)
  - ▶ Clean, separate hand sink, good repair
  - ▶ Soap, paper towels, cover waste receptacle



### DRAFT - Eastern Highlands Health District Salon Inspection Form

Name of Facility _____		Date _____	
Owner/Operator _____		Address _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Operational			
Services provided: <input type="checkbox"/> Hair <input type="checkbox"/> Nails <input type="checkbox"/> Esthetics (facials, skin treatments, waxing, body treatments) <input type="checkbox"/> Eyelash extensions <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
C = Comply, DNC = Does Not Comply, NA = Not Applicable <b>5.8. SANITARY CONDITION/INFECTION CONTROL</b>		C = Comply, DNC = Does Not Comply, NA = Not Applicable <b>5.10. LICENSURE</b>	
5.8.1 Proper PPE/Use is observed	C	DNC	NA
5.8.2 Covered receptacle for hair, skin, or nail debris separate receptacle for equipment, implements & fingerbores after each client			
5.8.3 Proper disinfection of reusable equipment, implements & fingerbores after each client			
5.8.4 Work areas surfaces cleaned with hospital-grade disinfectant after each client			
5.8.5 Availability of hand sinks in all service areas			
5.8.6 Removal of ampoules/implements (discarded after use)			
5.8.7 Pedicure basins are cleaned & sanitized after each client			
5.8.8 Technician/customer with infection prohibited			
<b>5.9. CUSTOMER PROTECTION</b>		<b>5.11. FACILITY</b>	
5.9.1 Hands washed with soap & water between clients			
5.9.2 Soap & towels provided			
5.9.3 Products stored in labeled containers with directions of use			
5.9.4 Prohibited items not in use			
5.9.5 Clean outer garments, good hygiene practices, no smoking or eating			
5.9.6 Separate sink provided for instrument cleaning			
5.9.7 Disinfected utensils both stored in a sanitary covered container			
5.9.8 Sanitary paper strip or clean towel placed around neck before reusable cap			
5.10.1 Establishment permit license displayed			
5.10.2 Individual performing work licensed, license on file for review			
5.11.1 Adequate water available, adequate & safe			
5.11.2 Approved method of waste water and			
5.11.3 Adequate ventilation			
5.11.4 Floors/wall/ceilings are clean and in good repair			
5.11.5 Laundry properly cleaned, sanitized and stored			
5.11.6 Garbage receptacles maintained (inside and outside)			
5.11.7 Proper storage of supplies & chemicals			
5.11.8 Adequate lighting provided as			
5.11.9 No animals or pets in establishment (service animals ONLY)			
5.11.10 Work area separate from private			
5.11.11 Commercial grade equipment			
5.11.12 Plumbing fixtures maintained and prevent back siphoning			
<b>5.12. RESTROOMS</b>			
5.12.1 Accessible, sanitary, clean & in good repair, separate hand sink			
5.12.2 Liquid soap dispenser & paper towels or			

NOTE: Those violations highlighted in red represent a significant risk to public health and must be corrected immediately.

Disinfection method for tools, equipment, implements & towels:

Inspection Outcome: ☐ Satisfactory    ☐ Unsatisfactory    Re-Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Sanitarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner/Operator: \_\_\_\_\_



## Program Implementation

### ► Tentative Timeline

- May 2022 - Sanitary Code Public Hearing Notice
- June 2022 - Sanitary Code Public Hearing
- July 2022 - Sanitary Code goes into effect
- July 2022 to December 2022 - Permit Application and fee submittal period
- July 2022 to December 2022 - Initial Sanitary Inspection period
- January 2024 - First Annual Permit renewal



## Next Steps

- Review proposed sanitary code and provide comments
  - Send comments to [ehhd@ehhd.org](mailto:ehhd@ehhd.org)
- Conduct a self guided inspection of your establishment
  - Use guidelines and inspection form provided
    - <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/SalonInspection/Salon-Inspections>
- Make improvements, if needed
- Submit completed application and fee
- Schedule inspection





# Questions & Comments

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## DRAFT SANITARY CODE

### EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT

#### SECTION 5

#### BARBERSHOP, HAIRDRESSING, COSMETOLOGY, NAIL SALON AND SPA

##### 5.1 Purpose:

To define requirements for the inspection, establishment standards, permit fees and penalties for any “Salon”, as defined in Public Act 19-117, in any municipality or other political subdivision comprising EHHD and supplemental to the Connecticut General Statutes, §§19a-14, 19a-92a, 19a-92g, 19a-231, 20-234, 20-250; including without limitation, any “Establishment” providing Barbering, Hairdressing or Cosmetology; or the services of a Nail Technician, Esthetician or Eyelash Technician, as also defined in Public Act 19-117.

##### **5.1.1 Definitions.**

For the purpose of this Section 5 of this Sanitary Code, the following terms have the meanings set forth with respect thereto:

Barbering - includes any and all described practices permitted by State law when performed by a barber licensed in the State of Connecticut, upon the head, face, scalp or neck for cosmetic purposes only.

Barbershop - any Establishment engaged in the practice of Barbering for the public.

Cosmetology and/or Hairdressing - includes any and all described practices permitted by State law when performed by a licensed individual upon the head, face, scalp, arms, hands, body, legs and feet for cosmetic purposes only.

Disinfect - to use a chemical or physical process to destroy harmful organisms, including bacteria, viruses, germs, and fungi. Such chemical or physical process is a “Disinfectant”.

Establishment - any premises or that portion of a premises, engaged in the practice of Barbering, Hairdressing, Cosmetology, Nail Technician, Esthetician or Eyelash Technician services for the public. The terms “Establishment” and “Salon” shall be used interchangeably.

Esthetician – means a person who for compensation performs “Esthetics”.

Esthetics – shall have the definition contained in § 191 of Public Act No. 19-117, including without limitation services related to skin care treatments such as cleansing, toning, stimulating, exfoliating or similar procedures on the human body while using cosmetic preparations, hands, devices, apparatus or appliances to enhance or improve the appearance of the skin; makeup application; beautifying lashes and brows; or removing unwanted

Eyelash Technician – means a person who for compensation performs individual eyelash extensions, eyelash lifts or perms and eyelash color tints.

Independent Contractor - a person who engages in an independent trade, business, or profession in which they offer their services to the public. They are generally not employees of an Establishment but instead perform services under an expressed or implied agreement with an Establishment.

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Nail Technician - means a person who for compensation cuts, shapes, polishes or enhances the appearance of the nails of the hands or feet, including but not limited to the application and removal of sculptured or artificial nails; excluding, however, any practice, activity or treatment that constitutes the practice of medicine.

Operator - any person, including, but not limited to, a licensed Hairdresser/Cosmetician, Barber, , Esthetician, Eyelash Technician or Independent Contractor who is performing tasks allowed under the scope of this Sanitary Code and the Code.

Permit Holder - the person who applies for and is granted a Permit to Operate and provides the services of an Establishment in the towns covered by EHHD.

Work Station - is defined as a chair, countertop and floor space set aside for the purpose of serving a customer, including floor space for the Operator to stand while serving the customer.

## 5.2. Plan Review and Pre-Operation Inspections.

5.2.1. A plan review application and layout design plan (including any documents specified by the Director of Health) must be completed and submitted to the Health Department for review and approval prior to opening any new Salon or the remodeling or alteration of an existing Salon.

5.2.2. Prior to a Salon opening, the Director of Health, or his or her authorized agent, shall conduct a pre-operational inspection to determine compliance with the approved plans, the requirements of this Sanitary Code and the Code.



5.2.3. In addition to the above requirements of this Section 5.2, the Permit Holder shall obtain a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) from the Building Department and Zoning approval from the Planning and Zoning Department, if applicable.

### 5.3. Permits.

5.3.1. No Establishment shall operate without a valid permit issued by the Director of Health. Only an Establishment that complies with the requirements of this Sanitary Code and all other applicable legal requirements shall be eligible to receive or retain such permit.

5.3.2. Independent Contractors working in a permitted Establishment shall be independently permitted by the Director of Health. A Connecticut State license and permit for each Independent Contractor shall be posted in a prominent location at the Work Station of each such Independent Contractor where patrons can observe it.

5.3.3. Permits shall not be transferable from person to person or from location to location. Any planned transfer or other change in ownership of an Establishment shall require a new permit. Any permit holder contemplating such a transfer or other change in ownership, or a change in location, shall report each such contemplated change in advance to EHHD promptly. EHHD at least ten working days prior to the anticipated date of such change, and EHHD must approve each such change before a new permit shall be issued.

5.3.4. Applications for a permit, any change to a permit or permit renewal shall be made on the appropriate forms furnished by the Director of Health, or his or her authorized agent.

### 5.4. Permit Fees and Enforcement.

5.4.1. All permits are valid for one (1) year or a portion thereof; and are renewable on or before January 31st of each year. Renewal applications and fees must be remitted prior to January 15<sup>th</sup>, or late and penalty fees will be assessed as specified in the fee schedule determined by the EHHD Board of Directors.

5.4.2. The Director of Health, or his or her authorized agent, upon presentation of proper identification, shall be permitted to enter, during normal operating hours, any portion of any Establishment for the purpose of conducting inspections to determine compliance with this Sanitary Code and with the Code.

5.4.3. The EHHD permit shall be displayed in a prominent location in the Establishment.

5.4.4. The Establishment shall keep a copy of licenses for all employees or Independent contractors performing services requiring a Connecticut State license, posted at the Work Station or at the front desk.

5.4.5. Every applicant for a permit to operate an Establishment or as an Independent Contractor shall pay an annual permit fee as listed in the fee schedule adopted by the EHHD Board of Directors.

5.4.6. Enforcement interpretation. This Sanitary Code shall be enforced by the Director of Health, or his or her authorized agents.

5.4.7. Penalties. Any person who operates an Establishment or who acts as an Independent Contractor without a valid permit shall be subject to any of the monetary penalty and additional legal sanctions provided in Chapters 368E and 368F of the Conn. Gen. Statutes any regulations thereunder..

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#### 5.5. Establishment Inspections.

5.5.1. The Director of Health, or his or her authorized agent, shall conduct an annual inspection of each Establishment and shall also make any additional inspections necessary for the enforcement of this Sanitary Code and the Code.

#### 5.6. Permit Suspensions.

5.6.1. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section 5 and other applicable legal requirements shall be grounds for suspension of any permit issued under the provisions of this Section 5.

5.6.2. In the event that the Director of Health, or his or her authorized agent, finds unsanitary conditions in the operation of an Establishment, the Director of Health may issue an Order to Correct to the Permit Holder, citing such conditions, specifying the corrective action to be taken and time frame within which action shall be taken. If correction is not made in the allotted time, the permit may be suspended.

5.6.3. The Director of Health may suspend, without warning, prior notice or hearing, any permit to operate as an Establishment or as an Independent Contractor.

5.6.3.A If the operation constitutes an imminent hazard to public health; or

5.6.3.B If the subject owner, operator, person in charge has interfered with the performance of the Director of Health's, or his or her authorized agent's duties or has prohibited access to conduct an inspection



5.6.4. An “imminent hazard to public health” shall include without limitation any one or more of the following:

5.6.4.A An ongoing outbreak of an infectious, pathogenic or toxic agent capable of being transmitted to clients; or

5.6.4.B The absence of an approved sanitizer/Disinfectant or evidence that sanitizer/Disinfectant is not being used properly to thoroughly clean and sanitize equipment and Work Stations after each client; or

5.6.4.C The absence of potable water, supplied under pressure, at adequate temperature (105°-115° F) and quantity capable of meeting the needs of the facility; or

5.6.4.D A sewage backup into the facility.

5.6.5. Suspension shall be effective immediately upon documentation of imminent public health hazard and/or interference with the Director of Health, or his or her authorized agent, in the performance of official duties. A written order to cease and desist to the Permit Holder of the Establishment from the Director of Health shall issue within 24 hours. All operations within the Establishment shall cease immediately and shall not resume until full compliance is verified and written approval to resume has been issued by the Director of Health.

5.6.6. Any Permit Holder aggrieved by such action of the Director of Health may appeal the written order as provided in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-229. Any such appeal shall not stay such written order.

#### 5.7. Permit Revocation/Nonrenewal.

5.7.1. Revocation/Nonrenewal of permit shall be effective immediately for serious or repeated violations of any of the provisions of this ordinance, or for cases where the permit to operate has been obtained through nondisclosure, misrepresentation or intentional misstatement of a material fact.

5.7.2. The Director of Health shall notify the Permit Holder in writing of the specific reason(s) for such revocation or non-renewal within 24 hours of such revocation or nonrenewal. All operations within the Establishment shall cease immediately. Any Permit Holder aggrieved by such action of the Director of Health may appeal the written order as provided in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-229. Any such appeal shall not stay such written order.

5.7.3. After a period of thirty (30) days from the date of revocation or nonrenewal, a written application may be made for the issuance of a new permit. Any such application shall be

treated as a new application. All appropriate procedures, fees and inspections will be required, including a plan review, prior to the issuance of a new permit.

5.8. Sanitary Condition/Infection Control Requirements for all Establishments and Independent Contractors

5.8.1. Proper use of personal protective equipment and disposable gloves as a barrier against infectious materials provided as needed.

5.8.2. Immediate disposal, in a covered waste receptacle, of: (1) all single use items and any items that cannot be effectively cleaned and Disinfected after direct contact with a customer's skin, nails, or hair; (2) any debris after a client receives a service; (3) removal and placement of used linen, towels and sheets in a separate and appropriately labeled container.

5.8.3. All re-usable tools, equipment, implements, including fingerbowls, must be properly Disinfected after use on a client. All implements must be constructed of hard materials with smooth non-porous surfaces such as metal, glass, or plastic that can be used on more than one client. (1) After each client use, reusable implements and equipment must be cleaned with warm water and soap or detergent, rinsed thoroughly, allowed to dry, and completely immersed in an EPA hospital grade Disinfectant. EPA registered hospital grade Disinfectant must be used in accordance with the manufacturers' directions for the intended implements or surface. (2) Such implements shall be soaked for 10 minutes or per manufacturers suggested contact time, removed, rinsed, air dried and stored in a drawer, cabinet or covered container. The Disinfecting solution must be free of debris and contaminants at all times and must be changed as necessary per manufacturer directions.

NOTE: Electrical equipment that cannot be immersed in liquid shall be wiped cleaned of all visible debris and Disinfected prior to use on a client with and EPA registered Disinfectant. Also counters, chairs, mirrors and sinks need to be Disinfected after use. Once again, those items need to be visibly wet with a spray or wipe for ten minutes, then wiped with a clean cloth. The ten minute contact time is vital for proper infection control.

NOTE: All equipment/tools, shall be Disinfected or sterilized by means of: (1) an EPA registered bactericide, viricide, and fungicide Disinfectant; (2) a steam autoclave using fifteen (15) pounds of pressure for thirty (30) minutes at two hundred fifty (250) degrees Fahrenheit; or (3) a dry heat sterilizer. Use of either an autoclave or dry heat sterilizer, requires strict adherence to manufacturer's instructions or US FDA instructions.



5.8.4. Hospital-grade Disinfectant must be used to clean the area and materials used in the practice of Hairdressing, Cosmetology and by Nail Technicians, Estheticians and Eyelash Technicians, including, but not limited to, chairs, armrests, tables, countertops, trays seats and soaking tubs for both hands and feet.

5.8.5. Handwashing sinks in an area where the Hairdresser, Cosmetologist, Nail Technician, Esthetician or Eyelash Technician provide services are required. Hand washing is required before and between providing services to each client. Soap must be used to cleanse the hands and the exposed portions of arms before providing services and after smoking, drinking, eating, or using the restroom.

5.8.6. Re-use of single use implements is prohibited; these items must be immediately discarded into a covered waste receptacle after use. Such implements cannot be adequately Disinfected between clients because they are made of porous/permeable material and/or become degraded by use on a client. (some examples include, but are not limited to: buffers, pumice stone, wooden sticks used for waxing, toe separators, gloves, cotton balls/pads/swabs, sponges, paraffin, emery boards, sponge tip applicators, single-use eyelash brushes and neck strips)

5.8.7. Pedicure basins (foot spas, foot basins and spa liners) must be cleaned and Disinfected after each client using this sequence regardless of liners used or not:

5.8.7.A All water shall be drained and all debris shall be removed from spa basin.

5.8.7.B Next the pedicure tub must be cleaned with soap or detergent and water, any removable part must be taken off for further cleaning. (this includes: jet covers and screens)

5.8.7.C The spa basin must be Disinfected with an EPA registered Disinfectant labeled as bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal for at least 10 minutes or according to the manufacturer's instructions. Whirlpool jets with recirculation waters must be filled and turned on to adequately Disinfect.

5.8.7.D The spa basin must be wiped dry with a clean towel or allowed to sufficiently air dry.

5.8.8. A practitioner should not perform services on a client if the practitioner has reason to believe the client has a contagious condition such as head lice, nits, ringworm, conjunctivitis; or inflamed, infected, broken, raised or swollen skin or nail tissue; or an open wound or sore in the area to be serviced.



## 5.9. Customer Protection

5.9.1. A hand sink must be accessible for clients and employees, to prevent the spread of infection. At least one dedicated hand washing sink must be located in each service area, the restroom hand sink does **not** meet this criteria. The hand washing sink must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

5.9.2. Soap and single service paper towels or a towel (one per client) must be provided at all hand sinks. If the salon chooses to use cloth towels they must be properly cleaned and Disinfected.

5.9.3. All products and chemicals shall be stored in labeled containers, and all original containers must be accompanied by dilution and use instructions. Chemicals should be safely stored and assessable to employees only. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) sheets should be available for all chemicals used in the salon.

5.9.4. Prohibited items should not be in use, nor present in permitted/licensed Establishments. (1) In order to reduce the chance of injury or infection, implements designed to remove layers of skin shall not be used. Examples include but are not limited to: razor-type callus shavers designed to cut growth of skin such as corns or calluses; credo blades, microplane/graters, cutters, and scrapers. (2) Shaving brushes, mugs, brush neck dusters, brushes and sponges are prohibited unless they are single use disposable implements or can be properly cleaned and sanitized.

5.9.5. Service providers must wear appropriate clean protective clothing and footwear at all times during the provision of clinical services. Good hygienic practices must be followed such as, no smoking or eating while providing services to a customer or in a service/treatment areas.

5.9.6. A separate utility sink shall be provided for proper cleaning of surfaces and equipment.

5.9.7. All clean and Disinfected utensils/tools and material when not in use shall be stored in a clean, dry, debris-free environment which includes but not limited to drawers, cases, tool belt, rolling trays. They must be stored separate from soiled utensils/tools. Ultraviolet (UV) electric sanitizers are permissible for use as a dry storage container, not as a form of Disinfection

5.9.8. In order to minimize skin contact, a neck barrier strip or clean towel should be used with all reusable capes.

#### 5.10. Permit/Licensure

5.10.1. The current permit from the EHHD must be prominently displayed.

5.10.2. All individuals per CT State Law, who are required to hold a license to perform a service, must have a current/active license available for review during inspection.

Note: Any employee working as an apprentice through a Department of Labor Apprenticeship program must provide documentation confirming their participation in the program upon the request of the Local Health Department or District.

#### 5.11. Establishment

5.11.1. All sinks in the Establishment must have hot and cold running water, under pressure, from an approved source at all times. Hot water shall be provided at a minimum temperature of 105°F and maximum of 115°F.

5.11.2. Waste water from all plumbing fixtures shall be discharged into municipal sewer or suitable subsurface sewage disposal systems in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

5.11.3. All sections of the Establishment, including restrooms, shall be properly and adequately ventilated to comply with State and Local building code ordinances and regulations.

5.11.4. Floors, walls and ceiling should be cleanable and kept in good repair and clean, with no accumulation of hair or other waste at Work Stations

5.11.5. Towels and other laundered items must be properly cleaned and stored. A commercial linen service shall be used if not done on the premises.

5.11.6. Containers inside the Establishment shall consist of covered containers for hair droppings, paper, and other waste material. The containers shall be emptied daily and maintained in a sanitary manner. Containers stored outside the Establishment shall consist of approved garbage receptacles that have lids which are kept closed at all times. The garbage receptacle area and property must be maintained in a clean manner.

5.11.7. Storage of extra chemicals, lotions, glues, creams, callus removers and other Cosmetology products should be safely stored and accessible to employees only. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) must be available for all chemicals used in the Salon

5.11.8. Lighting fixtures shall be sufficient and properly placed so as to provide adequate illumination.

5.11.9. No animals or pets with the exception of designated service animals as defined under federal or state law, are allowed in Establishments.

5.11.10. All areas of an Establishment must be clearly separated from a residential space with a closed door and must be equipped with the facilities and instruments required.

5.11.11. Equipment must be commercial grade and designed for such purpose.

5.11.12. Plumbing fixtures shall be maintained and shall conform to applicable building and plumbing codes; proper devices to prevent back siphonage or cross-connections are required.

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#### 5.12. Restrooms

5.12.1. All restrooms, for employees and clients should be accessible, sanitary, clean and in good repair. A separate hand sink with an adequate supply of hot or cold running water in each restroom shall be provided.

5.12.2. An adequate supply of soap, with dispenser, and disposable towels, or an approved hand-drying device shall be available. Bar soap and common cloth towels are prohibited. Waste receptacles shall be easily cleanable and available in all restrooms, emptied at least once a day. A covered waste receptacle shall be provided in ladies restrooms.

#### 5.13. Technical Standards.

The Director of Health shall have the authority to adopt technical standards and associated inspection procedures to assure proper sanitary maintenance and safe operation of Establishments. Such standards and inspection shall not contravene any of the provisions of this section or any state or municipal laws, ordinances or regulations, and may be amended or revised by the Director of Health. Failure of an Establishment to achieve and maintain minimum requirements of these technical standards shall constitute a violation of this ordinance. A copy of the technical standards shall be available at the EHHD for review and copying.



## DRAFT - Eastern Highlands Health District Salon Inspection Form

Name of Facility:	Date:
Owner/Operator:	Address:

☐ Inspection
 ☐ Re-Inspection
 ☐ Complaint
 ☐ Pre-Operational

Services provided:

- ☐ Hair    ☐ Nails    ☐ Esthetics (facials, skin treatments, waxing, body treatments)  
☐ Eyelash extensions    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

C = Comply, DNC = Does Not Comply, N/A = Not Applicable	C	DNC	N/A
<b>5.8. SANITARY CONDITION/INFECTION CONTROL</b>			
5.8.1 Proper PPE/Glove Use Observed			
5.8.2 Covered receptacle for hair, skin, or nail debris/separate receptacle for towels/linen			
5.8.3 Proper disinfection of re-usable equipment, implements & fingerbowls after each client			
5.8.4 Work areas/surfaces cleaned with hospital-grade disinfectant after each client			
5.8.5 Availability of hand sinks in all service areas			
5.8.6 No re-use of single-use implements (discarded after use)			
5.8.7 Pedicure basins are cleaned & sanitized after each client			
5.8.8 Technician/Customer with infection prohibited			
<b>5.9. CUSTOMER PROTECTION</b>			
5.9.1 Hands washed with soap & water between clients			
5.9.2 Soap & towels provided			
5.9.3 Products stored in labeled containers with directions of use			
5.9.4 Prohibited items not in use			
5.9.5 Clean outer garments, good hygienic practices, no smoking or eating			
5.9.6 Separate sink provided for instrument cleaning			
5.9.7 Disinfected utensils/tools stored in a sanitary covered containers			
5.9.8 Sanitary paper strip or clean towel placed around neck before reusable cape			

C = Comply, DNC = Does Not Comply, N/A = Not Applicable	C	DNC	N/A
<b>5.10. LICENSURE</b>			
5.10.1 Establishment permit/license displayed			
5.10.2 Individual performing work licensed, license onsite for review			
<b>5.11. FACILITY</b>			
5.11.1 Hot/Cold water available, adequate & safe			
5.11.2 Approved method of waste water and sewage disposal			
5.11.3 Adequate ventilation			
5.11.4 Floors/wall/ceilings are clean and in good repair			
5.11.5 Laundry properly cleaned, sanitized and stored			
5.11.6 Garbage receptacles maintained (inside and outside)			
5.11.7 Proper storage of supplies & chemicals			
5.11.8 Adequate lighting provided as required			
5.11.9 No animals or pets in establishment (service animals as defined under federal or state law ONLY)			
5.11.10 Work area separate from private home			
5.11.11 Commercial grade equipment			
5.11.12 Plumbing fixtures maintained; and prevent back siphonag			
<b>5.12. RESTROOMS</b>			
5.12.1 Accessible, sanitary, clean & in good repair, separate hand sink available			
5.12.2 Liquid soap dispenser & paper towels or air dryer and a clean covered waste container provided			

NOTE: Those violations highlighted in red represent a significant risk to public health and must be corrected immediately.

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Operator: \_\_\_\_\_



**Eastern Highlands Health District**  
**COVID-19**  
**Response Activity Update**  
**April 14, 2022**  
**(Updates are in red)**

**Activation of Public Health Emergency Response Plan**

The internal staff meeting frequency continues to be every two weeks. Local health directors in the state continue to meet weekly with DPH officials. This office also participates with weekly meetings with State Department of Education, and DPH officials.

With resource demands driven by the pandemic waning, the health district will be working with DEMHS Region 4 Health Departments to develop a regional After Action Report for the pandemic response.

**Public Health Surveillance**

We continue to issue weekly reports. In an effort to keep community partners updated on disease prevalence and other response activities. Weekly report now includes case rates, and positivity rates by town.

Our latest weekly report dated April 15, 2022 is attached to this report.

**COVID Testing**

The demand for testing resources in the area has declined over the past two months. This office continues to communicate to DPH on this matter. The existing state sponsored testing site changed vendors recently. A new sites in Vernon and Putnam were opened in February 2022.

Our member town's efforts to distribute the state supplied self-test and PPE in January/February 2020 was supported primarily with information sharing.

The health district continues to provide detailed listing of regional testing sites on agency website, which are updated weekly.

The health district continues to coordinate with the CT DPH, local partners, and state vendors to be prepared for the next increase in testing demand. Towards that end, a state sponsored back up testing site has been identified in Tolland, and the Windham testing site is prepared to ramp up capacity on short notice.

**Contact Tracing and outbreak investigation**

The health district (or the DPH tracing unit) contact traced every confirmed case within our Jurisdiction that are not UConn students through the end of February. At that point in time, pursuant to guidance from both the CDC and CT DPH, efforts transitions away from universal community contact tracing to case investigation and rapid outbreak response. We continue to stay updated with bi-weekly modifications to the new state-wide web based contact tracing system called *ContaCT*. Below are updates to the contact tracing and case investigation program that represent, in part, our efforts to respond to this pandemic:

- SHaW continues to investigate all positive UConn students. EHHD is tracing all staff and faculty, and non-student residents through the end of February 2022.



- During February and March 2022 we investigate approximately 2 town governmental affiliated cases.
- In response to the delta variant increase in cases and with an upward prevalence in cases late fall, the health district converted our part-time contact tracer to full-time status.
- Provided updated CDC/DPH Isolation & Quarantine guidance issued in December to Towns, and employers with tools to assist with tracing.
- Contact tracing activities have decreased in February 2022 due to a reduction in the prevalence of cases during that period.
- During the month of February and March an average of 61 community cases per week were investigated, or follow up in some fashion.
- During the months of February and March 2022 we investigated or supported the investigation of approximately 89 public school affiliated COVID cases.
- Provided response support school staff for twelve (12) COVID-19 Outbreaks/clusters during February and March 2022.

### University of Connecticut Storrs

The University is mandating boosters for all students attending in-person classes this 2022 spring semester.

They have also delayed the start of in-person classes to January 31, 2022, pending omicron surge.

The EHHD supported Student Health and Wellness efforts to assure all students are vaccinated. Specifically, EHHD staff and volunteers staffed mass vaccination on campus student clinics scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> & August 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Schools

In the period leading up to school reopening and since, this agency continues to respond to questions from school nurses, principles, and superintendents. The topics include but are not limited to contact tracing, student and staff exclusion guidance, travel advisory guidance, symptom screening criteria, case communications and notifications, confidentiality, interpretation and implementation of SDE mitigation guidance, vaccination eligibility, vaccination clinic coordination, and many other COVID related matters. We provide thoughtful, researched responses daily.

This agency is providing consultations on the application of the Governors Vaccine mandate for school teachers and staff, and the new screen and stay protocol for students exposed in school during the 21/22 school year.

Provided schools with technical support on transition to new CDC/DPH updated guidance on Isolation and Quarantine issued in December. Meet with a number of school districts individually.

The CGA voted to extend the executive order authorizing mask mandates in schools to June 30, 2022. The DPH Commissioner rescinded the mandate February 28<sup>th</sup>, at which point the decision to continue masking and other practices in a school setting will be decided by local boards of education. The Connecticut DPH issued updated guidance in February 22, 2022 to assist local officials in making these decisions. With the transition away from contract tracing to outbreak response the EHHD issued its own updated guidance to schools on February 28, 2022.

## **PPE Distribution**

CT DPH tasked local health departments with distributing PPE to local area private healthcare providers. We no longer receive allocations from the DEMHS Region 4 distribution site. However still have a moderate inventory left. To date, we have distributed approximately **130,000 items to 46 area healthcare**, and personal care providers in our jurisdiction. We continue to provide PPE regularly to area providers upon request.

As of the date of this report, PPE distribution to area providers continues in an effort to exhaust available inventory.

## **Reopen CT Sector Rules**

In an effort to support our local businesses a tremendous amount of staff time is expended working with area businesses providing guidance and support to area businesses. Since March of 2020 we have responded to **161 complaints** regarding violations of the sector rules, the Governors executive orders, or other COVID related issues.

This office issued two cease and desist orders since the sector rules have been in place. One 9/28 to Huskies Restaurant and Tavern, and a second on 11/10 to the American Eagle Saloon and Café in Willington for violations of the Governors executive orders regarding masks, social distancing and other sector rules. Both establishments have since received approval on re-open plans and passed a pre-operational inspection.

## **Governors Executive Orders and other state guidance - Application and Interpretation**

We continue to track and review executive orders and state guidelines as they are issued, providing consultation and interpretation support to recreation departments, first responder agencies, youth services agencies, boards of education, town leadership, and other entities as requested. In addition to numerous phone consultations, and emails, this office and staff participates in COVID response staff meetings as needed with a number of member towns.

Executive Order 13A provides gives individual towns the authority to mandate masks. A copy of the EO is Item #13 in the agenda packet.

This office issued a statement supporting the use of masks in all indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status during the month of January 2022.

## **Public Health Education, Communications, Messaging**

EHHD is aligned with the Governor's and CDC Messaging; providing regular public information updates to website, and social media (FB & Twitter).

We push out information and updates on access to testing of general public and first responders.

Agency updates routinely provided to community partners.

We are now pushing out information on COVID-19 vaccine access and eligibility to the public and community partners via website, and email blast.

Our vaccination messaging is now supporting efforts to promote vaccination of kids age 5 to 11, and boosters all eligible persons.



In response to the Omicron surge, the EHHD issued a Call to Action statement to various media outlets and all community partners on January 5, 2022, requesting in the strongest possible terms that direct action be taken by all to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

We continue to expand our social media presents with four to 6 social media posts per week as of the March 2022.

#### **Medical Reserve Corps retention and recruitment**

We continue to recruit and vet new MRC volunteers. To date, a total of approximately 200 volunteers have received field experience or training.

We deployed 20 MRC volunteers to support UConn's efforts to test approximately 6000 residential students at the beginning of the fall semester. Three volunteers are currently trained in contact tracing.

A combined total of 22 MRC volunteers supported our five seasonal flu clinics that occurred in October and November of this year.

MRC volunteers continue to support our weekly vaccination clinics as needed to fill staffing gaps during the month of January 2022, and into the month of March 2022.

#### **COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding for State and Local Health Departments**

Local public health departments are receiving COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding from the CDC. We have been allocated \$29,596. Currently, the funding is reimbursing 100% for over-time, response supplies, and communications. This grant is fully expended.

#### **Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection grant**

The EHHD has been awarded \$384,489 through November 17, 2022 to enhance health district capacity to detect, respond, and prevent COVID-19 illness in the community. This grant is funding additional staffing to support the EHHD response. The DPH approved our application.

#### **Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity #2 (ELC2) Enhancing Detection grant**

The EHHD has been awarded \$378,850 for funding through May 31, 2023 to enhance health district capacity to detect, respond, and prevent COVID-19 illness in the community. This grant is funding additional staffing to support the EHHD response. This application and proposed budget was recently submitted. As of the date of this report DPH approval is pending.

#### **Coronavirus Relief Fund**

With the Town of Mansfield's assistance, the health district was able to claim for reimbursement **\$104,787** in pandemic response expenses against the Municipal CRF for the period ending December 30, 2020. The expenses claimed are related to regular and program staff time dedicated to the pandemic response during this period. These funds have since been received by the Mansfield Finance Department.

#### **American Rescue Plan Act**

The Health District has requested a total of \$20,405 from member towns ARPA allocations to offset vaccine clinic expenses.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign Planning and Activities**



We are currently meeting weekly with DPH. Here are the latest salient updates on distribution and administration.

- *As of the writing of this report, the EHHD has administered over 12320 doses in 220+ clinics throughout the Eastern Highlands Health District. 17 clinics have been hosted during the month of February and March 2022.*
- *As of March 2022, the health district has administered 138 doses to homebound residents since March 2021.*
- *We expanded our COVID-19 vaccine inventory to include Pfizer so that we can target school aged children.*
- *We hosted 4 large school located clinics in November and December in which we administered 1340 Pfizer doses to kids' age 5 to 11.*
- *Of the above number, 1400 are teachers and educators vaccinated at 9 different school located clinics.*
- *This office arranged to have UConn Health hold vaccination clinics for those 12 and older at school located clinics. Six different school located clinics have been conducted to date, with 410 vaccines administered. Second dose clinics are scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> (2021) at THS, and June 22<sup>nd</sup> at CHS.*
- *This office arranged to have UConn Health to vaccinate all the childcare professionals in the health district. That number is estimated at 600.*
- *The health district has initiated a program to vaccinate the homebound. We have vaccinated 60 homebound individuals as of 12/30/21.*
- *As if April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Governor's opened vaccine eligibility to anyone 16 or older. The EHHD is vaccinating those 18 or older.*
- *This office is an active member of the UConn Health, UConn Storrs workgroup charged with coordinating a public mass vax site at the Storrs UConn campus. The site opened on March 29, four days per week, with maximum through put of 1600 to 2000 doses per week. The vax site on the Storrs Campus ceased operations July 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- *The Vaccine Administration and Management System (VAMS) is driving the format and through put of the EHHD vaccination clinics. Currently, all EHHD clinics are open to any individual. The EHHD clinics are part of a state-wide network of VAMS clinics open to eligible individuals.*
- *This office will continues to work with member towns and local social services officials to facilitate vaccine access.*
- *We are participating as an active partner with the North Central District Health Department in the Vulnerable Equity Partnership Funding initiative targeting groups and individuals effected by challenges to access, and/or vaccine hesitancy.*
- *We have moved to weekly walk-in clinic from the Mansfield Community Center to the Mansfield Town Hall, effective June 21st. Clinic hours are weekly on Monday morning, and Thursday evening.*
- *The EHHD is leveraging the use of DPH funded mobile vaccination units made available by the DPH for pop-up clinic opportunities when it makes since to do so. We have coordinated or supported approximately 35 pop up clinics using the DPH Griffin Health mobile vaccination units as of January 2022.*

## Plans for the Future

- Optimize our clinic schedule to accommodate accessibility to booster shots for our patients, and identify and promote other booster clinic in the region.
- Ongoing Health Education Program targeting vaccine hesitancy, access, and infection control.
- Apply lessons learned, and update all emergency response plans.
- Continue case contact investigation program.
- Implement improvements on surveillance and disease reporting.
- Provide guidance to partners on appropriate mitigation measures as the BA.2 increases.
- Ongoing support for schools with rapid outbreak response

## Eastern Highlands Health District COVID-19 Update

DATE: 4/14/2022

TIME: 9:00 PM

COMPLETED BY: A. Bloom

### TOWN LEVEL DATA

TOWN	Andover	Ashford	Bolton	Chaplin	Columbia	Coventry	Mansfield	Non-student	Scotland ++	Tolland	Willington	EHHD Totals
Cumulative Cases	426	654	643	408	861	1,830	2,642		116	2,012	713	10,305
Change from last week	2	3	3	2	5	17	18	(7)	1	3	4	58
Two week change	3	9	9	4	7	30	27	(12)	1	14	6	110
Deaths	6	5	5	2	12	11	31	(31)	2	24	4	102

### CONNECTICUT TOTALS (April 14, 2022)

Number of cumulative cases	Change from last week	Change from two weeks	Current hospitalizations*	Two week change in hospitalizations	Deaths
744,456	4,256	7,684	139	51	10,809

Data Sources: CTEDSS and CT DPH; cumulative town counts as of 4/14/2022; reporting period for two week town level case counts is 3/27/2022 through 4/9/2022.

\*Current (net) number of hospitalizations; it is not a cumulative count. ++ Scotland case count likely lower than actual positive cases due to residents using Baltic, North Windham and Hampton as a mailing address.

### EHHD RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVED COVID-19 VACCINE<sup>+</sup>

TOWN Est. population	AGE GROUP												Total pop.			Booster
	5-11 years		12-17 years		18-24 years		25-44 years		45-64 years		65+ years		Total pop.		Booster	
	% 1 dose	% Full vax	% 1 dose	% Full vax	% 1 dose	% Full vax	% 1 dose	% Full vax	% 1 dose	% Full vax	% Full vax	% booster	% 1 dose	% Full vax	%	
Andover 3,236	26	24	58	56	78	69	78	73	78	75	100	100	76	72	46	
Ashford 4,255	35	31	71	66	69	61	68	63	74	71	100	100	73	68	41	
Bolton 4,884	50	46	75	72	75	71	90	83	77	73	100	93	81	77	51	
Chaplin 2,239	35	30	78	72	62	54	70	64	68	64	100	91	71	66	40	
Columbia 5,379	42	38	58	56	72	68	79	73	77	74	100	89	78	73	47	
Coventry 12,407	45	42	66	64	68	63	83	78	82	78	100	96	78	74	45	
Mansfield ^ 25,487	54	51	80	76	92	87	94	85	87	82	100	91	88	83	63	
Scotland 1,672	23	23	47	45	63	53	52	50	72	71	100	85	63	61	35	
Tolland 14,618	40	38	75	73	95	87	86	80	84	81	100	88	83	79	49	
Willington 5,864	35	32	60	55	33	30	86	78	72	68	100	97	69	64	40	
EHHD 80,041	42	39	70	67	85	80	84	77	80	76	100	92	81	76	51	
CT 3,631,470	48	42	**	**	**	**	92	80	95	87	93	70	85	76	42	

Data Source: Connecticut immunization registry CT DPH as of 4/13/2022; ^Vaccination data for Mansfield includes current 4/13/2022 data from UCONN

(<https://covidashboard.uconn.edu/>). +Downward changes are likely due to de-duplication & re-assignment of cases to different towns associated with UConn student residency changes. \*\*At this time the state vaccination numbers are not broken down into the same age groups as the town level data and cannot be reported here.

NOTE: census estimates for 65 and older is likely low, resulting in 100% rates based on actual number of vaccines provided to this age group.

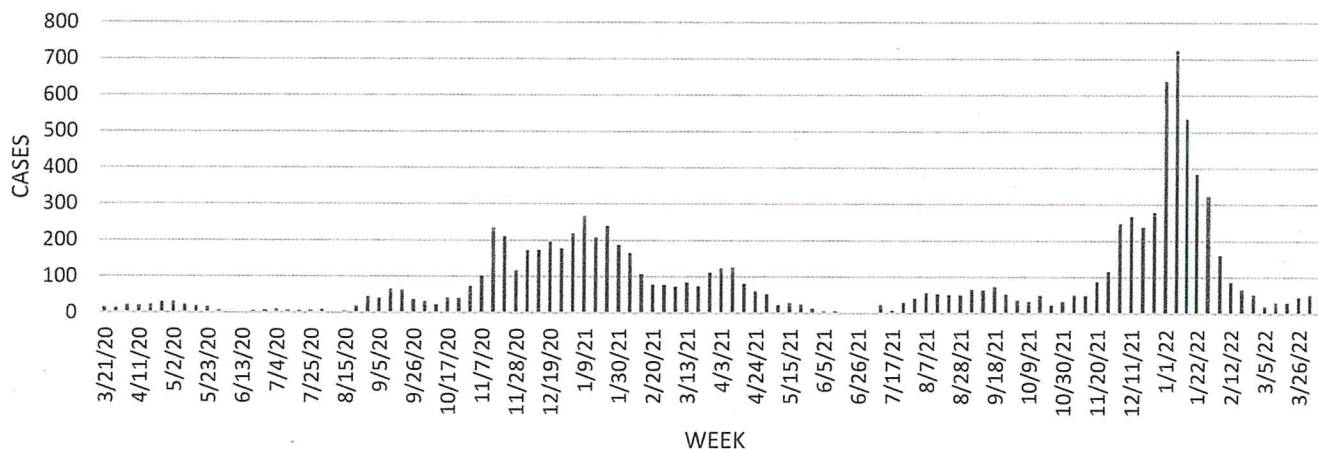


## EHHD TOWN LEVEL CASE RATES MARCH 27, 2022 – APRIL 9, 2022

Town	Total Cases 2 weeks	Case Rate	Total Tests	% Positive	Previous Case Rate	Previous % Positivity
Andover	3	6.6	69	7.2	8.8	7.2
Ashford	9	15.1	94	10.6	18.5	11.1
Bolton	9	13.2	123	8.1	11.7	7.9
Chaplin	4	12.8	68	5.9	12.8	5.8
Columbia	7	9.3	138	6.5	4	2.9
Coventry	30	17.3	325	9.9	12.7	7.6
Mansfield	27	7.6	615	4.9	5.6	3.7
Scotland +	1	4.3	27	3.7	0	0
Tolland	14	6.8	316	6	9.8	6.6
Willington	6	7.3	132	4.5	6.1	3.7

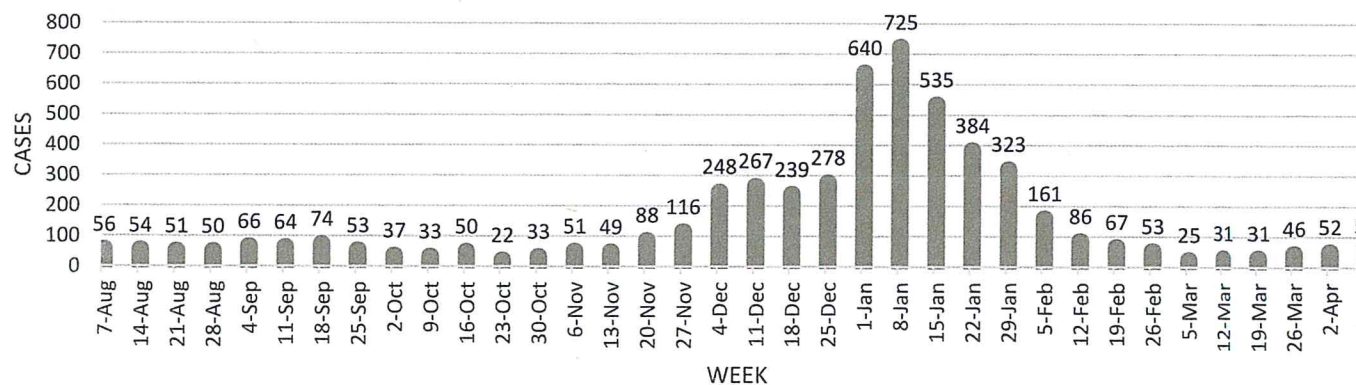
NOTE: case rates are per 100,000 population; + Scotland case counts likely lower than actual due to residents using Baltic, North Windham and Hampton as a mailing address.

### EHHD Positive COVID-19 Cases by Week March 21, 2020 - April 9, 2022



NOTE: All counts by town are cumulative and include confirmed cases and antigen-positive cases; counts can change from previous weeks due to the state reassigning a case to a different town once further information is gathered on the case, or due to lab reporting delays.

### EHHD Confirmed Weekly Case Totals August 7, 2021 - April 9, 2022





## CADH Bill Tracking Report 4-15

### CADH - HIGH 6 Bills

#### SB2 - An Act Expanding Preschool And Mental And Behavioral Services For Children.

**Introducers:** Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Steve Cassano (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mary Daugherty Abrams (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. John W. Fonfara (D); Sen. Will Haskell (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Rick Lopes (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (I); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

**Intro Date:** 3/11/2022

**Categories:** Apprentices; Appropriations; Boards of education; Child care subsidies; Child day care; Child mental, emotional and behavioral health; Child welfare; Children and families, department of; Children in custody or care of department of children and families; Community and school; Consumer protection department; Drugs; Early childhood education; Early childhood, office of; Education department; Federal aid; Feminine hygiene products; Grants by the state; Homeless youth; Income tax credits (state); Interstate compacts; Medicaid; Minority teachers; Mobile electronic device; Property tax abatement; Psychology and psychologists; Reports; Revenue services, department of; School sports; Social services, department of; State funds; Studies; Task forces; Telemedicine; University of connecticut; Youth service bureaus;

**Summary:** To address pandemic impact on childhood depression, anxiety and developmental delays through the expansion of support services.

**Complete** 02/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

**History:** 02/17/2022 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing  
02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/25/22 9:00AM - CHILDREN  
03/03/2022 Vote to Draft  
03/11/2022 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE  
03/14/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN  
03/15/2022 Joint Favorable  
03/17/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
03/28/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA  
04/04/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
04/04/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
04/04/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 207  
04/04/2022 FILE NO. 276  
04/13/2022 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Priority:** CADH - High

#### HB5036 - An Act Making Deficiency Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30. 2022.

**Introducers:** REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

**Intro Date:** 2/9/2022

**Categories:** Deficiency appropriations; Governor's bills;

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**Complete** 02/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

**History:** 03/14/2022 PUBLIC HEARING  
04/07/2022 Joint Favorable

04/08/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
04/12/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

Priority: CADH - High

**HB5037 - An Act Adjusting The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2023.**

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/9/2022

Categories: Governor's bills; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History: 02/14/2022 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/16/22 5:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/14/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/17/22 4:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/14/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/18/22 5:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/22/22 5:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/23/22 2:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/24/22 2:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

04/07/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/07/2022 FILED WITH LCO

Priority: CADH - High

**HB5045 - An Act Reducing Lead Poisoning.**

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/9/2022

Categories: Child health services; Governor's bills; Lead; Medicaid; Municipal health directors;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/03/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/7/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/11/2022 Joint Favorable

03/11/2022 FILED WITH LCO

03/18/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/24/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/24/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/24/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 117

03/24/2022 FILE NO. 114

04/13/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Priority: CADH - High

**HB5484 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Private And Semipublic Well Testing.**

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/15/2022

Categories: Groundwater pollution; Real estate; Wells;

Summary: To (1) require water quality testing of private or semipublic wells prior to the sale, exchange, purchase or transfer of real property and reporting of such test results to the local health authority and Department of Public Health, (2) eliminate arsenic and uranium from the list of contaminants for which a local director of health may require a private well or semipublic well be tested, and (3) require water quality testing for newly constructed private and semipublic wells.

Complete 03/16/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/23/2022 Joint Favorable

03/23/2022 FILED WITH LCO

04/01/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/07/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/07/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/07/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 266

04/07/2022 FILE NO. 375

04/13/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Priority: CADH - High

**HB5500 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.**

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/22/2022

Categories: Advisory bodies; Alcoholism treatment; Certificates and certification; Childbirth; Clinical laboratories; Continuing education; Drug abuse treatment; Examining boards; Health care facilities; Health strategy, office of; Medical personnel; Midwifery; Nursing home administrators; Optometry; Psychology and psychologists; Public health, department of; Reports; Strikes;

Summary: To make various revisions to the public health statutes.

Complete 03/23/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/24/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/28/22 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/30/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/31/2022 FILED WITH LCO

04/11/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

Priority: CADH - High

**NO PRIORITY 94 Bills**



**Introducers:** Rep. Matthew Ritter (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Rep. Jason Rojas (D)

**Intro Date:** 2/9/2022

**Categories:** Civil preparedness; Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Emergencies; Public health;

**Complete** 02/09/2022 EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION  
**History:** 02/10/2022 ADOPTED, HOUSE  
02/14/2022 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. A  
02/14/2022 ADOPTED, SENATE  
02/14/2022 IN CONCURRENCE

**SB1 - An Act Concerning Childhood Mental And Physical Health Services In Schools.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Steve Cassano (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mary Daugherty Abrams (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. John W. Fonfara (D); Sen. Will Haskell (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Rick Lopes (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (I); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

**Intro Date:** 3/10/2022

**Categories:** Child mental, emotional and behavioral health; School health services;

**Summary:** To expand health services in schools.

**Complete** 02/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON EDUCATION  
**History:** 02/18/2022 Vote to Draft  
03/10/2022 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE  
03/11/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON EDUCATION  
03/15/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 11:00AM - EDUCATION  
03/25/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS  
03/28/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
03/29/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
03/30/2022 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS  
03/30/2022 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS  
04/07/2022 Joint Favorable  
04/08/2022 FILED WITH LCO

**SB4 - An Act Concerning The Connecticut Clean Air Act.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Steve Cassano (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mary Daugherty Abrams (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. John W. Fonfara (D); Sen. Will Haskell (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Rick Lopes (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (I); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

**Intro Date:** 3/3/2022

**Categories:** Air pollution; Alternative fuel vehicles; Building construction; Common interest communities; Electric recharging stations; Electric vehicles; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Greenhouse gases; Landlord and tenant; Motor vehicle registration fees; Rebates; Reports; School building projects; School buses; State bonds for transportation; State funds; State grants to municipalities; State motor vehicles; State regulations, specific; Traffic signs and signals; Transportation department;

**Summary:** To reduce carbon emissions by expanding public and private utilization of electric vehicles in Connecticut to protect human health and the environment.

**Complete** 02/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION  
**History:** 02/23/2022 Vote to Draft  
03/03/2022 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE  
03/04/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION  
03/07/2022 PUBLIC HEARING  
03/24/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute  
03/25/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
04/04/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA  
04/11/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
04/11/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
04/11/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 278  
04/11/2022 FILE NO. 406  
04/13/2022 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**HR6 - Resolution Confirming The Nomination Of Manisha Juthani, M.D. Of Southport To Be Commissioner Of Public Health.**

**Introducers:** Rep. Julio A. Concepcion (D)

**Intro Date:** 2/25/2022

**Categories:** Appointments - individuals - j; Public health, department of;

**Complete** 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/24/22 10:00AM - EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS  
**History:** 02/25/2022 FAV. RPT. HOUSE COMM. ON EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS  
02/25/2022 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR  
02/25/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 14  
03/02/2022 ADOPTED, HOUSE

**SB9 - An Act Implementing The Governor's Budget Recommendations For General Government.**

**Introducers:** REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

**Intro Date:** 2/9/2022

**Categories:** Auditors of public accounts; Electric recharging stations; Governor's bills; Property tax on motor vehicles; State employees retirement fund; State funds; State procurement;

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**Complete** 02/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS  
**History:** 03/11/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/18/22 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS  
04/07/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/08/2022 FILED WITH LCO

**SB11 - An Act Concerning Revenue Items To Implement The Governor's Budget.**

**Introducers:** REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

**Intro Date:** 2/9/2022

**Categories:** Captive insurance companies; Corporation business tax credits; Dormant companies; Earned income tax credit (state); Federal aid; Foreign corporations; Governor's bills; Income tax credits (state); Income tax deductions (state); Insurance company financial solvency; Insurance department; Property tax; Small businesses;

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**Complete** 02/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**History:** 03/28/2022 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/30/22 9:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

04/06/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/07/2022 FILED WITH LCO

**SB15 - An Act Encouraging Primary And Preventive Care.**

**Introducers:** REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

**Intro Date:** 2/9/2022

**Categories:** Governor's bills; Health care providers; Health insurance; Medical care; Social services, department of; State medical assistance program;

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**Complete** 02/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

**History:** 02/24/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/1/22 10:00AM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

03/10/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/10/2022 FILED WITH LCO

03/14/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/21/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/21/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/21/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 69

03/21/2022 FILE NO. 39

**SB88 - An Act Concerning Aid In Dying For Terminally Ill Patients.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 2/14/2022

**Categories:** Public health, department of; Reports; Right to die;

**Summary:** To provide aid in dying to terminally ill patients.

**Complete** 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:** 02/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/23/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/04/2022 Joint Favorable

03/04/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/07/2022 FILED WITH LCO

03/08/2022 FILED WITH LCO

03/16/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/22/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/22/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/22/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 78

03/22/2022 FILE NO. 64

04/07/2022 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON JUDICIARY

04/11/2022 MOTION FAILED

**SB89 - An Act Concerning Surgical Smoke.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 2/14/2022

**Categories:** Hospitals; Indoor air pollution; Outpatient surgical facilities; Public health, department of; Reports;

**Summary:** To require hospitals and outpatient surgical facilities to adopt and implement a policy to prevent human exposure to surgical smoke through the use of a surgical smoke evacuation system.

**Complete** 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:** 03/03/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/7/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/11/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/11/2022 FILED WITH LCO

03/17/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/23/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/23/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/23/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 90

03/23/2022 FILE NO. 84

**SB116 - An Act Concerning Notification Of Pesticide Applications Near Lakes And Ponds.**

**Introducers:** Environment Committee

**Intro Date:** 2/16/2022

**Categories:** Lakes; Notices; Pesticides;

**Summary:** To prohibit blanket notices for pesticide applications near lakes and ponds which fail to enable the public to know when pesticides will actually be applied and to require the party contracting with the pesticide applicator in such instances to receive notice of when such pesticides will be applied.

**Complete** 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

**History:** 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/25/22 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/04/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/07/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
03/15/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA  
03/22/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
03/22/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
03/22/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 79  
03/22/2022 FILE NO. 65  
04/13/2022 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A  
04/13/2022 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A  
04/14/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR  
04/14/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 369

**SB118 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Certain Polystyrene Products.**

*Introducers:* Environment Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/16/2022

*Categories:* Catering establishments; Connecticut state colleges and universities; Consumer protection department; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Environmentally preferable products, services or practices; Fines (penalties); Public health, department of; Reports; Restaurants; Schools; Styrofoam; University of connecticut;

*Summary:* To discontinue the use of certain polystyrene trays in schools and certain polystyrene containers for food from restaurants.

*Complete* 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

*History:* 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/25/22 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/04/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/07/2022 FILED WITH LCO

03/16/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/22/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/22/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/22/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 80

03/22/2022 FILE NO. 66

**SB120 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Chlorpyrifos On Golf Courses And Neonicotinoids For Nonagricultural Use.**

*Introducers:* Environment Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/16/2022

*Categories:* Golf courses; Pesticides;

*Summary:* To prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos on golf courses and for nonagricultural use and to restrict the use of neonicotinoids for nonagricultural use.

*Complete* 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

*History:* 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/25/22 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/04/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/07/2022 FILED WITH LCO

03/15/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/22/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/22/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/22/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 82

03/22/2022 FILE NO. 68

04/13/2022 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

**SB166 - An Act Concerning The Period Of Service Of An Acting Building Official.**

*Introducers:* Public Safety and Security Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/22/2022

*Categories:* Building inspectors and officials; State building inspector;

*Summary:* To allow the Commissioner of Administrative Services to appoint the State Building Inspector and expand the qualifications for the position; eliminate the requirement for submission of two copies of certain plans and specifications to the State Building Inspector; replace requirements for distribution of a list of variances and similar exemptions from the State Building Code with Internet publication of the list; extend the time period that an acting building official may serve in that role; repeal provisions regarding certain acoustical standards in schools and path marking systems; and make technical changes.

*Complete* 02/23/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

*History:* 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/3/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/08/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/11/2022 FILED WITH LCO

03/17/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/23/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/23/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/23/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 93

03/23/2022 FILE NO. 87

04/13/2022 SENATE PASSED

04/13/2022 ON CONSENT CALENDAR

04/14/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/14/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 373

**SB187 - An Act Concerning Cottage Food Operations.**

*Introducers:* General Law Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/23/2022

*Categories:* Food; Small businesses;

*Summary:* To increase the cap on total annual gross sales for a cottage food operation from twenty-five thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

*History:* 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/1/22 10:00AM - GENERAL LAW

03/15/2022 Joint Favorable



03/16/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
03/23/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA  
03/29/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
03/29/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
03/29/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 145  
03/29/2022 FILE NO. 156

**SB205 - An Act Establishing A Children's Mental Health Day In Connecticut.**

*Introducers:* Committee on Children

*Intro Date:* 2/23/2022

*Categories:* Holidays and special days;

*Summary:* To establish a day in the state to recognize and raise awareness about children's mental health.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

*History:* 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/1/22 3:00PM - CHILDREN

03/10/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute  
03/11/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
03/16/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA  
03/22/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
03/22/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
03/22/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 86  
03/22/2022 FILE NO. 70

**SB212 - An Act Concerning Permanent Partial Disability Benefits And Pension Offsets.**

*Introducers:* Labor and Public Employees Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/23/2022

*Categories:* Disability benefits; Districts; Municipal employee collective bargaining; Municipal employee retirement;

*Summary:* To prohibit municipal or special taxing district pension systems from diminishing or eliminating certain retirement rights and benefits.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

*History:* 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/3/22 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

03/10/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute  
03/11/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
03/15/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA  
03/22/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
03/22/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
03/22/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 88  
03/22/2022 FILE NO. 74

**SB213 - An Act Allowing Medical Assistants To Administer Vaccines.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/23/2022

*Categories:* Immunization; Medical assistants;

*Summary:* To allow medical assistants to administer vaccines.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/03/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/7/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/18/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute  
03/21/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
03/24/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA  
03/30/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
03/30/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
03/30/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 173  
03/30/2022 FILE NO. 217

**SB218 - An Act Concerning Brownfield Remediation.**

*Introducers:* Commerce Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/23/2022

*Categories:* Brownfields; Environmental audits;

*Summary:* To (1) allow short-term lessees of eligible brownfields to apply to the abandoned brownfield cleanup and the brownfield remediation and revitalization programs, and (2) establish audit deadlines for the abandoned brownfield cleanup program.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON COMMERCE

*History:* 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/1/22 11:00AM - COMMERCE

03/22/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute  
03/23/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
03/28/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA  
04/04/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
04/04/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
04/04/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 216  
04/04/2022 FILE NO. 262  
04/12/2022 ADOPTED, SENATE  
04/12/2022 ON CONSENT CALENDAR  
04/14/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR  
04/14/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 365  
04/14/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER

**SB221 - An Act Concerning Working Conditions.**

*Introducers:* Labor and Public Employees Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/23/2022

*Categories:* Labor; Labor department; State regulations, specific;

*Summary:* To require the Labor Commissioner to adopt regulations regarding safe and equitable working conditions for all employees in the state.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

*History:* 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/3/22 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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03/23/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/23/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 101

03/23/2022 FILE NO. 95

**SB224 - An Act Concerning The Legislative Commissioners' Recommendations For Minor And Technical Revisions To Statutes Concerning Planning And Development.**

*Introducers:* Planning and Development Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/24/2022

*Categories:* Technical corrections bills;

*Summary:* To make minor and technical revisions to statutes concerning planning and development.

*Complete* 02/25/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

*History:* 02/28/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/4/22 12:00PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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03/28/2022 FILE NO. 141

04/13/2022 SENATE PASSED

04/13/2022 ON CONSENT CALENDAR

04/14/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/14/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 375

**SB238 - An Act Concerning Revisions To Certain Environment Related Statutes.**

*Introducers:* Environment Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/28/2022

*Categories:* Advisory bodies; Air pollution; Continuing education; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Environmental permits; Fines (penalties); Forest fires; Forest practitioners; Interstate compacts; Noise; Pesticides; Radioactive materials; Wastewater collection and treatment facilities; Wastewater treatment facility operators;

*Summary:* To make revisions to various programs administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

*Complete* 03/01/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

*History:* 03/02/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/7/22 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/18/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

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04/06/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 248

04/06/2022 FILE NO. 350

04/13/2022 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON JUDICIARY

**SB239 - An Act Prohibiting The Use Of Certain Rodenticides For The Protection Of Hawks, Raptors And Other Wildlife.**

*Introducers:* Environment Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/28/2022

*Categories:* Energy and environmental protection, department of; Rodents; State regulations, specific; Wildlife;

*Summary:* To prohibit the use of certain rodenticides in locations such as state parks and forests for the protection of hawks, raptors and other wildlife that feed upon such rodents.

*Complete* 03/01/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

*History:* 03/02/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/7/22 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

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04/05/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/05/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 227

04/05/2022 FILE NO. 308

**SB240 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Sodium Chloride To Mitigate Snow And Ice Accumulations.**

*Introducers:* Environment Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/28/2022

*Categories:* District departments of health; Drinking water; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Ice; Occupational training; Reports; Snow; State funds; State regulations, specific; Transportation department; University of connecticut;

*Summary:* To provide training, certification and protection from liability for roadside applicators of sodium chloride who use best practices when applying sodium chloride which, in turn, will reduce the environmental impact of such applications.

**Complete** 03/01/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT  
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04/13/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
04/13/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 305  
04/13/2022 FILE NO. 439

**SB255 - An Act Concerning Flame Retardants.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/1/2022

**Categories:** Chemicals; Children; Consumer protection department; State regulations, specific;

**Summary:** To label consumer products containing flame retardants and to restrict the use of flame retardants in children's products.

**Complete** 03/02/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
**History:** 03/03/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/7/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH  
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03/28/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
03/28/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 131  
03/28/2022 FILE NO. 144

**SB259 - An Act Making Technical Corrections To A Fire Safety Code Statute.**

**Introducers:** Public Safety and Security Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/1/2022

**Categories:** Technical corrections bills;

**Summary:** To make technical corrections to a Fire Safety Code statute.

**Complete** 03/02/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY  
**History:** 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/10/22 8:00AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY  
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03/24/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 113  
03/24/2022 FILE NO. 121

**SB280 - An Act Concerning Naturopaths.**

**Introducers:** Human Services Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/2/2022

**Categories:** Medicaid; Natureopathy;

**Summary:** To add services from a licensed naturopath as a covered service under the Medicaid state plan.

**Complete** 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES  
**History:** 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/10/22 10:00AM - HUMAN SERVICES  
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04/05/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 229  
04/05/2022 FILE NO. 310  
04/13/2022 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

**SB367 - An Act Concerning Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems And Vapor Products.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/7/2022

**Categories:** Electronic nicotine delivery systems; Fines (penalties); Mental health and addiction services, department of; Revenue services, department of; Vapor product;

**Summary:** To prohibit the sale of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products that are flavored or that have a nicotine content that is greater than thirty-five milligrams per milliliter.

**Complete** 03/08/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
**History:** 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH  
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04/05/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
04/05/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 235  
04/05/2022 FILE NO. 316

**SB368 - An Act Concerning Suicide Prevention.**



*Introducers:* Public Health Committee  
*Intro Date:* 3/7/2022

*Categories:* Continuing education; Health care providers; Suicide;

*Summary:* To expand the scope of the Youth Suicide Advisory Board and require continuing medical education regarding suicide prevention.

*Complete* 03/08/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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03/29/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/29/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 160

03/29/2022 FILE NO. 189

**SB395 - An Act Concerning Local Government And Employment.**

*Introducers:* Planning and Development Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/8/2022

*Categories:* Technical corrections bills;

*Summary:* To make a technical change in title 7 of the general statutes.

*Complete* 03/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

*History:* 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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04/12/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/12/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 299

04/12/2022 FILE NO. 430

**SB399 - An Act Concerning The Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund And The Sale Of Tobacco Products.**

*Introducers:* Appropriations Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022

*Categories:* Cigarettes; Identification; Tobacco and health trust fund; Tobacco settlement fund;

*Summary:* To restore disbursements to the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund to be used to reduce tobacco and substance abuse and require persons of all ages to present proof of age to purchase cigarettes.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/25/22 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

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04/13/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 312

04/13/2022 FILE NO. 446

**SB414 - An Act Concerning Mental Health Parity.**

*Introducers:* Insurance and Real Estate Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022

*Categories:* Alcoholism treatment; Drug abuse treatment; Health insurance; Insurance department; Mental health services; Reports; Studies;

*Summary:* To require the Insurance Commissioner to report on the effectiveness of the provisions of sections 38a-477ee, 38a-488c, 38a-488d, 38a-514c and 38a-514d of the general statutes.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

*History:* 03/11/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/17/22 9:00AM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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04/05/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 238

04/05/2022 FILE NO. 319

**SB423 - An Act Improving Indoor Air Quality In Public School Classrooms.**

*Introducers:* Labor and Public Employees Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022

*Categories:* Air conditioning; Boards of education; Heating; Indoor air pollution; Labor department; School buildings and grounds; Ventilation;

*Summary:* To require local and regional boards of education to maintain healthy indoor air quality in their schools.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

*History:* 03/11/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/15/22 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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04/05/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 239

04/05/2022 FILE NO. 320

**SB448 - An Act Concerning The Delivery Of Health Care And Mental Health Care Services To Inmates Of Correctional Institutions.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/14/2022

**Categories:** Correction department; Dental care; Medical care; Mental health services; Prenatal care; Prisoners;

**Summary:** To require the Department of Correction to provide necessary and appropriate health care and mental health care services to inmates of correctional institutions.

**Complete** 03/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:** 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/13/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/13/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 316

04/13/2022 FILE NO. 452

**SB451 - An Act Establishing A Working Group To Study The Expansion Of Mental Health Resources To Children.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/14/2022

**Categories:** Child mental health services; Reports; Studies;

**Summary:** To establish a working group to study the expansion of mental health resources to children.

**Complete** 03/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:** 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/05/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 240

04/05/2022 FILE NO. 321

**SB453 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Transfers And Discharges Of Residential Care Home Residents.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/14/2022

**Categories:** Public health, department of; Residential care homes;

**Summary:** To allow residential care homes to qualify as home and community-based settings under the regulations of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**Complete** 03/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:** 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/13/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/13/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 317

04/13/2022 FILE NO. 453

**SB454 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Survey.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/14/2022

**Categories:** High schools; Public health, department of; Surveys;

**Summary:** To require (1) the Department of Public Health to administer the Connecticut School Health Survey, based on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and (2) high schools to participate in the survey, if selected.

**Complete** 03/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/04/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/04/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 223

04/04/2022 FILE NO. 269

**SB456 - An Act Concerning Clean And Safe Well Water.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/15/2022

**Categories:** Groundwater pollution; Wells;

**Summary:** To ensure residents of the state have access to clean and safe well water.

**Complete** 03/16/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:** 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/07/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 269  
04/07/2022 FILE NO. 370

**SB457 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Connecticut's Immunization Information System.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/15/2022

*Categories:* Electronic medical records; Immunization; Public health, department of; State regulations, specific; State-wide health information exchange;

*Summary:* To (1) require that all vaccinations administered in the state are reported to the immunization information system, (2) broaden access to the immunization information system for patients, certain health care providers and local health directors, and (3) require health care providers participating in the federal Vaccines For Children immunization program to order vaccines using the immunization information system.

*Complete* 03/16/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/05/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 241

04/05/2022 FILE NO. 322

**SB458 - An Act Concerning The Provision Of Substance Use Disorder Services And Mental Health Services To Individuals Who Are Incarcerated.**

*Introducers:* Judiciary Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/17/2022

*Categories:* Alcoholism treatment; Correction department; Drug abuse treatment; Mental health services; Prisoners; Reports;

*Summary:* To require the Commissioner of Correction to review, evaluate, and make recommendations on the provision of substance use disorder treatment services and mental health services to individuals who are incarcerated.

*Complete* 03/18/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

*History:* 03/21/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/25/22 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

03/31/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

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**SB469 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Competitive Procurement For State Contracts.**

*Introducers:* Government Administration and Elections Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/17/2022

*Categories:* Personal service agreements; State procurement;

*Summary:* To define competitive procurement and permit its use for the purchase or acquisition of services by a state agency.

*Complete* 03/18/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

*History:* 03/21/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/25/22 10:00AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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04/14/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/14/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 336

04/14/2022 FILE NO. 490

**SB473 - An Act Concerning The State Contracting Standards Board.**

*Introducers:* Government Administration and Elections Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/17/2022

*Categories:* Appropriations; Bids and bidding; Municipal contracts; Quasi-public agencies; State contracting standards board; State contracts; State procurement;

*Summary:* To make revisions to provisions concerning the State Contracting Standards Board, including by giving the board authority over quasi-public agency and municipal procurement, requiring the hiring of full-time staff for the board, prohibiting the Governor from reducing allotments to the board and limiting the selection of contractors from a list without a competitive process to emergency procurements.

*Complete* 03/18/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

*History:* 03/21/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/25/22 10:00AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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04/14/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 339

04/14/2022 FILE NO. 474

04/14/2022 FILE NO. 481

**SB476 - An Act Concerning The Office Of Health Strategy's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To Community Benefits Programs Administered By Hospitals.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/22/2022

*Categories:* Health strategy, office of; Hospital community benefits programs; Reports;

*Summary:* To make various revisions to community benefit programs administered by hospitals.



*Complete* 03/23/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
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**SB477 - An Act Concerning The Public Health Of Residents Of The State.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/22/2022

*Categories:* Appropriations; Assisted living services; Commissions; Crime prevention; Firearms offenses; Holidays and special days; Intellectual disabilities, persons with; Maternal and child health protection programs; Maternity homes and hospitals; Mental health facilities; Reports;

*Summary:* To address the public health needs of residents of the state.

*Complete* 03/23/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
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**HB5001 - An Act Concerning Children's Mental Health.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/16/2022

*Categories:* Alcoholism treatment; Appropriations; Behavioral health services; Boards of education; Child health services; Child mental, emotional and behavioral health; Children and families, department of; Connecticut higher education supplemental loan authority; Drug abuse treatment; Drugs; Education department; Emergency communications; Emergency medical services; Federal aid; Grants by the state; Health insurance; Health insurance rates; Healthcare advocate, office of the; Husky plan; Insurance department; Master social workers; Mastery examinations; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Mental health facilities; Mental health services; Outpatient psychiatric clinics for children; Professional licenses; Public health, department of; Public safety answering points; Public utilities regulatory authority; Reciprocity; Reports; Respite care; Scholarships; School employees; School health services; Social services, department of; Social workers; State funds; State regulations, specific; Student loans; Student truancy; Studies; Suicide; Telecommunications services; Telemedicine;

*Summary:* To improve the availability and provision of mental health, behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services to children.

*Complete* 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
*History:* 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/25/22 1:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS  
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04/07/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 261  
04/07/2022 FILE NO. 371  
04/13/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**HB5047 - An Act Concerning The Extension Of Certain Executive Orders And Department Of Public Health Authority.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Matthew Ritter (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Rep. Jason Rojas (D)

*Intro Date:* 2/9/2022

*Complete* 02/09/2022 EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION  
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02/10/2022 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B  
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02/15/2022 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR IN ORIGINAL  
02/18/2022 SPECIAL ACT  
03/02/2022 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE  
03/03/2022 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE

**HB5119 - An Act Permitting Pharmacists To Administer The Influenza Vaccine To Children Twelve Years Of Age And Older.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/14/2022

*Categories:* Age; Child health services; Immunization; Influenza; Pharmacists;

*Summary:* To permit pharmacists to administer the influenza vaccine to children twelve years of age and older with the consent of a parent or guardian.

*Complete* 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
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03/23/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 102  
03/23/2022 FILE NO. 99

**HB5145 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Portable Wastewater Containers.**

*Introducers:* Environment Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/16/2022

*Categories:* Camps and camping facilities;

*Summary:* To allow the use of portable wastewater holding tanks, known as "blue boys", for transferring wastewater from a camping unit to a sanitary disposal station at both state and private campgrounds.

*Complete* 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

*History:* 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/25/22 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

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03/21/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 74

03/21/2022 FILE NO. 35

**HB5147 - An Act Concerning Physician Assistants And The Palliative Use Of Marijuana.**

*Introducers:* General Law Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/16/2022

*Categories:* Marijuana; Physician assistants;

*Summary:* To authorize physician assistants to perform duties that are similar to the duties that physicians and advanced practice registered nurses are authorized to perform with respect to the palliative use of marijuana.

*Complete* 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

*History:* 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/22/22 10:00AM - GENERAL LAW

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03/29/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 147

03/29/2022 FILE NO. 174

**HB5152 - An Act Extending The Statute Of Limitations For Failure To Make A Report As A Mandated Reporter And Requiring Certain Youth Camp Staff Members To Be Mandated Reporters.**

*Introducers:* Committee on Children

*Intro Date:* 2/16/2022

*Categories:* Child abuse and neglect reports of cases; Child health; Public health, department of; Reports; Statute of limitations; Studies; Youth camps;

*Summary:* To direct the Commissioner of Public Health to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within the Department of Public Health may improve the health of children.

*Complete* 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

*History:* 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING

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03/28/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/28/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 134

03/28/2022 FILE NO. 125

04/06/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**HB5154 - An Act Requiring The Provision Of Information Concerning Children's Mental Health And Domestic Violence By Police Officers And Emergency Medical Technicians.**

*Introducers:* Committee on Children

*Intro Date:* 2/16/2022

*Categories:* Child mental, emotional and behavioral health; Domestic violence; Emergency medical services; Emergency medical technicians; Police; State police; Victim services, office of;

*Summary:* To require (1) police officers to maintain in such officers' vehicles copies of documents concerning behavioral and mental health evaluation and treatment resources available to children and services and resources available to victims of domestic violence, and distribute such copies at such officers' discretion, and (2) the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council and Department of Education to provide such documents to the Division of State Police and municipal police departments.

*Complete* 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

*History:* 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING

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03/22/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/22/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 89

03/22/2022 FILE NO. 60

**HB5155 - An Act Concerning The Safe Storage And Disposal Of Opioid Drugs, Cannabis And Cannabis Products.**

*Introducers:* Committee on Children

*Intro Date:* 2/16/2022



**Categories:** Consumer protection department; Drugs; Marijuana; Pharmacies; State regulations, specific; Storage;

**Summary:** To require (1) the Department of Consumer Protection to develop and distribute documents concerning the safe storage of cannabis, cannabis products and prescription drugs, and (2) cannabis retailers and hybrid retailers and pharmacists to distribute such documents to consumers.

**Complete** 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

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03/30/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR  
03/30/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 176  
03/30/2022 FILE NO. 195

**HB5169 - An Act Concerning The Recommendations Of The Intergovernmental Policy And Planning Division Within The Office Of Policy And Management.**

**Introducers:** Planning and Development Committee

**Intro Date:** 2/16/2022

**Categories:** Cemeteries and cemetery associations; Property tax; Property tax exemptions for veterans; Property tax relief programs for elderly homeowners, renters and disabled persons; State grants in lieu of taxes; Tax collectors; Valuation and revaluation;

**Summary:** To implement the recommendations of the Office of Policy and Management concerning property tax exemptions, special taxing districts, neglected cemeteries, revaluation of real property, property tax assessment and appeals, tax overpayment refunds, tax collection, payment in lieu of taxes and the elimination of municipal requirements relating to fiscal disparities.

**Complete** 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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03/16/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
03/16/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR  
03/16/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 52  
03/16/2022 FILE NO. 25

**HB5172 - An Act Concerning Reemployment And The Municipal Employees' Retirement System.**

**Introducers:** Planning and Development Committee

**Intro Date:** 2/16/2022

**Categories:** Firefighter retirement; Municipal employee retirement; Police retirement; School employees;

**Summary:** To (1) create an exception to the prohibition on retired members of the municipal employees' retirement system from receiving retirement allowances upon reemployment by a municipality for members who do not participate in the municipal employees' retirement system during such period of reemployment, and (2) permit retired public safety personnel to receive retirement allowances, but not credit in a municipal pension system, if such personnel are employed by a local or regional board of education in a public safety capacity after retirement.

**Complete** 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**History:** 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/25/22 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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04/05/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR  
04/05/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 218  
04/05/2022 FILE NO. 288

**HB5201 - An Act Concerning Public Health Concerns In The Acquisition Of Water Companies.**

**Introducers:** Energy and Technology Committee

**Intro Date:** 2/22/2022

**Categories:** Public health; Public utilities regulatory authority; Water companies;

**Summary:** To require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to consider public health concerns identified by the Department of Public Health in ordering water company acquisitions.

**Complete** 02/23/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

**History:** 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/3/22 10:30AM - ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY  
03/22/2022 Joint Favorable  
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03/31/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA  
04/06/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
04/06/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR  
04/06/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 236  
04/06/2022 FILE NO. 324  
04/11/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
04/13/2022 Joint Favorable  
04/13/2022 FILED WITH LCO  
04/13/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO  
04/13/2022 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
04/13/2022 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

**HB5236 - An Act Concerning Architects Who Voluntarily And Without Compensation Assist Public Officials In Evaluating The Safety Elements Of Built Environments In The Aftermath Of A Major Disaster Or Emergency.**

**Introducers:** Judiciary Committee

**Intro Date:** 2/23/2022



*Categories:* Architects; Disasters; Emergencies; Liability;

*Summary:* To provide legal protections to architects who voluntarily and without compensation assist public officials in evaluating the safety elements of built environments in the aftermath of a major disaster or emergency.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

*History:* 02/24/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/4/22 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

04/04/2022 Joint Favorable

04/04/2022 FILED WITH LCO

04/13/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

**HB5244 - An Act Concerning The Provision Of Opioid Antagonists In Schools.**

*Introducers:* Committee on Children

*Intro Date:* 2/23/2022

*Categories:* Children and families, department of; Controlled substances; District departments of health; Drug abuse treatment; First aid; Grants by the state; School health services;

*Summary:* To provide grants to school districts for the acquisition of opioid antagonists if they include training in screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) to educators as part of the school district's in-service training program, and to authorize the administration of opioid antagonists in schools in emergency situations.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

*History:* 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/1/22 3:00PM - CHILDREN

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03/28/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/28/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 135

03/28/2022 FILE NO. 126

**HB5256 - An Act Concerning The Regionalization Of Local And Regional Transit Districts.**

*Introducers:* Transportation Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/23/2022

*Categories:* Reports; Studies; Task forces; Transit districts;

*Summary:* To establish a task force to study the consolidation of local and regional transit districts.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION

*History:* 03/03/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/7/22 11:00AM - TRANSPORTATION

03/24/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

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04/11/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/11/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 274

04/11/2022 FILE NO. 381

**HB5261 - An Act Increasing Access To Reproductive Health Care.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/23/2022

*Categories:* Abortion;

*Summary:* To increase access to reproductive health care.

*Complete* 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/03/2022 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/9/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/13/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/13/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/13/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 330

04/13/2022 FILE NO. 467

**HB5271 - An Act Concerning The Provision Of Outdoor Food And Beverage Services And Outdoor Displays Of Goods.**

*Introducers:* Planning and Development Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/24/2022

*Categories:* Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Food factories, warehouses and establishments; Restaurants; Zoning;

*Summary:* To extend the application of certain temporary provisions concerning the permitting of outdoor food and beverage services and outdoor displays of goods until April 30, 2023, and delay the application of certain permanent provisions concerning the permitting of outdoor food and beverage services until May 1, 2023.

*Complete* 02/25/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

*History:* 02/28/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/4/22 12:00PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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03/14/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/14/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 40

03/14/2022 FILE NO. 8

03/16/2022 RULES SUSPENDED

03/16/2022 HOUSE PASSED

03/16/2022 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANSMITTED TO SENATE  
03/16/2022 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.  
03/16/2022 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 62  
03/23/2022 SENATE PASSED  
03/23/2022 IN CONCURRENCE  
03/23/2022 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR  
03/24/2022 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR IN ORIGINAL  
03/29/2022 PUBLIC ACT  
04/07/2022 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE

**HB5272 - An Act Concerning Menstrual Products.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/25/2022

*Categories:* Connecticut state colleges and universities; Correctional institutions; Feminine hygiene products; High schools; Middle schools; Public health, department of; Shelters for the homeless; University of connecticut; Women;

*Summary:* To require the provision of free menstrual products in various settings.

*Complete* 02/28/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/03/2022 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/9/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/13/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/13/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 331

04/13/2022 FILE NO. 468

**HB5273 - An Act Establishing A State-Wide Stroke Registry.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/25/2022

*Categories:* Health care data; Public health, department of; Stroke;

*Summary:* To establish a state-wide stroke registry.

*Complete* 02/28/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/03/2022 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/9/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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03/23/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/23/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 113

03/23/2022 FILE NO. 110

04/13/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**HB5294 - An Act Concerning The Intentional Release Of Certain Balloons.**

*Introducers:* Environment Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/28/2022

*Categories:* Infractions; Pollution prevention;

*Summary:* To prohibit the intentional release of certain helium balloons that become a source of litter in the landscape and waterways of the state.

*Complete* 03/01/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

*History:* 03/09/2022 PUBLIC HEARING

03/28/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

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04/13/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/13/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 334

04/13/2022 FILE NO. 471

**HB5295 - An Act Concerning Agriculture Development And Innovation.**

*Introducers:* Environment Committee

*Intro Date:* 2/28/2022

*Categories:* Agricultural development, governor's council for; Agriculture; Agriculture, department of; Connecticut grown food; Eggs; Motor vehicle license plates; State regulations, specific;

*Summary:* To (1) make changes to the Agricultural Development Council, (2) prescribe requirements for producers selling eggs directly for home consumption, (3) authorize rabbit processing facilities in the state, (4) establish a CT Grown license plate, and (5) repeal the Aquaculture Advisory Council.

*Complete* 03/01/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

*History:* 03/02/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/7/22 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

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04/13/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 335

04/13/2022 FILE NO. 472

*Introducers:* Aging Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/2/2022

*Categories:* Health care facilities; Nurses; Nursing homes; Public health, department of; Social services, department of; State regulations, specific; Temporary employment;

*Summary:* To require that temporary nursing services agencies register with the Department of Public Health and that the Department of Social Services set maximum rates for such services provided to nursing homes.

*Complete* 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGING

*History:* 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/8/22 12:00PM - AGING

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03/28/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/28/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 141

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04/06/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

04/13/2022 Joint Favorable

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04/13/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/13/2022 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

04/13/2022 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

**HB5329 - An Act Concerning Cannabis.**

*Introducers:* General Law Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/2/2022

*Categories:* Fees; Fines (penalties); General law, joint committee on; Hemp; Licenses; Marijuana; Outdoor advertising; Reports; Studies; Zoning;

*Summary:* To: (1) Impose additional limitations on the manner in which cannabis may be gifted, sold or transferred; (2) impose additional penalties for prohibited gifts, sales and transfers of cannabis; (3) specify that a producer (A) shall be liable for the remainder of the full conversion fee if the producer fails to create two equity joint ventures that receive a final license within a specified time frame, and (B) that receives license expansion authorization shall not create more than two equity joint ventures; (4) specify that a dispensary facility (A) shall be liable for the remainder of the full conversion fee if the dispensary facility fails to create two equity joint ventures that each receive a final license within a specified time frame, and (B) that converts its license to a hybrid-retailer license shall not create more than two equity joint ventures; (5) provide that the Social Equity Council shall not approve any equity joint venture that shares the same social equity applicant with another equity joint venture; (6) ban cannabis billboard advertisements; (7) modify certain provisions concerning advertisements by cannabis establishments and related businesses; and (8) eliminate a provision that prohibits a municipality from granting zoning approval for more retailers or micro-cultivators than a number that would allow for one retailer and one micro-cultivator for every twenty-five thousand residents of the municipality.

*Complete* 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

*History:* 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/8/22 10:00AM - GENERAL LAW

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03/30/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 183

03/30/2022 FILE NO. 202

**HB5337 - An Act Concerning A "Connecticut Food Is Medicine" Task Force And Healthy Eating Incentives.**

*Introducers:* Human Services Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/2/2022

*Categories:* Agricultural products; Agriculture, department of; Farmers' market coupon programs; Public health, department of; Reports; Social services, department of; Studies; Supplemental nutrition assistance program; Task forces;

*Summary:* To establish a task force to study ways to expand nutritional assistance and create incentives for healthier eating.

*Complete* 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

*History:* 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/10/22 10:00AM - HUMAN SERVICES

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04/11/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 278

04/11/2022 FILE NO. 390

**HB5356 - An Act Concerning Pandemic Pay For Essential Workers.**

*Introducers:* Labor and Public Employees Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/2/2022

*Categories:* Appropriations; Compensation; Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Employees; Reports; State funds;

*Summary:* To provide essential workers with pandemic pay for their service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Complete* 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

*History:* 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/8/22 9:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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04/13/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 338



04/13/2022 FILE NO. 458

**HB5357 - An Act Concerning Mandatory Overtime For Nurses In Hospitals.**

**Introducers:** Labor and Public Employees Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/2/2022

**Categories:** Home health agencies; Hospital personnel; Nurses; Overtime;

**Summary:** To put limitations on the mandatory overtime required of nurses.

**Complete** 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

**History:** 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/8/22 9:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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04/04/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 212

04/04/2022 FILE NO. 281

04/11/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

04/13/2022 Joint Favorable

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04/13/2022 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

04/13/2022 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

**HB5359 - An Act Establishing A Working Group To Study The Feasibility Of Permitting The Online Advertisement Of Legal Notices By Municipalities.**

**Introducers:** Planning and Development Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/2/2022

**Categories:** Electronic government information; Intergovernmental relations, advisory commission on; Municipalities; Notices; Policy and management, office of; Reports; Studies;

**Summary:** To require the Office of Policy and Management to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of permitting the online advertisement of legal notices by municipalities.

**Complete** 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**History:** 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/9/22 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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03/29/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 160

03/29/2022 FILE NO. 169

**HB5364 - An Act Concerning The Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/2/2022

**Categories:** Tobacco and health trust fund; Tobacco settlement fund;

**Summary:** To restore disbursements to the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund to be used to reduce tobacco and substance abuse.

**Complete** 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:** 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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03/28/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/28/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 145

03/28/2022 FILE NO. 154

04/13/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**HB5395 - An Act Concerning An Expedited Licensure Process For Certain Out-Of-State Health Care Providers And Mental Health Care Providers.**

**Introducers:** Public Health Committee

**Intro Date:** 3/7/2022

**Categories:** Child mental, emotional and behavioral health; Children and families, department of; Health care providers; Interstate compacts; Mental health services; Physicians; Professional licenses; Psychology and psychologists; Public health, department of; Reciprocity; Reports; Telemedicine;

**Summary:** To adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to establish an expedited licensure process for physicians and psychologists licensed in other states who have adopted said compacts and to require the Department of Public Health to develop a plan for licensure by reciprocity or endorsement for other out-of-state health care providers and mental health care providers.

**Complete** 03/08/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:** 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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03/29/2022 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/29/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/29/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 163

03/29/2022 FILE NO. 173

**HB5396 - An Act Increasing Access To Mental Health Medication.**

Introducers: Public Health Committee  
Intro Date: 3/7/2022

Categories: Advisory bodies; Appropriations; Consumer protection department; Controlled substances schedules; Drugs; Grants by the state; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Mental health services; State funds;

Summary: To increase access to mental health medication.

Complete 03/08/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/18/2022 Joint Favorable

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03/31/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/31/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 197

03/31/2022 FILE NO. 237

04/13/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**HB5401 - An Act Exempting Covid-19 At-Home Test Kits From The Sales And Use Taxes.**

Introducers: Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Intro Date: 3/8/2022

Categories: Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Medical tests; Sales and use tax exemptions;

Summary: To exempt COVID-19 at-home test kits from the sales and use taxes.

Complete 03/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History: 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/15/22 9:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

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**HB5414 - An Act Concerning Protections For Persons Receiving And Providing Reproductive Health Care Services In The State.**

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 3/8/2022

Categories: Civil actions; Confidentiality; Damages; Family planning; Health care providers; State employees; State officers; Subpoenas;

Summary: To provide protections for persons receiving and providing reproductive health care services in the state.

Complete 03/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

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04/14/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 383

04/14/2022 FILE NO. 509

**HB5419 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Mental Health And Addiction Services' Recommendations Regarding Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations.**

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/8/2022

Categories: Behavioral health services; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Regionalism;

Summary: To codify the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' existing practices regarding regional behavioral health action organizations.

Complete 03/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/06/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 250

04/06/2022 FILE NO. 338

**HB5420 - An Act Concerning Mental Health Needs Of And Services For Police Officers, Certain Requirements Regarding Police Training And Certain Reports.**

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Intro Date: 3/8/2022

Categories: Appropriations; Behavioral health services; Disabled persons; Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system; Institute for municipal and regional policy; Mental health; Police; Police officer standards and training council; Police training; Reports; Studies; Task forces;

Summary: To (1) prohibit discipline of a police officer solely due to receipt of services as a result of a behavioral health assessment; (2) require the Police Officer Standards and Training Council to develop training curriculum for police officer interactions with persons who have mental or physical disabilities, and persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind; (3) appropriate money for crisis intervention training for police officers; (4) establish a task force to study the mental health needs of law enforcement officers; (5) require a study to determine the percentage of 9-1-1 dispatch calls that would be more appropriately directed to the 2-1-1 Infoline; (6) require a report on the use of online or remote technology by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council for police officer training after initial certification; and (7) require a report on the Community and Law Enforcement for Addiction Recovery project.

Complete 03/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 03/11/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/17/22 10:00AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

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04/06/2022 FILE NO. 339  
04/13/2022 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**HB5425 - An Act Concerning Municipalities And Shared Services.**

*Introducers:* Planning and Development Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/8/2022

*Categories:* Technical corrections bills;

*Summary:* To make a technical change in title 7 of the general statutes.

*Complete* 03/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

*History:* 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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04/12/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/12/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 292

04/12/2022 FILE NO. 413

**HB5427 - An Act Concerning The Recommendations Of The Office Of Finance Within The Office Of Policy And Management.**

*Introducers:* Planning and Development Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/8/2022

*Categories:* Municipal employee retirement; Municipal finance; Municipal finance advisory commission;

*Summary:* To implement the recommendations of the Office of Policy and Management concerning municipal finances and the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission.

*Complete* 03/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

*History:* 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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04/06/2022 Joint Favorable

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**HB5428 - An Act Concerning Building Officials, Resources Relating To The Administration Of The State Building Code And The Promotion Of Careers In Related Fields.**

*Introducers:* Planning and Development Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/8/2022

*Categories:* Academic degrees; Administrative services, department of; Building inspectors and officials; Electronic records; Policy and management, office of; Professional licenses; Regional councils of governments; Regional planning incentive account; Reports; State building code; Studies;

*Summary:* To (1) establish a pilot program for the provision of building inspection services on a regional basis, (2) specify that building officials who fail to perform the duties of their office may be dismissed without opportunity for a public hearing, (3) require the Commissioner of Administrative Services to develop and implement a process for the digitization of records relating to the administration of the state building code, (4) require the Commissioner of Administrative Services to study options for reciprocal licensure of building officials from other jurisdictions, and (5) require the Commissioners of Administrative Services and Higher Education to study options to encourage community college students to pursue careers as building officials.

*Complete* 03/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

*History:* 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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04/12/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/12/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 294

04/12/2022 FILE NO. 415

**HB5430 - An Act Concerning Opioids.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/8/2022

*Categories:* Controlled substances; Group homes; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Methadone; Pharmacists; Public health, department of; Reports;

*Summary:* To combat the opioid epidemic in the state.

*Complete* 03/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/10/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/14/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/12/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/12/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 295

04/12/2022 FILE NO. 416

**HB5433 - An Act Establishing A Council On Mental And Behavioral Health Program Oversight.**

*Introducers:* Appropriations Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022



*Categories:* Advisory bodies; Alcoholism treatment; Behavioral health services; Drug abuse treatment; Mental health services; Reports;

*Summary:* To establish a council on mental and behavioral health program oversight.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

*History:* 03/11/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/18/22 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

04/07/2022 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/08/2022 FILED WITH LCO

**HB5434 - An Act Concerning Legislative Approval Of The Expenditure Of Federal Block Grant Funding.**

*Introducers:* Appropriations Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022

*Categories:* Block grants; Federal aid;

*Summary:* To require legislative review and approval when state agencies receive additional block grant funding.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/25/22 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

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**HB5435 - An Act Establishing A Task Force On Substance Use Disorder Services And The Expenditure Of Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds.**

*Introducers:* Appropriations Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022

*Categories:* Alcoholism treatment; Drug abuse treatment; Reports; Structured settlements; Studies; Task forces;

*Summary:* To establish a task force to review and make recommendations concerning substance use disorder programs and services available in the state and the expenditure of opioid litigation settlement funds.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/25/22 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

04/07/2022 Joint Favorable

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**HB5436 - An Act Concerning Legislative Oversight And Approval For The Expenditure Of Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds.**

*Introducers:* Appropriations Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022

*Categories:* Appropriations, joint committee on; Policy and management, office of; Public health, joint committee on; Reports; Structured settlements;

*Summary:* To require legislative oversight and approval for the expenditure of opioid litigation settlement funds.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/25/22 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

04/07/2022 Joint Favorable

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**HB5441 - An Act Adopting The Recommendations Of The Task Force To Study The State Workforce And Retiring Employees.**

*Introducers:* Labor and Public Employees Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022

*Categories:* Administrative services, department of; Comptroller; Department heads; Internships; Labor unions; Policy and management, office of; State employees; Studies;

*Summary:* To adopt the recommendations of the task force to study state workforce and retiring employees.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

*History:* 03/11/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/15/22 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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04/12/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 297

04/12/2022 FILE NO. 418

**HB5445 - An Act Concerning State Staffing Levels.**

*Introducers:* Labor and Public Employees Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022

*Categories:* Administrative services, department of; Department heads; Reports; State employees; Technical education and career system;

*Summary:* To implement policies that promote hiring in state agencies, such as automatically refilling job vacancies and continuous recruitment.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

*History:* 03/11/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/15/22 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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04/11/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 282

04/11/2022 FILE NO. 405

**HB5451 - An Act Concerning Revisions To Statutes Concerning The Comptroller.**

*Introducers:* Government Administration and Elections Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/10/2022

*Categories:* Comptroller; Municipal employee retirement; State employees;

*Summary:* To modify the procurement process for payroll deduction slots, to remove the prohibition against a retired municipal employee earning retirement credit when employed by a nonparticipating municipality while receiving retirement benefits and to repeal requirements for a biennial report concerning CORE-CT and a report regarding labor management savings for each fiscal year.

*Complete* 03/11/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

*History:* 03/14/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/18/22 11:00AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS  
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04/13/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 340  
04/13/2022 FILE NO. 460

**HB5459 - An Act Requiring The Online Posting Of Meeting Notices Of State Public Agencies.**

*Introducers:* Government Administration and Elections Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/10/2022

*Categories:* Meetings; Notices; State agencies;

*Summary:* To require the posting of the notice of all public agency of the state meetings on the Secretary of the State's Internet web site.

*Complete* 03/11/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

*History:* 03/14/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/18/22 11:00AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS  
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04/13/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR  
04/13/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 341  
04/13/2022 FILE NO. 461

**HB5476 - An Act Concerning The Provision Of Partial Fee Reductions By Municipal Stormwater Authorities And The Inclusion Of Heating, Ventilating And Air Conditioning Systems In School Building Project Grant Payments.**

*Introducers:* Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/14/2022

*Categories:* Air conditioning; Heating; School building projects; Stormwater management; Ventilation;

*Summary:* To (1) establish partial fee reductions for properties with certain stormwater management systems, and (2) include heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems in the projects eligible for school building project grants.

*Complete* 03/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

*History:* 03/16/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING  
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04/14/2022 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

**HB5479 - An Act Concerning Indoor Air Quality In Schools.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/14/2022

*Categories:* Air conditioning; Boards of education; Heating; Indoor air pollution; Public health, department of; School buildings and grounds; Ventilation;

*Summary:* To require local and regional boards of education to maintain healthy indoor air quality in their schools.

*Complete* 03/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH  
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04/11/2022 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR  
04/11/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 285  
04/11/2022 FILE NO. 395

**HB5480 - An Act Concerning The Accessibility Of Mental Health Services.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/14/2022

*Categories:* Mental health services; Psychology and psychologists; Telemedicine;

*Summary:* To permit students enrolled in a doctorate degree program in psychology at an institution of higher education in the state to provide professional psychological services in person and through the use of telehealth while under the supervision of a licensed psychologist to improve the accessibility of mental health services in the state.

*Complete* 03/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH  
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04/04/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 216  
04/04/2022 FILE NO. 285

**HB5481 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Change Of Ownership In Health Care Facilities.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/14/2022

*Categories:* Health care facilities; Public health, department of;

*Summary:* To (1) expand the circumstances in which a change in ownership of a health care facility or institution requires approval by the Department of Public Health; and (2) establish an application process for the approval of changes in ownership of health care facilities and institutions.

*Complete* 03/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/12/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 301

04/12/2022 FILE NO. 422

**HB5485 - An Act Concerning Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.**

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/15/2022

*Categories:* Acupuncture; Advisory bodies; Civil commitment; Electronic nicotine delivery systems; Liquor permits; Reports; Vapor product;

*Summary:* To make various revisions to the public health statutes.

*Complete* 03/16/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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04/12/2022 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 302

04/12/2022 FILE NO. 423

**HB5492 - An Act Concerning The Process For Public Health And Civil Preparedness Emergency Declarations.**

*Introducers:* Government Administration and Elections Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/17/2022

*Categories:* Civil preparedness; Emergencies; Executive orders; General assembly; Governor; Public health;

*Summary:* To modify the process of public health and civil preparedness emergency declarations, including by requiring legislative approval for renewal declarations issued one hundred eighty days or more after the initial declaration, permitting the legislative disapproval of executive orders issued one hundred eighty days or more after the initial declaration and permitting the legislative disapproval of any declaration of civil preparedness emergency regardless of cause.

*Complete* 03/18/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

*History:* 03/21/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/25/22 10:00AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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### ~~SB41 - An Act Concerning Funding For Brownfield Remediation Projects.~~

*Introducers:* Sen. Kevin C. Kelly (R)

*Intro Date:* 2/14/2022

*Categories:* Appropriations; Brownfield remediation and development account;

*Summary:* To increase funding for brownfield remediation projects.

*Complete* 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

*History:* 02/25/2022 Change of Reference FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

02/28/2022 CHG. REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

02/28/2022 CHG. REF., HOUSE TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

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### ~~SB58 - An Act Exempting Covid-19 Test Kits From The Sales And Use Taxes.~~

*Introducers:* Sen. John A. Kissel (R)

*Intro Date:* 2/14/2022

*Categories:* Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Medical tests; Sales and use tax exemptions;

*Summary:* To exempt test kits for COVID-19 and its variants from the sales and use taxes.



Complete 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~**SB61—An Act Exempting Personal Protective Equipment And Covid-19 Test Kits From The Sales And Use Taxes.**~~

Introducers: Sen. Heather S. Somers (R)

Intro Date: 2/14/2022

Categories: Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Income tax exemptions (state); Medical tests;

Summary: To exempt personal protective equipment and COVID-19 test kits from the sales and use taxes.

Complete 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~**SB198—An Act Concerning The Use Of Tobacco Settlement Funds.**~~

Introducers: Sen. Mae Flexer (D)

Intro Date: 2/16/2022

Categories: Tobacco; Tobacco settlement fund;

Summary: To increase funding for tobacco prevention, cessation and enforcement programs.

Complete 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History:

~~**SB115—An Act Concerning Extended Producer Responsibility For Consumer Packaging.**~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/16/2022

Categories: Energy and environmental protection, department of; Environmentally preferable products, services or practices; Fines (penalties); Packaging; Product stewardship programs; Recycling; Reports;

Summary: To establish a stewardship program for the collection and recycling of consumer packaging.

Complete 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/25/22 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

~~**SB139—An Act Concerning The Use Of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems And Vapor Products By Children.**~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/18/2022

Categories: Electronic nicotine delivery systems; Fines (penalties); Vapor product;

Summary: To discourage the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products by children.

Complete 02/22/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

~~**SB144—An Act Concerning Bond Authorizations For And Grants Under The Small Town Economic Assistance Program.**~~

Introducers: Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D)

Intro Date: 2/18/2022

Categories: Small town economic assistance; State bonds for economic development;

Summary: To increase bond authorizations for the small town economic assistance program, increase maximum grants to municipalities under the program and adjust requirements for receiving a grant.

Complete 02/22/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~**SB201—An Act Establishing The Healthy Housing Assistance Pilot Program.**~~

Introducers: Housing Committee

Intro Date: 2/23/2022

Categories: Asthma; Housing, department of; Low income housing; Rental assistance programs; Reports;

Summary: To establish a pilot program to provide rental assistance certificates to assist families who have children with persistent asthma to move to healthier environments.

Complete 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING

History: 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/1/22 1:00PM - HOUSING

~~**SB248—An Act Concerning The Connecticut Drinking Water Supply.**~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2022

Categories: Drinking water; Solar energy; Water supply;

Summary: To protect the quality and availability of public water supplies to meet the state's public health, safety and economic development needs.

Complete 03/01/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

~~**SB299—An Act Establishing A Task Force Concerning The Use Of The State Administered General Assistance Program To Address Homelessness.**~~

Introducers: Housing Committee

Intro Date: 3/2/2022

Categories: Homeless persons; Reports; State administered general assistance (saga); Studies; Task forces;

Summary: To establish a task force to examine the use of the state-administered general assistance program and other state assistance to address homelessness.

Complete 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING

History: 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/10/22 12:00PM - HOUSING

~~SB319 - An Act Concerning Deadlines For Arbitration Awards:~~

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Intro Date: 3/2/2022

Categories: Labor arbitration; Municipal employees;

Summary: To require municipal arbitration cases to conclude within a six-month time frame from the commencement of the proceedings.

Complete 03/03/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 03/04/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/8/22 9:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

~~SB375 - An Act Concerning Telehealth:~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/7/2022

Categories: Telemedicine;

Summary: To extend the expansion of telehealth provisions in the state to June 30, 2024.

Complete 03/08/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

~~HB5013 - An Act Exempting Personal Protective Equipment And Covid-19 Rapid Tests From The Sales And Use Taxes:~~

Introducers: Rep. Vincent J. Candelora (R); Rep. Laura M. Devlin (R); Rep. Tom O'Dea (R); Rep. Jason Perillo (R); Rep. Rosa C. Rebimbas (R); Rep. Lezlye Zupkus (R)

Intro Date: 2/8/2022

Categories: Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Medical supplies and equipment; Medical tests; Sales and use tax exemptions;

Summary: To exempt from the sales and use taxes the sale of and the storage, use or other consumption in this state of personal protective equipment and COVID-19 rapid tests.

Complete 02/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~HB5029 - An Act Exempting Certain Covid-19 At-Home Test Kits From The Sales And Use Taxes:~~

Introducers: Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D)

Intro Date: 2/8/2022

Categories: Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Drugs; Medical tests; Sales and use tax exemptions;

Summary: To exempt from the sales and use taxes the sale of and the storage, use or other consumption in this state of federal Food and Drug Administration-approved COVID-19 antigen and PCR at-home test kits.

Complete 02/09/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~HB5060 - An Act Exempting Covid-19 At-Home Test Kits From The Sales And Use Taxes:~~

Introducers: Rep. Holly H. Cheeseman (R)

Intro Date: 2/10/2022

Categories: Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Medical tests; Sales and use tax exemptions;

Summary: To exempt COVID-19 at-home test kits from the sales and use taxes.

Complete 02/14/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~HB5075 - An Act Concerning Funding For Suicide Prevention:~~

Introducers: Rep. Juan R. Candelaria (D)

Intro Date: 2/14/2022

Categories: Appropriations; Suicide;

Summary: To provide suicide prevention training and workshops for behavioral health providers, school employees, faculty members at institutions of higher education, students, community members and their families.

Complete 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History:

~~HB5077 - An Act Concerning Funding For Tobacco Control, Prevention And Cessation Efforts:~~

Introducers: Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D)

Intro Date: 2/14/2022

Categories: Appropriations; Tobacco; Tobacco settlement fund;

Summary: To annually provide twelve million dollars to tobacco control, prevention and cessation efforts in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's best practices.

Complete 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History:

~~HB5078 - An Act Concerning Funding For Tobacco Control, Prevention And Cessation Programs And Services:~~

Introducers: Rep. Juan R. Candelaria (D); Rep. Edwin Vargas (D); Rep. Antonio Felipe (D); Rep. John-Michael Parker (D); Rep. Richard A. Smith (R); Rep. Kenneth M. Gucker (D); Rep. Dorinda Borer (D); Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Rep. Michael D. Quinn (D); Rep. Hilda E. Santiago (D); Rep. Jane M. Garibay (D); Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvaldo (D); Rep. Corey P. Paris (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Joe de la Cruz (D); Rep. Tom Arnone (D); Rep. Minnie Gonzalez (D); Rep. Christine Goupil (D); Rep. Mary Welander (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Larry B. Butler (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Robyn A. Porter (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Emmett D. Riley (D); Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey (D); Rep. Lucy Dathan (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Liz Linehan (D); Rep. Henry J. Genga (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep.

~~Intro Date:~~ ~~Christine Conley (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D)~~  
~~2/14/2022~~

~~Categories:~~ Appropriations; Tobacco; Tobacco settlement fund;

~~Summary:~~ To provide twelve million dollars annually for tobacco control, prevention and cessation efforts that are in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention best practices.

~~Complete~~ 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

~~History:~~

~~**HB5079—An Act Concerning Funding For Smoking Cessation Programs:**~~

~~Introducers:~~ Rep. Vincent J. Candelora (R); Rep. Laura M. Devlin (R); Rep. Tom O'Dea (R); Rep. Jason Perillo (R); Rep. Rosa C. Reimbass (R); Rep. Lezlye Zupkus (R)

~~Intro Date:~~ 2/14/2022

~~Categories:~~ Tobacco; Tobacco settlement fund;

~~Summary:~~ To increase funding for smoking cessation programs.

~~Complete~~ 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

~~History:~~

~~**HB5083—An Act Concerning Funding For The Opioid Crisis Initiative Pilot Program:**~~

~~Introducers:~~ Rep. Brian Lanoue (R); Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Rep. Greg Howard (R)

~~Intro Date:~~ 2/14/2022

~~Categories:~~ Appropriations; Controlled substances; Drug abuse treatment; Police training;

~~Summary:~~ To extend funding for the opioid CRISIS initiative pilot program for an additional year.

~~Complete~~ 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

~~History:~~

~~**HB5090—An Act Exempting Covid-19 Rapid Test Kits From The Sales And Use Taxes:**~~

~~Introducers:~~ Rep. Cara Christine Pavalock-D'Amato (R)

~~Intro Date:~~ 2/14/2022

~~Categories:~~ Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Medical tests; Sales and use tax exemptions;

~~Summary:~~ To exempt COVID-19 rapid test kits from the sales and use taxes.

~~Complete~~ 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

~~History:~~

~~**HB5105—An Act Exempting Covid-19 Rapid Test Kits From The Sales And Use Taxes:**~~

~~Introducers:~~ Rep. Liz Linehan (D)

~~Intro Date:~~ 2/14/2022

~~Categories:~~ Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19); Medical tests; Sales and use tax exemptions;

~~Summary:~~ To exempt COVID-19 rapid test kits from the sales and use taxes.

~~Complete~~ 02/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

~~History:~~

~~**HB5156—An Act Requiring The Use Of Neck Guards In Youth Hockey:**~~

~~Introducers:~~ Committee on Children

~~Intro Date:~~ 2/16/2022

~~Categories:~~ Sports;

~~Summary:~~ To require participants in youth ice hockey activities and interscholastic and intramural ice hockey events to wear protective neck guards while playing ice hockey.

~~Complete~~ 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

~~History:~~ 02/18/2022 PUBLIC HEARING

~~**HB5162—An Act Concerning Funding For School-Based Behavioral Health Clinicians:**~~

~~Introducers:~~ Rep. Juan R. Candelaria (D)

~~Intro Date:~~ 2/16/2022

~~Categories:~~ Appropriations; Child mental, emotional and behavioral health; School health services;

~~Summary:~~ To support the hiring of school-based behavioral health clinicians.

~~Complete~~ 02/17/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

~~History:~~

~~**HB5263—An Act Concerning The Processing Of Rabbits For Consumption:**~~

~~Introducers:~~ Commerce Committee

~~Intro Date:~~ 2/23/2022

~~Categories:~~ Agriculture, department of; Animals;

~~Summary:~~ To provide a means for the processing of rabbits in the state for consumption by consumers and retail food establishments.

~~Complete~~ 02/24/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON COMMERCE

~~History:~~ 02/25/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/1/22 11:00AM - COMMERCE

~~**HB5391—An Act Concerning Mental Health:**~~

~~Introducers:~~ Insurance and Real Estate Committee

~~Intro Date:~~ 3/7/2022



*Categories:* Mental health services; Preferred provider networks (medical care); Reports; Studies; Task forces;  
*Summary:* To establish a task force to study methods available to this state, and health carriers doing business in this state, to encourage health care providers providing mental health services to participate in provider networks.

*Complete* 03/08/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

*History:* 03/09/2022 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/15/22 9:00AM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

~~HB5397—An Act Declaring Gun Violence A Public Health Crisis And Establishing The Office Of Gun Violence Prevention And Advisory Council On Gun Violence Prevention And Intervention.~~

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/7/2022

*Categories:* Advisory bodies; Appropriations; Crime prevention; Firearms offenses; Grants by the state; Public health, department of; Violence;

*Summary:* To declare gun violence a public health crisis and establish an Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Advisory Council on Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention.

*Complete* 03/08/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/24/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/28/22 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/30/2022 No Action

~~HB5450—An Act Concerning Telehealth.~~

*Introducers:* Insurance and Real Estate Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/9/2022

*Categories:* Dental hygienists; Health insurance; Interstate compacts; Mental health services; Psychology and psychologists; Telemedicine;

*Summary:* To (1) add dental hygienists to the list of telehealth providers, (2) require insurance coverage for telehealth services provided to residents who are temporarily outside of the state, (3) join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, and (4) amend the telehealth statutes concerning mental health care providers.

*Complete* 03/10/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

*History:* 03/14/2022 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/18/22 9:00AM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

~~HB5482—An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Legionella Mitigation.~~

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 3/14/2022

*Categories:* Drinking water; Water companies;

*Summary:* To require (1) each water company that supplies drinking water to one thousand or more persons and a hospital or nursing home to sample its water system quality, and (2) each water company that adds chlorine or chloramine to its drinking water or purchases chlorinated drinking water to maintain the residual disinfectant concentration in such water at a minimum of 0.1 parts per million.

*Complete* 03/15/2022 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:* 03/17/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/21/22 9:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

Strengthening local public health.



Connecticut Association  
of Directors of Health

March 7, 2022

## Testimony Regarding Funding for Local Public Health Departments and Districts

To the Distinguished Co-Chairs and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

Across the Nation, in the state of CT and in virtually all CT towns, public health has been doing the work to keep people healthy and safe with insufficient funding. We are at a critical juncture; your public health system is at risk of collapsing because the overworked underpaid employees are exhausted and overwhelmed from the huge burden of work associated with the COVID-19 response and the effort to deliver every other service during a pandemic. We need your leadership. Please make the investment in local health so we can attract and retain a qualified workforce, build our information technology capacity, pay the increased costs for fuel, equipment and supplies, plan for and respond to the health concerns that are sure to reappear such as pandemics and the health conditions that follow such as behavioral health, substance use, and suicide prevention.

We appreciate the small increase in State per Capita that was voted in last year. It wasn't enough. The Federal funds to address COVID-19 were a lifeline; they kept us afloat, but they did not in any way alleviate the financial burden associated with conducting inspections and investigations to prevent other communicable diseases such as food-borne illness or tuberculosis, or to address lead poisoning and housing complaints. The staff in local health departments are our most valuable resources. It takes years of formal on-the-job training and education to provide environmental health services. There is a national shortage of environmental health professionals. If we cannot pay fair wages, we will not have the personnel to conduct the work that is required by CT General Statute before building projects can begin. Supporting local health supports local economies. We ask that you increase per Capita rates by \$0.50 in FY2023 and provide for 2% cost-adjustments annually thereafter for both health departments and health districts.

Further, we ask that you reverse the current policy restricting State per Capita funding to large health districts and full-time departments. According to data available from the CT Department of Public Health, 16% of State residents—almost half a million people—live in towns that do not receive such funds. The last two years provided ample evidence that every town benefits from local public health services. This is the year to correct the policy and ensure that every health department and every health district receives funding.

The State is in a good financial position. Funding public health is a good financial decision. Please appropriate sufficient funds to support all the local health departments and their hard-working staff.

Respectfully submitted by the CADH Board of Directors.

*The Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH) is a nonprofit organization comprised of the Directors of Connecticut's local health departments and districts. Local health directors are the statutory agents of the Commissioner of Public Health and are critical providers of essential public health services at the local level in Connecticut.*

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
CONNECTICUT'S LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND DISTRICTS**

This Memorandum of Understanding ["MOU" or "Agreement"] is entered into between the undersigned Local Health Departments and Districts (each a "party" and collectively the "parties") in accordance with the following terms:

**1. PURPOSE**

Public Act No. 21-26 "An Act Concerning Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes" as passed by the General Assembly requires the development of a process that allows for the reciprocal licensing of itinerant food vendors that have obtained a valid permit, as defined in this Agreement, from the Local Health Department or District having jurisdiction of the town where the itinerant business is located and seek to operate as an itinerant food vendor in a town located in the jurisdiction of another Local Health Department or District. The law requires the Department of Public Health and each Local Director of Health to implement such process. In response to this directive, this pilot project is being conducted to start the implementation process.

The undersigned representatives of Local Health Departments and Districts and/or Board Chairs and Chief Elected Officials enter into this mutual Agreement to allow itinerant food vendors that are permitted by another party, to operate in its town or district without needing an additional permit.

**2. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

This MOU will cover reciprocity of itinerant food vendor permits, food inspections, and the fees associated with such food permits and food inspections. This reciprocal agreement is only applicable to the permitting process that is required to carry out regular business activities of an itinerant food vendor, and does not modify any permitting or other approval requirements for temporary food service establishments, as defined in this Agreement. This MOU does not cover fire, zoning, building, or any other local permits that may be required. Itinerant food vendors shall receive proper local approvals prior to operating their business in towns where these other types of permits are required for itinerant food vendors.

**3. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement will begin when fully executed, and shall terminate on December 31, 2032.

Additional parties may join this Agreement at any time throughout the duration of the Agreement.

**4. TERMINATION**



Any party may terminate its participation in this mutual Agreement by providing all other parties with one hundred twenty (120) days written notice of such intention.

## **5. STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

The statutory authority for the Parties to enter into this MOU is Connecticut General Statutes section 19a-223.

## **6. KEY DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this MOU, the following definitions are used:

- a. "Itinerant food vendor" is defined as an individual or business that sells food and conducts operations in a structure that is not permanently affixed to real property or that travels among various towns for the purpose of selling food to customers in that town. An itinerant food vendor does *not* include vendors who receive permits to operate as a temporary food service establishment;
- b. "Permitting LHD" is defined as the Local Health Department or District that has jurisdiction of the town in which the itinerant food vendor's business is officially located, as identified on the business recording filed with Connecticut's Office of the Secretary of State or the Connecticut town where the vendor's food vending vehicle is registered.;
- c. "Operating LHD" is defined as the Local Health Department or District that has jurisdiction of the town in which an itinerant food vendor operates or sells food, but which is not the Permitting LHD; and
- d. "Valid Permit" is defined as a permit that has been issued in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. section 19a-36i, and is not expired, suspended or revoked.
- e. "Temporary Food Service Establishment" is defined as a food service establishment that operates at a fixed location for a temporary period of time, not to exceed two weeks, in connection with a special recreational event or similar transitory gathering.
- f. "Permit" is used to denote either a permit or a license issued by the local health authority for operating a food establishment.

## **7. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF PERMITTING AND OPERATING LHDS**

Under this mutual agreement, all parties may fulfill the role of a "Permitting LHD" and an "Operating LHD" as defined herein, and as applicable.

### **A. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF PERMITTING LHD**

The "Permitting LHD" shall:

- i. Issue an itinerant food vendor a permit and add or update information in the itinerant food vendor registry maintained by the Department of Public Health as applicable.

- ii. If the applicant does not hold a valid itinerant food vendor permit, follow the process for permitting and conduct the required initial food inspection to ensure that all permitting requirements are met;
- iii. Collect fees for the inspection and permit;
- iv. Take any regulatory action deemed necessary by the Director of the Permitting LHD, against any itinerant food vendor who violates any law, regulation or ordinance while operating an itinerant food establishment within the Director's jurisdiction. Such regulatory action, includes but is not limited to, embargoing food, ordering destruction of food, or suspending or revoking a permit, if in the opinion of the Local Director of Health, such action is warranted and necessary to protect public health; and
- v. The permitting LHD shall use the web-based system managed by the DPH Food Protection Program to provide permitting information, inspection reports and any violations and enforcement actions taken.

**B. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE OPERATING LHD:**

The "Operating LHD":

- i. Shall allow any vendor that has been issued an itinerant food vendor permit from another party to this agreement, to operate in any town within the Operating LHD;
- ii. May inspect an itinerant food vending establishment at the discretion of the Director of the "Operating LHD". The itinerant food vendor shall not be charged a fee for such inspection;
- iii. Shall take any regulatory action deemed necessary, against any itinerant food vendor who violates any law, regulation or ordinance while operating an itinerant food establishment within the Director's jurisdiction. Such regulatory action, includes but is not limited to, embargoing food, ordering destruction of food, or suspending or revoking a permit, if in the opinion of the Local Director of Health, such action is warranted and necessary to protect public health; and
- iv. The Operating LHD shall use the web-based system managed by the DPH Food Protection Program to post any violations and enforcement actions taken.

**8. REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

- a. A formal written amendment shall be required to amend any terms of this MOU.
- b. An expired or terminated MOU cannot be amended.

**9. APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCES**

The signatories of this agreement include the Local Director of Health of the jurisdiction joining this agreement, and when required by the town or health district, the signature of the chief executive officer of the town or the chairperson of the board of the local health district.

**For the Local Health Dept./ District of \_\_\_\_\_:**

_____ Name & Title	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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## Robert L. Miller

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**Subject:** New CDC Guidance

Greetings Town CEO's -

I would like to update you regarding the new CDC guidance, which was recently released. Based on surveillance data available in a new tool created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) called [COVID-19 Community Levels](#), the municipalities within Eastern Highlands Health District are currently classified as low, the "best" classification available based on these new metrics. The health district will be adding this information to our weekly COVID-19 report.

Here is the link for the new tool:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

This online tool was designed to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Community Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in a specific geographical area. CDC recommends taking precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area. Because Tolland and Windham County has a low COVID-19 Community Level, residents are advised by the CDC to:

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

Although the current COVID-19 Community Levels indicate that wearing a mask is a personal decision, it is critical that we respect and support those who choose to wear masks, as some of our residents, employees, visitors, and customers may feel more comfortable wearing masks in certain setting, or have been advised by their doctor to wear a mask in certain situations.

Yours in health,  
Rob

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# Connecticut Department of Agriculture

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## Press Releases



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

03/02/2022

### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Detected in Non-Commercial Backyard Flock in New London County

(STATEWIDE) The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) announced today that it is working closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) on a joint incident response after confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza in a non-commercial backyard flock (non-poultry) in New London County.

Avian influenza does not present an immediate public health concern. No human cases of this particular strain of avian influenza virus have been detected in the United States. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165°F kills bacteria and viruses. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recent detections of this strain of influenza in birds in Connecticut and several other states **present a low risk to the public** (<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/spotlights/2021-2022/bird-flu-poses-low-risk-public.htm>).

Connecticut State Veterinarian Dr. Jane Lewis said that samples were sent to the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab (CVMDL) for testing. The results from CVMDL were then confirmed by the USDA National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa.

CT DoAg animal health officials have quarantined the affected premises, and birds on the property have been depopulated to prevent further disease spread. Birds from the flock will not enter the food system. Per USDA guidance, CT DoAg has established a 10-kilometer surveillance zone around the detected property to monitor area flocks.

This announcement is a reminder for those involved in poultry production to increase biosecurity measures to prevent their flocks from becoming infected. All poultry producers, from small backyard to large commercial operations, should review their biosecurity plans and take precautions to protect their birds. Poultry biosecurity materials and checklists can be found on the **USDA's "Defend the Flock" website** (<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/defend-the-flock-program>). Best practices include:

- Discourage unnecessary visitors and use biosecurity signs to warn people not to enter buildings without permission.
- Ask all visitors if they have had any contact with any birds in the past five days.
- Forbid entry to employees and visitors who own any kind of fowl.
- Require all visitors to cover and disinfect all footwear.
- Lock all entrances to chicken houses after hours.
- Avoid non-essential vehicular traffic on-farm.
- After hauling birds to processors, clean and disinfect poultry transport coops and vehicles before they return to the farm.
- Report anything unusual, especially sick or dead birds, to CT DoAg at 860-713-2505 or [ctstate.vet@ct.gov](mailto:ctstate.vet@ct.gov).



In addition to practicing good biosecurity, poultry owners should keep their birds away from wild ducks and geese and their droppings. Outdoor access for poultry should be limited at this time.

To report sick birds, unexplained high number of deaths, or sudden drop in egg production, please contact Connecticut State Veterinarian at 860-713-2505 or [ctstate.vet@ct.gov](mailto:ctstate.vet@ct.gov), or the USDA at 866-536-7593.

Connecticut ranks first in New England for egg production and has a very diverse poultry industry.

*The Connecticut Department of Agriculture mission is to foster a healthy economic, environmental, and social climate for agriculture by developing, promoting, and regulating agricultural businesses; protecting agricultural and aquacultural resources; enforcing laws pertaining to domestic animals; and promoting an understanding among the state's citizens of the diversity of Connecticut agriculture, its cultural heritage, and its contribution to the state's economy. For more information, visit [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov)*

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**For Immediate Release:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022

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**Robert L. Miller**

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**Cc:** Millie C. Brosseau; John Elssesser; Ande Bloom; Cecile C. Serazo; Derek N. May; Ken Dardick (kdardick@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** EHHD Statement Regarding Recent DPH/SDE Guidance

Greetings School Superintendents -

On February 7, 2022, Governor Ned Lamont announced that he is endorsing a plan developed in consultation with Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Commissioner Dr. Manisha Juthani and Connecticut State Department of Education Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker to eliminate the statewide requirement that masks be worn in schools and childcare centers. The Connecticut Legislature voted to extend the executive order authorizing the mask mandates in schools to June 30, 2022. Pursuant to the bill passed, the DPH Commissioner may rescind (or reinstate) the mandate at any time before June 30<sup>th</sup>, but no sooner than February 28<sup>th</sup>, at which point the decision to continue masking practices in a school setting will be decided by local boards of education. The DPH Commissioner is expected to rescind the mandate for February 28<sup>th</sup>.

As you consider what is best for your school district, I would be remiss if I failed to note that the CDC currently suggests that masks continue to be worn indoors in all K-12 settings ([Know What to Expect at Your Child's K-12 School or Early Care and Education Program | CDC](#).) In addition, based on the current rates of community transmission, both the CDC ([When to Wear a Mask](#)) and DPH ([Town-level Response Framework](#)) recommend that everyone, with few exceptions, in Tolland and Windham County should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. It is also important to note, however, that these rates are currently trending down in a sustained fashion.

With the above said, the Eastern Highlands Health District understands that as we transition away from higher risk disease transmission conditions in our communities, there are many factors other than COVID-19 surveillance metrics and data, which go in to local decisions on when and how a school district may move to more routine disease prevention and control measures. The Connecticut Department of Public Health recently release a [guidance document](#), and [supporting considerations](#) on this matter in an effort to support schools in the decision making process. The health districts role in this process is to **provide the relevant COVID-19 public health data**, and **consult with the superintendents** in support of informed decision making. This office is affirming that we are available to any school superintendent that wishes to consult on this matter as school districts consider these decisions.

In this regard know that the health district will continue to monitor COVID-19 surveillance data, assess indicators of transmission risk at the state and local level, and report out to our school superintendents and town leaders on these matters on a weekly basis. And as indicated in the DPH guidance, the health district is available to support a timely response to a suspected outbreak, or increase in cases within the school setting should it be necessary.

I also want to take this opportunity to note that the DPH guidance issued essentially suggests a status quo approach to current [isolation & quarantine protocols](#) in school associated settings as part of the scope of

"strategies" for disease prevention. The health district supports this approach, and will continue to partner with schools on these efforts moving forward.

On a final note, one thing I think we have all come to understand as we continue to navigate this pandemic over the last two years, it is appropriate for public health policy around masks and other mitigation strategies to be flexible and adapt to changes in the virus, community transmission, and other factors affecting our communities. This office remains committed to our ongoing partnership as we navigate these issues together.

Yours in health,

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**In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, please maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, avoid crowds, wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds, stay home if you're sick. For the most current updates and recommendations, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](http://ct.gov/coronavirus). For general questions, call 2-1-1**



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# News Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** Feb. 25, 2022

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## **Statement From Public Health Commissioner Dr. Manisha Juthani Regarding CDC's Updated COVID-19 Monitoring And School Bus Masking Requirements**

HARTFORD, Conn. —Friday afternoon, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a new framework to monitor the level of COVID-19 in communities that includes hospitalizations, hospital capacity, and cases. This new approach focuses on preventing hospitals and health care system from being overwhelmed and directing prevention efforts toward protecting people at high risk for severe illness.

This new tool and guidance does not change the recent masking guidance released by the Department of Public Health and the Connecticut State Department of Education—this tool assists local communities with their decision making.

It's also important to note that as of Feb. 25, the CDC [does not require wearing of masks on buses or vans that are operated by public or private school systems](#). This includes early care and education/childcare programs. With this framework in mind, CDC experts are working now to update guidance for K-12 schools, early childhood education facilities, and institutes of higher education.

The COVID-19 Community Level will inform CDC recommendations on prevention measures, like masking and testing. The guidelines include a [color-coded system available on the CDC website](#) of "Low," "Medium," and "High" which are scheduled to be updated weekly:

- **Low—Green:** Residents in these counties should stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms.
- **Medium—Yellow:** Residents who are at high risk for severe illness in these counties should talk to their health care providers about when they need to wear a mask and take other precautions. These residents should also stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms.
- **High—Orange:** Residents in these counties should wear a mask indoors in public; stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms. Additional precautions may be needed for residents who are at high risk for severe illness.

(more)



Currently all Connecticut counties—except for Middlesex County—are listed in the Low/Green category. Middlesex County is listed in the Medium/Yellow category. It's important to note that residents who are more comfortable wearing a mask should continue to do so if they wish. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 also should wear a mask.

Today's CDC updates show just how far we have come since the early days of the pandemic. We will remain vigilant and continue to monitor COVID-19 as we move to a new phase of this pandemic. We will monitor wastewater levels of SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19 cases in our communities, vaccination rates, and emergence of possible variants so that we can be prepared for future surges of the virus. Thank you to the residents of Connecticut who have used all the tools at our disposal to help us get to this stage.

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**Subject:** New CDC Guidance

Greetings Town CEO's -

I would like to update you regarding the new CDC guidance, which was recently released. Based on surveillance data available in a new tool created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) called [COVID-19 Community Levels](#), the municipalities within Eastern Highlands Health District are currently classified as low, the "best" classification available based on these new metrics. The health district will be adding this information to our weekly COVID-19 report.

Here is the link for the new tool:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

This online tool was designed to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Community Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in a specific geographical area. CDC recommends taking precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area. Because Tolland and Windham County has a low COVID-19 Community Level, residents are advised by the CDC to:

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

Although the current COVID-19 Community Levels indicate that wearing a mask is a personal decision, it is critical that we respect and support those who choose to wear masks, as some of our residents, employees, visitors, and customers may feel more comfortable wearing masks in certain setting, or have been advised by their doctor to wear a mask in certain situations.

Yours in health,  
 Rob

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**Cc:** EHHD-Staff; John Elsesser  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Outbreak Guidance for Schools  
**Attachments:** EHHD COVID-19 Outbreak-Case Increase Response Guidance for Schools.pdf

Greetings Superintendents – As discussed last week during our Zoom meeting, attached please find for your use COVID-19 outbreak response guidance. As masking and other mitigation measures begin to be relaxed, this document can be used as part of your contingency planning for outbreak response.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,  
 Rob

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Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD)  
COVID-19 Outbreak/Case Increase Response Guidance for School Districts

### Assumptions

This document includes recommendations from the Eastern Highlands Health District as we transition to a COVID-19 “new normal” within the school and larger community. Community transmission in the Eastern Highlands is trending downward and is expected to reach lower levels, as measured by the State DPH, in the coming weeks. These are recommendations that schools may need to adjust based on unique circumstances presented in a school, district, or community. The EHHD will continue to provide data updates on a weekly basis. Future circumstances, such as a more virulent viral strain or increased community transmission, may warrant a shift in the following mitigation strategies.

### Goals

1. Early identification and exclusion of positive COVID-19 cases
2. Monitoring school cases to allow for a rapid response to clusters and outbreaks

### Masks

The Eastern Highlands Health District, the CT Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still recognize appropriate and consistent mask wearing as a mitigation strategy that parents may consider for their children to reduce the risk of infection and disease spread <sup>1 2</sup> for those schools that transition to mask optional.

### Positive Cases

The case should isolate for 5 days after symptom onset (or positive test date if asymptomatic). They may return on day 6, at which time they are recommended to mask consistently and correctly through day 10. If they cannot or choose not to mask for days 6-10, the recommendation is that they delay their return to school until day 11.

### Close Contacts of Known Positive Cases

Consistent with prior recommendations, unvaccinated contacts of a positive case should quarantine at home for 5 days following their last exposure to the positive case. They may return on day 6 provided they remain symptom free, at which time they are recommended to mask consistently and correctly through day 10. Home testing on the morning prior to return is recommended. Contacts that have tested positive in the past 90 days do not need to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free.

### Symptomatic Individuals

Students, faculty, or staff who develop symptoms should go home, complete home tests (following instructions on box). Those with no known exposure and test negative may return to activities when fever free for at least 24 hours, and other symptoms are significantly improved.

### Clusters and Outbreaks

A **cluster** is defined as 10% of students, faculty, or staff within a specified group (such as a classroom or sports team) OR 3 or more students, faculty, or staff within a specified group who test positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period. (This definition is provided as guidance and may be modified based on specific circumstances.)

In the absence of individual case investigations, schools should closely monitor absenteeism data, with particular attention to reason for the absence. At the middle and high school level where classroom-level cluster identification is more difficult, schools should be particularly vigilant for any increase in absences due to acute respiratory symptoms.

If a cluster is identified, more information should be gathered from positive individuals to identify possible sources of exposure. An **outbreak** is a cluster where in-school transmission was highly likely.

If an outbreak is identified, schools should follow DPH recommendations for enhanced mitigation strategies for outbreak control. These may include:

- Implementing a local universal masking policy for students and staff on a temporary basis. Implementation of masking can be done at the classroom, grade, or school level depending on the extension of transmission and structure of the school.
- Limiting mixing of impacted grades, classrooms, or other groups (i.e., cohorting) during meals, recess, and other gathering times to limit spread while a school is experiencing an outbreak or cluster.
- Limiting outside visitors to the school to those who are necessary for instructional or student support purposes.
- Notifying potentially exposed students and staff and recommending testing. While individual contact tracing does not need to occur in a school setting, students, staff, and families should be notified of outbreaks or clusters occurring within their classroom, sports team, grade, or school level depending on the extent of transmission and structure of the school.

If a cluster cannot be controlled with these strategies, it may develop into a **worsening cluster**, defined as 20% of the group testing positive within 21 days. At this time, schools are encouraged to contact EHHD to discuss further mitigation strategies.

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7106e1.htm>
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

(The above guidance is subject to change with any new COVID-19 data and information.)



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**Subject:** Town Hall Located EHHD Permitting Kiosk Offer

Greetings Town CEO's – With the successful launch of the health districts online application, payment, and permit tracking platform, anyone with access to the internet can request and process environmental health services from the Eastern Highlands Health District. In our continuing efforts to improve access to services, and in the spirit of "one stop shopping" at our member town building and land use departments, the health district is offering to purchase, install, and maintain a permit application kiosk within your Town Hall. This would allow citizens submitting permit applications in person to submit online applications to the health district during the same visit, if they so choose.

Towns interested in this offer would need to provide the following:

- Space and platform (small table, or counter space) large enough to mount a computer monitor, and keyboard accessible by the public
- Power source for the hardware
- Wi-Fi access to the internet
- A point of contact to coordinate the kiosk installation

While the system is reasonably user friendly, the other matter for consideration is that town staff may be asked some basic questions about the online forms as the kiosk will be located in the town building. The health district would be glad to provide basic staff orientation on the platform for those towns interested. Certainly and alternatively, any citizen questions that may arise can also be referred to the health district main office.

Please reply to this email with the point of contact information if you are interested in this offer.

Regards,  
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