October 23, 2020

Dear Farmington Residents,

As you may have heard, the State of Connecticut is experiencing an uptick in the number of daily cases of COVID-19. Farmington is no exception. Yesterday, the Town of Farmington was informed that an “Orange Alert” was issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for the Farmington community. An alert level is activated when a Town experiences an increase in the number of cases per 100,000 residents over a 14-day rolling average. The alert levels are as follows:

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<td>*For the reporting period ending 10/17/2020, Farmington experienced a case rate of 10.4 per 100,000 population.</td>
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<td>Red Alert</td>
<td>If case rates are 15 or more cases per 100,000 per day (14 day rolling average)</td>
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Data is reported out from the state every Thursday.

Farmington received an Orange Alert, what does this mean?
With a population of just over 25,000 it only takes approximately 2.5 new cases per day to bring us to this level. While this designation is not cause for immediate concern, it does call for increased vigilance when it comes to limiting gatherings, mask wearing, and social distancing. The Town of Farmington will continue to work in conjunction with the Farmington Valley Health District to closely monitor health data trends for our community and prepare for any possible future change in status.
Based on guidance from the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Farmington Valley Health District, we would like to remind all residents of the following:

- Remember the 3W’s: Wear a mask, Watch your distance (6 feet), Wash your hands
- Avoid large events and limit time with non-family members
- Small gatherings should also be avoided, especially if individuals are not wearing masks or keeping a distance of over 6 feet apart
- Stay home when you have symptoms of illness and seek testing. The symptoms of COVID-19 can look like many other illnesses, so it is important to get tested.
- Isolate when you have been quarantined due to close contact

The Town of Farmington will continue to post the latest updates and resources on our COVID-19 webpage. A 2020 Halloween Guide has been published outlining safety guidelines and recommendations for a safe Halloween.

The past seven months have been challenging for all of us. We thank you for your vigilance in actively working to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Let us continue doing our part for the benefit of all of Farmington.

Sincerely,

C.J. Thomas
Town Council Chair

Kathleen A. Blonski
Town Manager