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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD REMOTELY
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TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 10, 2020
6:30 P.M.

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 was called to order at 6:33 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa (arrived at 6:37 p.m.), Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller, James Bowes (BY TELECONFERENCE).

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$1,008.13 (#241-248) Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
 - 3b. Acceptance of Donation from Mr. and Mrs. David MacDonald & Family and Consider and Approve Appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 to Revenue Donations – Police Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations – Police Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Department
 - 3c. Consider and Approve Appropriation in the amount of \$22,000 to Transportation Equipment (WD-05) Acct. #43300392 and to Appropriation from Cash - Water Division
 - 3d. Consider and Approve Appropriation in the amount of \$22,000 to Transportation Equipment (WD-14), Acct. #43300392 and to Appropriation from Cash - Water Division
 - 3e. Consider and Approve the First Congregational Church of Wallingford’s request to use the Parade Grounds for small gatherings on Sunday, November 15, 2020 and Thursday, December 24, 2020, for an estimate of one hour each day - Chairman Cervoni
 - 3f. Acceptance of Donation from the Wallingford Rotary Club/Wallingford Foundation and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$500 to Revenue, Donations, Acct. #2095002-47152 and to Facility Improvements: Expenditures, Acct. #20950050-57120 – Parks and Recreation Department
 - 3g. Consider and Approve Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$60,000 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020150-51000 to Overtime, Acct. #10020150-51400 – Fire Department
 - 3h. Consider and Approve Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$110,000 – Electric Div.

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| From: Distribution Operations-Supervision and Engineering | Acct. #580 | \$25,000 |
| Distribution Operations-Meter Expense | Acct. #586 | \$20,000 |
| Distribution Maintenance-Supervision & Engineering | Acct. #590 | \$25,000 |
| Administration and General Salaries and Wages | Acct. #920 | \$20,000 |
| Employee Pension and Benefits | Acct. #926 | \$20,000 |

To: Distribution Maintenance-Misc. Environmental Acct. #598

- 3i. Acceptance of State of CT Department of Public Health EIC enhancing Cooperative Agreement Grant to respond to the Town's COVID-19 efforts and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$71,960 to Grant Revenue, Acct. #TBD-Fund 224 and to Expenditures-Public Health, Acct. #TBD-224- Health Dept.
- 3j. Approval of Town Council Minutes of October 27, 2020

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3f. & 3h.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: SHORTELL

VOTE: ALL AYE

MOTION: PASSED

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:

- 3g. Consider and Approve Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$60,000 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020150-51000 to Overtime, Acct. #10020150-51400 – Fire Department

In Attendance: Richard Heidgerd, Fire Chief

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$60,000 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020150-51000 to Overtime, Acct. #10020150-51400.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: SHORTELL

Chief Heidgerd stated this is for the EMT position. He explained they work an eight week rotation and they have learned they cannot pay them this way but must be paid for in a 40 hour work week. This is to move the money into the right salary account.

Councilor Shortell said he just wanted to understand this and he is satisfied. He thanked Chief Heidgerd.

Councilor Laffin asked Chief Heidgerd when he will come back for more money. Chief said we will not fall short on EMT overtime by the end of fiscal year.

Councilor Morgenstien asked Chief if he is evening out their weeks to try to eliminate overtime. Chief Heidgerd stated we would like to but our shifting doesn't allow us to.

Eddie Garlick, 8 Vumbaco, Drive asked if any other items have fallen into a shortfall because of this. Chief stated he does not anticipate this happening. Mr. Garlick then asked if there have been any shortfalls in wages or overtime. Chief explained as positions open we gain money within the fiscal year.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: | SHORTELL: YES |
| FISHBEIN: YES | TATTA: YES |
| LAFFIN: YES | TESTA: YES |
| MARRONE: YES | ZANDRI: YES |
| MORGENSTEIN: YES | CERVONI: YES |
| 9-AYE | |
| MOTION: PASSED | |

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 6:47 p.m.

Ben Martin, 329 Ward Street, spoke about the Cherry Street parking lot and the online petition for a park.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 6:50 p.m.

6. COVID-19 Update from Stephen Civitelli, Health Director – Chairman Cervoni

Mr. Civitelli gave a presentation on COVID-19 (attached).

Mr. Civitelli stated as of today there are 94 cases 42 of which are in nursing homes and we have had five fatalities in the last two weeks. He went on to say most cases are from private gatherings.

Chairman Cervoni asked if there needs to be zoning approval for the testing facility. Mr. Civitelli stated Building and Fire have looked at it and he will reach out to P&Z.

Councilor Zandri asked for clarification of BOE rules and guidelines. Mr. Civitelli explained if someone tests positive then everyone in that cohort must quarantine and that is a state school policy.

Councilor Testa asked about the fact that we are in the red zone and if it looks like we will stay there. Mr. Civitelli thinks in the coming weeks we stay there.

Councilor Morgenstein said she is hearing a lot of problems about middle schoolers congregating at Doolittle Park.

Councilor Shortell asked how many available hospital beds there are. Mr. Civitelli is not sure how many there are in the state but he will find out.

Larry Morgenstein, South Main Street, stated everyone is excited about Phizers Vaccine and asked about a realistic timeline. Mr. Civitelli replied the vaccine may be available earlier next year for first responders and later next year for general public.

- 7. Discussion and possible action on United Public Service Employees Union-Wallingford BOE Information and Technology Employees Local 424-Unit 19B - One Year Extension from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 - Board of Education

In Attendance: Danielle Bellizzi

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE EXTENSION from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

Ms. Bellizzi stated the Information and Technology Employees Contract extension has been essential for us supporting our students and staff during this pandemic. She went on to say this takes us to June 2020 and both parties agreed there will be a 0% wage increase, same health insurance and no furlough or layoffs.

Councilor Fishbein asked if this contract reaffirms the existing contract. Ms. Bellizzi answered yes. Councilor Fishbein then asked why we didn't address the not joining the union language. Ms. Bellizzi said we will clean it up by June.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: | SHORTELL: YES |
| FISHBEIN: NO | TATTA: YES |
| LAFFIN: YES | TESTA: YES |
| MARRONE: YES | ZANDRI: YES |
| MORGENSTEIN: NO | CERVONI: YES |
| 7-AYE | |
| 2-NAY | |
| MOTION: PASSED | |

- 8. 6:30 Public Hearing to Consider and Act on Amendment to Chapter 46, Reserve Accounts, Article II of the Code of the Town of Wallingford.

Opened Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

There were no participants.

Closed Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT Amendment to Chapter 46, Reserve Accounts, Article II of the Code of the Town of Wallingford.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

Councilor Shortell stated this came up in April when doing the budget and noted that Councilor Fishbein and he had asked the Comptroller for more information on the Cap and Non account. He feels it makes sense to have this prior to budget season to help us.

Councilor Fishbein asked what the difference is between completed projects and closed out projects. He said he thinks closed out after three years it goes away. He asked if he was right.

Councilor Shortell said this is why he hates lawyers and went on to say the intent was to get at the dollar amounts.

Councilor Laffin withdraws his Motion. Councilor Shortell withdraws his Second.

This is will go back to Ordinance Committee.

9. Consider and Approve Bid waiver request for Shipman's Fire Equipment Co., Inc. to purchase 50 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and supporting equipment in the amount of up to \$497,380 - Fire Department

In Attendance: Deputy Chief Czentnar

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE BID WAIVER request for Shipman's Fire Equipment Co., Inc. to purchase 50 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and supporting equipment in the amount of up to \$497,380.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

Deputy Chief Czentnar stated this is a fully funded request from Shipman's Fire Equipment. He went on to say this is a critical piece of equipment and we have other pieces of equipment that go with this breathing apparatus.

Councilor Tatta asked a question about pricing.

Councilor Shortell asked a question about the retailer.

Mr. Martin asked why not go out to bid.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: | SHORTELL: YES |
| FISHBEIN: YES | TATTA: YES |
| LAFFIN: YES | TESTA: YES |
| MARRONE: YES | ZANDRI: YES |
| MORGENSTEIN: YES | CERVONI: YES |
| 9-AYE | |
| MOTION: PASSED | |

10. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor - *Withdrawn*
11. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation claim Raffles v. Town of Wallingford (BOE Claim) – Human Resources

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:07 P.M.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation claim Raffles v. Town of Wallingford (BOE Claim).

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 P.M.

MADE BY: SHORTELL
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

Time of Executive Session 8:07 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

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| FISHBEIN | MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR. |
| LAFFIN | ASST. TOWN ATTORNEY GEOFFREY EINHORN |
| MARRONE | |
| MORGENSTEIN | |
| SHORTELL | |
| TATTA | |
| TESTA | |
| ZANDRI | |
| CERVONI | |

12. Discussion and possible action regarding the Workers' Compensation claim of Raffles v. Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session – Human Resources

MOTION WAS MADE TO TAKE ACTION regarding the Workers' Compensation claim of Raffles v. Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session.

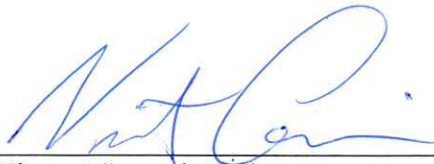
MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: | SHORTELL: YES |
| FISHBEIN: YES | TATTA: YES |
| LAFFIN: YES | TESTA: YES |
| MARRONE: YES | ZANDRI: YES |
| MORGENSTEIN: YES | CERVONI: YES |
| 9-AYE | |
| MOTION: PASSED | |

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

8 FEB 2021

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

11.24.2020

Date

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AT 1:00 AND RECEIVED BY
Barbara Thompson TOWN CLERK



COVID-19 UPDATE WALLINGFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Date of Report: November 10, 2020

Stephen A. Civitelli, RS, MPH

Director of Health



MONTHLY CONFIRMED CASE TOTALS

- Total Cases 913
 - 878 Confirmed
 - 35 Probable
 - A person meeting clinical criteria AND epidemiologic evidence with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19.
- June - 24 Confirmed Cases (23 Community) (1 Nursing Home)
- July - 18 Confirmed Cases (18 Community)
- August – 24 Confirmed Cases – (24 Community)
- September – 53 Confirmed Cases (49 Community and 1 Nursing Home)
- October – 178 Confirmed Cases (176 Community 2 Nursing Home)
- November – 77 Confirmed Cases (52 Community 25 Nursing Home)

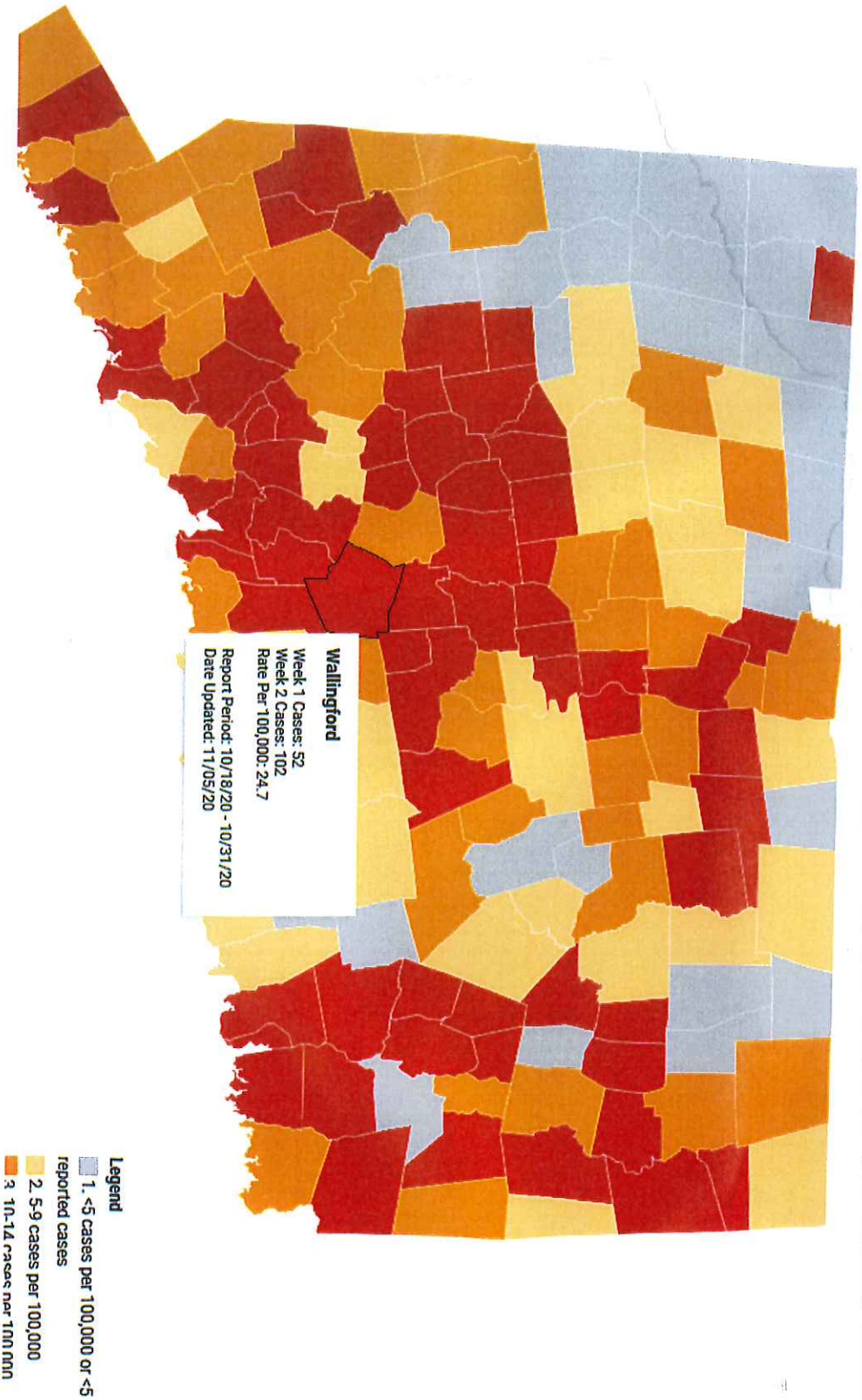


TESTING RESULTS/HOSPITALIZATIONS

- Over entire pandemic 15,164 individuals were tested in the Town of Wallingford
- 33% of Total population tested
- 40,978 Tests conducted
- Hospitalizations Statewide 496

home, assisted living, or correctional facilities.

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town





COVID-19 UPDATE

- Choate 7 confirmed cases as of 11/7
- Town Alert CT DPH 14 day rolling average
 - Meriden – 28.6
 - Wallingford – 24.7
 - Cheshire – 14.7
 - Middlefield – 26.1
 - Durham – 11.9
 - North Haven - 24.1
 - North Branford – 16.6

CURRENT COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL ON CAMPUS:

Orange: Moderate Risk

[Learn about Alert Levels](#) ▾

COVID-19 Testing Data

| Day's Tests | Day's Positive Tests | Day's Positivity Rate |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 518 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total Tests | Total Positive Tests | Total Positivity Rate |
| 7,152 | 7 | 0.10% |

Data accurate as of:
November 7, 2020

Data does not include pre-arrival required testing, only on-campus testing.

Microsoft Power BI



Town Warning Levels

Dependent upon current conditions in their hometown, Choate day students and families have been asked to follow additional mitigating guidelines as noted below. Day families should check this dashboard each evening for the most current data.

Questions about your international student?

Contact Libby Peard, Director of International Students
lpeard@choate.edu

Questions about learning remotely for the year?

Contact Mike Velez, Dean of Students
mvelez@choate.edu

EXTERNAL WEBSITES

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Center for Disease Control (CDC)
- State of CT COVID-19 webpage
- America's COVID Warning System (COVID Act Now)



LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES COMPARED TO COMMUNITY BASED CONFIRMED COVID-19 FATALITIES

- 75 Total Fatalities
- 71 Long Term Care
- 4 Community



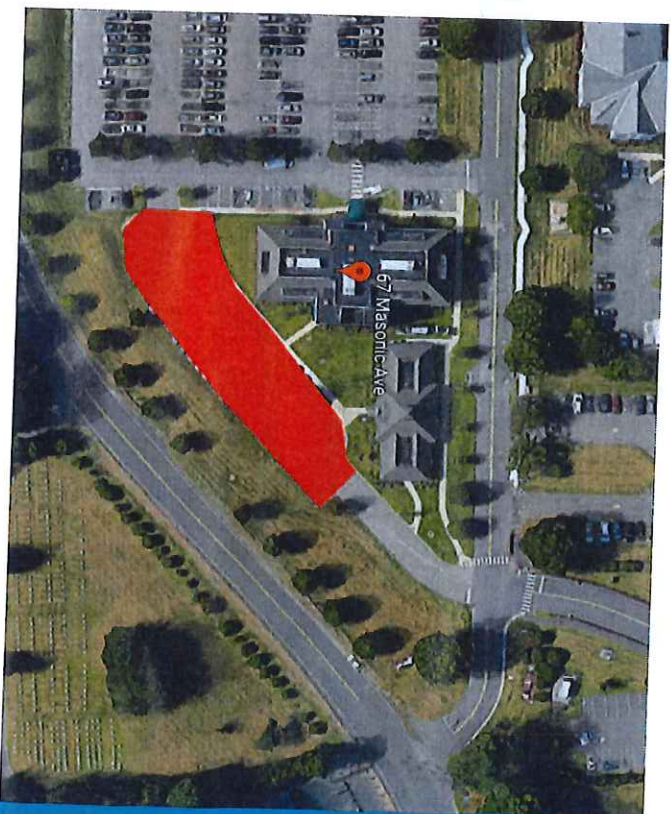
CONTACT TRACING

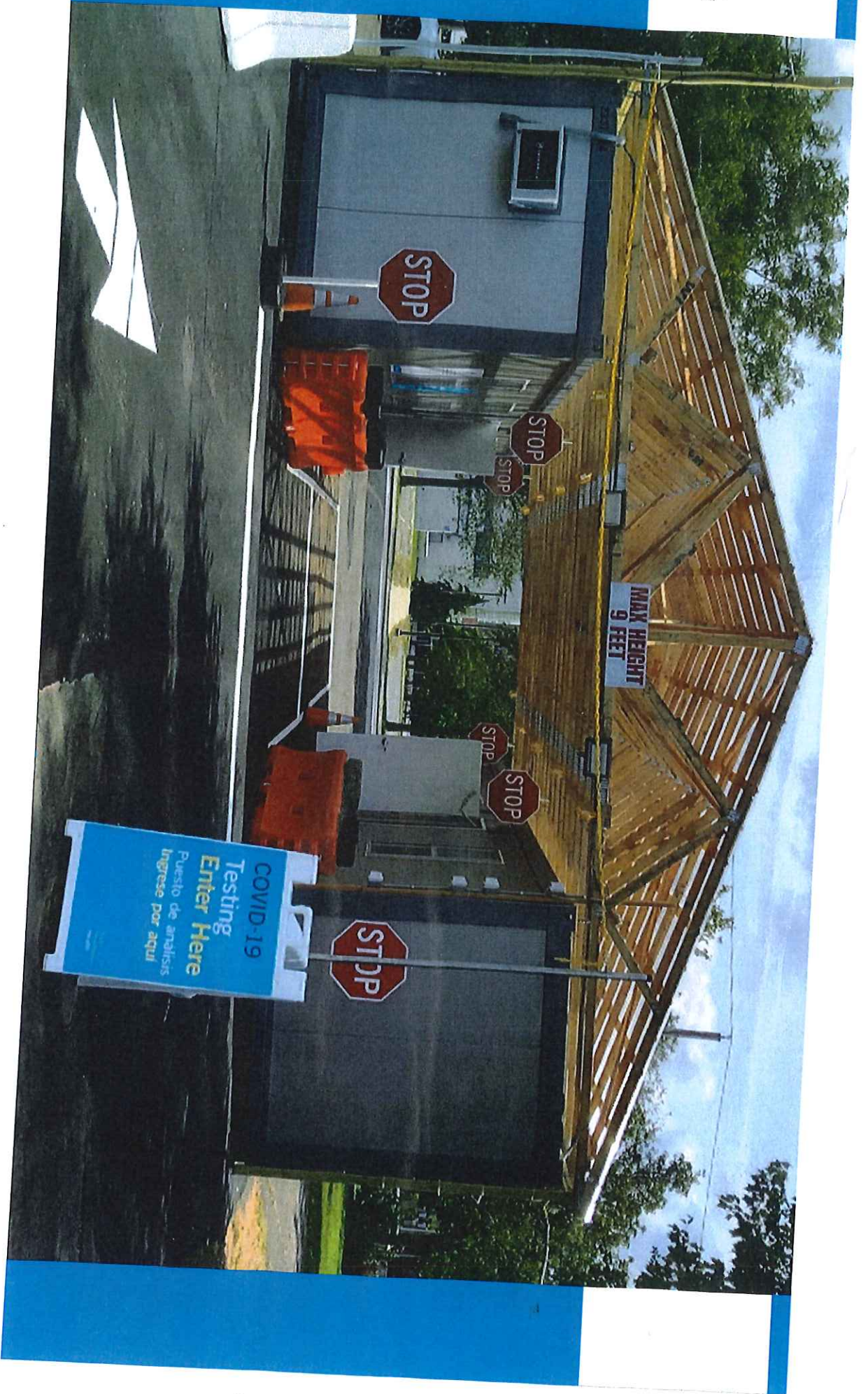
- Contact Tracing conducted monitoring 63 individuals for a 10-day window as of November 9th.
- Utilizing Contact CT Microsoft System.
- Most common sources of transmission Private Gatherings and Familial Spread

GENERAL UPDATES

- Governor's Vaccine Advisory Group (21 Members)
- New Testing location at Masonicare in collaboration with Yale New Haven Hospital
 - Early December for expected opening

67 Masonic Ave., Wallingford CT
Yale New Haven Hospital
Masonicare— Covid -19 Sampling Trailers





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