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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TOWN OF NEWINGTON - RE-OPENING PLAN

Current Status- Effective Monday, May 17, 2021:

In response to another decrease in our positivity rates, the Town Manager has authorized us to continue operating under our "**Phase III/Yellow Plan**". The attached graphic outlines the re-opening policies that will apply in all town buildings across each Phase.

Please note, some departments have building or department-specific policies that should be reviewed prior to visiting. As we work together through this transition, members of the public are encouraged to call ahead to ensure that the services they are seeking are available.

MASKS - Per the Town Manager: while the Governor plans to lift the State's mask requirement for vaccinated individuals on May 19th, local government **will continue to require masks** to be worn by all individuals while inside town buildings.

Background Information:

In response to decrease in Newington's cases of COVID-19, the Town Manager has authorized a systematic, gradual re-opening of town buildings to the public.

As our COVID-19 positivity rates will likely continue to fluctuate, the re-opening of town buildings will be done systematically and in Phases. The purpose of this approach is to ensure continuity of services, with limited interruption and disturbance should we need to revert to or advance between Phases, as well as to ensure the ongoing health and safety of both the public and our employees.

As a reminder, which Phase we will be operating under will be determined by the positivity rates released at 4pm on Thursday afternoons. An official notice of a change in status will be made by Emergency Management staff when it occurs, in the form of a press release.

Re-opening plans are subject to change, and will be updated and reviewed by Emergency Management staff as needed, in coordination with the Town Manager and Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD).

We are encouraged and excited about this continuous, steady decrease in positivity rates in our community, as well as the ability to begin re-opening our doors to the public. We ask for your patience and understanding as town staff work to make this transition, and encourage you to continue exercising caution so as to keep you, your families, and our community as a whole safe.

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Meghan L. Manke, Emergency Management Director

PHASE	<i>Mask Covering Both Nose & Mouth Required</i>	<i>Social Distancing & Frequent Handwashing Recommended</i>	<i>Public Must Complete COVID-19 Screening</i>	<i>Routine Cleaning of Common Areas</i>	<i>Public Access to Municipal Buildings / Offices¹</i>	<i>Public Access to Newington Human Services²</i>	<i>Public Access to Newington Parks & Recreation Department³</i>	<i>Public Access to Newington Senior & Disabled Center⁴</i>	<i>Public Access to Lucy Robbins Welles Library⁵</i>
I/RED	✓	✓	✓	✓	All town buildings closed to public ¹	Closed to public; services will be available virtually, curbside, etc. ²	Closed to public; virtual programming, curbside & online registration offered ³	Closed to public; virtual programming offered ⁴	Closed to public; virtual & curbside services offered ⁵
II/ ORANGE	✓	✓	✓	✓	Doors locked, employee access only. Public access by appt. only ¹	In-person services offered on limited basis; appt. required ²	Doors locked, employee access only. Public access for scheduled programming only ³	In-person services expand – by appt. only ⁴	1st floor open for browsing, 2 nd floor by appointment only ⁵
III/ YELLOW	✓	✓	✓	✓	Doors unlocked to public. Appt. encouraged, but not required ¹	Same as “Orange” – <i>subject to change</i> ²	Doors unlocked; building open to those attending scheduled programs & for registration only ³	In-person services expand – by appt. only ⁴	All areas open to public for browsing, no appt. required. Meeting rooms, leisure seating will become available ⁵
IV/GRAY	✓	✓	✗	✓	Doors unlocked to public. Appt. encouraged, but not required ¹	Same as “Orange” – <i>subject to change</i> ²	Doors unlocked to public. All in-person programming resumes ³	In-person services expand. ⁴	Same as “Yellow” – <i>subject to change</i> ⁵

¹ **Applies to:** *Town Hall Municipal & Board of Ed. Offices (see separate listings for Human Services & Parks & Rec areas), Police Dept., All Firehouses/Fire Headquarters, Newington Emergency Medical Services building, Highway Dept., all other town-owned buildings not mentioned. Please call individual Department for specific programming & access info.*

² **Newington Human Services** – please call (860) 665-8590 for specific programming and access information

³ **Newington Parks & Recreation / Mortensen Community Center** - please call (860) 665-8666 for specific programming and access information

⁴ **Newington Senior & Disabled Center** - please call (860) 665-8778 for specific programming and access information

⁵ **Lucy Robbins Welles Library** - please call (860) 665-8700 for specific programming and access information