

Branford Resources
Updated March 23rd 2020

Food and Basic Needs

Branford Public Schools:

Free meals to Branford Public Schools families with children under the age of 18 are being served at Branford High School 7:30-10:30am and 11:00-1:00pm.

Community Dining Room:

- Homebound delivery meals in Branford and North Branford will continue at this time and our re-usable containers and bags will temporarily be replaced.
- Take out lunch offered Sunday through Friday, brunch on Saturday
- Take out dinners on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

For updates: Facebook @CommunityDiningRoom06405

Phone: (203) 488-9750

Address: 30 Harrison Ave # 1, Branford

Branford Food Pantry:

Closed for shopping, packed bags with emergency food on Tuesdays 8:30-11am, 4:30-6:30pm.

Email: branfordfoodpantry30@gmail.com

Phone: (203) 481-3663

Address: 30 Harrison Ave, Branford

Feed Branford Kids:

Warehouse is open for food pick up.

Trinity Episcopal Church on the Branford Green will be hosting a Feed Branford Kids food pick up EVERY Monday from 3:00 - 5:00 PM.

We are thrilled to partner with Trinity to offer this secondary option for our Branford families!

And the Feed Branford Kids warehouse located at 21 Business Park Drive will continue to be open for pick up EVERY Thursday from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

Please see Facebook @FeedBranfordKids or their website *Feedbranfordkids.org* for updates on daily operations.

Address: 21 Business Park, Branford

Grocery Stores

Grocery stores will be open from 6 am to 7:30 am ONLY for customers over the age of 60 who the CDC & local health officials say are most vulnerable. Grocery Stores will close at 8 pm.

Grocery Delivery

- INSTACART – www.instacart.com Requires subscription & internet access
- PEAPOD – www.peapod.com Requires subscription & internet access
- SHOPRITE – www.shoprite.com Requires subscription & internet access Accepts SNAP EBT Card *

*Delivery Dates may not be immediate because of high demand – order asap. FOOD PANTRY

Shoreline Prime Meats and Deli:

11-2pm, indefinitely is offering free lunches to school children to go.

Is also offering free meals and deliveries to senior citizens.

Phone: (203) 208- 1579

Address: 103 N Main Street, Branford

Diaper Bank:

- Community Dining Room, everyday indefinitely

Energy Assistance

The deadline for oil deliveries on approved applications have been extended to April 1st. If you already applied and were approved and need a delivery please call the CRT energy hotline at 1-800-798-3805 – please follow the prompts until the recording says “Goodbye” – otherwise your request isn’t complete and oil will not be delivered. If you have difficulty, please contact us and we will do our best to assist you.

As of March 13th there is a 30 day extension on Utility Shut offs for all households. If you would like to apply for energy assistance, call us with your name, phone number and email address if you have one and we will get back to you as soon as possible. The last day to apply for energy assistance for utility heated households is May 1st – if you have a shut off notice, the last day to apply is May 15th For an appointment or information **contact: Nicole Adelpkopf, Caseworker 203-315-0686 nadelkopf@branford-ct.gov**

Pharmacy Delivery

CVS – 203-488-9485 Waiving delivery, no same day delivery

WALGREENS – 203-488-9059 – W. MAIN ST Waiving delivery, no same day delivery

WALGREENS – 203-481-0386 – E. MAIN ST Waiving delivery, no same day delivery

For Seniors:

Senior Social Services:

While we have suspended in person appointments during the outbreak of Covid-19, we are still available by phone, email, fax or US Mail to assist you with your Social Service needs. Please contact either: Marlowe Ioime, Assistant Director 203-315-0682 mioime@branford-ct.gov Nicole Adelpkopf, Caseworker 203-315-0686 nadelkopf@branford-ct.gov Fax # 203-315-3370 Mailing Address: Canoe Brook Center 46 Church Street – Upper Level Branford CT 06405

Senior Center

Programs and activities held at the Canoe Brook Center have been suspended. Other services such as social service assistance applications will still be available. For more information go to: www.branford-ct.gov/departments/seniorcenter or call 203-315-0684. CANOE BROOK SOCIAL SERVICES in person appointments have been suspended but we are available by phone or email. Please call 203-315-0686 or 203-315-0682 for assistance.

Senior Meal Program

A limited supply of frozen meals will be available to participants of Canoe Brook’s Lunch Program.

Contact: Ellen Maron 203-315-0687 or Nancy Cohen 203-315-0684 for more information

Education

Branford Public Schools

Branford is working on distance learning and is currently focused on distributing learning devices to students. Please look for the most up to date information on their website and schools here: <http://www.branfordschools.org/>

Walsh Intermediate Facebook: @WalshPTA (Updates on Chromebook pickup on Facebook)

Branford High School: @Branford-High-School

Mary R Tisko School Facebook: @Mary-R-Tisko-School

John B Sliney School Facebook: @John-B-Sliney-School

Branford Early Childhood Collaborative

Support for families and programs that serve children age 5 and under

www.branfordbecc.org

Email Branford.becc@gmail.com

East Shoreline Catholic Academy (ESCA)

62 Cedar Street, Branford, CT 06405

Phone: 203-488-8386

Facebook @eastshorelinecatholicacademy

COVID19 Branford Resources:

- East Shore District Health Department: <https://www.esdhd.org>
- Connecticut Department of Public Health: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Preparedness/Main-Page/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Monitor travel alerts issued by the CDC specific to COVID-19 if you are planning trips, particularly for the upcoming breaks. These alerts can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.
- Talking to Children about COVID-19: <https://tinyurl.com/udox73h>

Health Resources

Yale New Haven Health (YNHH):

- Call Center: Call 833.ASK.YNHH Health (833.275.9644) to ask questions about COVID-19. Staffed by YNHH professionals. Can provide those experiencing symptoms information about testing and care they need.

Walk-In Health Services:

- Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, 400 Columbus Ave., New Haven (cornellscott.org), 203.503.3000: M-T, 8:30am-8pm; F, 8:30am-5pm; Sat, 8:30am-noon; Sun, closed
- Concentra Urgent Care, 370 James St., New Haven (Concentra.com), 203.503.0482: M-F, 8 am to 5 pm; closed Sat and Sun
- New Haven Medical Center, 77 Grand Ave., New Haven, 203.562.8697: M-F, 9am-noon and 2 to 5:30 pm; Sat 9am-noon
- Medical Walk-In Clinic-Westville, 1351 Whalley Ave., New Haven, 475.238.8178: M-W, F, 8:30am-5pm; Th, noon-7pm; Sat 8am-1pm; closed Sun

Walk-In Mental Health Services

Connecticut Mental Health Center, 34 Park St., 1st Floor, New Haven, 203.974.7713: Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm

Free Online Yoga & Meditation

EkhartYoga would love to support anyone directly affected - physically or emotionally - by the coronavirus outbreak. Our mission at EkhartYoga is to create positive change in the world through yoga. Therefore we're offering you 12 free yoga and meditation classes, specifically designed to help relieve stress and anxiety. 100% free, no payment details required.

<https://relief.ekhartyoga.com/>

State Resources

Health Insurance:

Access Health CT has launched a new open enrollment period for those who are uninsured. Starting Thursday, March 19 and ends on Thursday, April 2. Coverage during the new enrollment period starts on April 1.

To enroll, call Access Health CT at 855-805-4325 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also go to their website, www.learn.accesshealthct.com to learn more about the special enrollment period as well as other services they provide.

No Primary Care Doctor, Symptoms of COVID-19

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, but do not have a primary care doctor to consult. You can call 2-1-1, and many hospitals have set up hotlines. A complete list is on the Hospital Association's website: <https://cthosp.org/covid-19-update-center/>.

Unemployment:

If you have been laid off, furloughed for two weeks or more, a part-time worker with 40% or less of your normally scheduled hours, or are self- quarantining due to COVID-19 visit www.filectui.com to file for unemployment benefits as soon as possible.

Utility Shut Off Protection:

State regulators have announced that utilities will not be able to shut off the water, electricity or natural gas of residential customers if they don't pay their bills for during the Governor's State of Emergency. The order came during a week when Gov. Ned Lamont declared a public health emergency in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. This protection is for 30 days beginning March 13th, this may be reevaluated at that time. Should you need assistance with this or other Energy Assistance needs, please contact The Town of Branford Canoe Brook Center Energy Hotline at 203-315-0610

Small Businesses:

CDC Guidance for Businesses and Employers Impacted by Coronavirus: http://bit.ly/CDCGuideBus_EmployCOVID19

SBA Guidance for Businesses and Employers Impacted by Coronavirus: <http://bit.ly/SmallBusGuidanceCOVID19>

SBA Low-Interest Loans to help Small Businesses Affected by Disasters: <http://bit.ly/SmallBizCOVID19>

DECD Guidance for Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus: <http://bit.ly/DeptEconDevelGuide>

Tax Deadline Extension:

- **Individual Tax Deadline: July 15**
- 2019 Ct-1065/ CT-1120 April 15th File/ June 15th Payment
- 2019 CT-990T File / Pay June 15th
- 2019 CT-1120 & 1120CU File/ Pay June 15th

Presidential Primary

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, Connecticut's presidential primaries has been postponed until June 2

Childcare:

Need childcare during this time? The Office of Early Childhood is offering this guidance:

- 1) Families are encouraged to look to trusted friends, neighbors, and family members for child care so they can go to work.
- 2) Families are asked to inform their child care provider if their child will not be attending care. This will open up spaces for essential workers who need child care.
- 3) For people who are unable to secure a back-up child care plan, families can call 2-1-1 to identify open and available spaces for care near work or home.

The Office of Early Childhood is prioritizing securing child care for health care workers in our 26 acute care hospitals. 2-1-1 Child Care has established a new dedicated phone line for healthcare workers and first responders to be connected with available child care near their home or work location. That number is: (860) 756-0864

211 CT United Way of Connecticut

2-1-1 is a program of United Way of Connecticut and is supported by the State of Connecticut and Connecticut United Ways. 2-1-1 is your one-stop connection to the local services you need,

from utility assistance, food, housing, child care, after school programs, elder care, crisis intervention and much more. 2-1-1 is always ready to assist you find the help you need. Dial 2-1-1 or search online. If you are outside of Connecticut or have a problem using the 2-1-1-number, dial 1-800- 203-1234

WiFi, Cell Service & Utilities

Comcast Free Internet:

Comcast is taking steps to implement the following new policies for the next 60 days, and other important initiatives: Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone Pausing Our Data Plan No Disconnects or Late Fees Internet Essentials Free to New Customers As announced yesterday, it's even easier for low-income families who live in a Comcast service area to sign-up for Internet Essentials, the nation's largest and most comprehensive broadband adoption program. New customers will receive 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service, which is normally available to all qualified low-income households for \$9.95/month. Contact Comcast **1 (800) 934-6489**
<https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

AT&T: won't terminate service/charge late fees for wireless, home phone or broadband residential or small business customers for next 60 days. Public Wi-Fi hotspots open to any American. Consumer home internet wireline customers will receive unlimited internet data. Qualified "limited income households" will be able to pay \$10/month for internet access.

Verizon Wireless: will waive late fees for residential and small business customers affected by COVID-19.

T-Mobile: Customers can set up a payment arrangement online. Customers will receive unlimited cellphone data for the next 60 days, except for roaming.

Sprint: For next 60 days, waiving late fees; not stopping service for those unable to pay bills.

Eversource: Suspending disconnections for nonpayment; assisting with financial programs e.g., payment plan). Customers can download mobile app to check account, pay bill, etc. Customer service: -800-286-2000. Note: Be aware of possible "scams" related to current health crisis. Beware of calls threatening to disconnect utility service, demanding payment via unusual means, requesting personal information, etc. Visit eversource.com for guidance and questions.