

# Health Commission conference call April 23, 2020

Present on the call were Ted Jankowski, Kathy Ruther, Patricia Parry, Dr. Jennifer Calder, Dr. Thomas Getreuer, and Kathy Paoli.

Missing were Barbara Decker and Peggy Cobb, and Roz Robertson.

The call was originated by Ted Jankowski at 9:30 AM. This was an official COVID 19 update for the benefit of the Health Commission.

Kathy Ruther began with the number of cases confirmed in Stamford being 2171 with 109 deaths to date.

20% of all cases are in the under 30 y old population

30% of all cases are in the 30-60 y old population

50% of all cases are in the over 80 y old population

New cases reported to the State show a steep decline in Stamford. Self- isolation appears to be effective.

The State is unable to track the sum total of all testing. Only the positives are reported. The total number of tests done in Stamford at all four testing sites is 7,050.

Testing at Stamford Hospital is about 100 people/day; Westhill is 28-50/day; Murphy is 70-100/day; DOCS Urgent Care is unknown.

The average number of tests per 1000 people:

Total United States: 12.6

Stamford: 18

Massachusetts: 25

New Jersey: 21

New York: 33

Rhode Island : 37

Nursing Homes: Stamford Nursing Homes are testing 16% of total beds. That is higher than the State average which was not available. There are weekly reports from the State as to positive status in the homes. Workers who test positive even in the absence of symptoms must stay in quarantine for 14 days. The testing, reporting and administration of remedies continues to be under State Statute and continues to reflect the same issues that we have seen with Pandemic flu, in that local regulations have little legal effect on Nursing Homes.

The City is functioning at Emergency Priority Level 3. First responders are being tested by Semaphore Labs on Ludlow Street. They have a 24 hour turn- around time. Quest and Stamford Health are also able to do these fast tests. Ten responders turned up positive with three being completely asymptomatic

Masks are being distributed all over selected neighborhoods in the City. One neglected area of concern is the Cove which will be corrected

Stamford Together partners with Americares in making cloth masks and calling citizens to make sure they are OK both physically and mentally. They will be taking on social workers to assist.

COVID19 Website seeing heavy use. Social Services will make referrals for mental health counseling as requested by citizens.

City Nurses are testing and making patient contacts and follow up. Contact tracing will be their next job.

UConn Dorms are open. They will serve as a quarantine unit for citizens who can't quarantine but need to. May also serve for first responders trying to keep their families safe.

The City continues in Emergency Pandemic Mode until further notice.

Respectfully submitted by

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