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Below please find the Murphy office update on COVID-19.

As always, if you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our Hartford or Washington, D.C. offices.

Here's what you need to know today, July 17th:

- Today, Senator Murphy and Senator Richard Blumenthal joined 44 of their Democratic Senate colleagues [in a letter](#) led by U.S. Senator Patty Murray of Washington to Vice President Mike Pence and Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx urging the Trump administration to reverse recent changes requiring hospitals to report data to a new system set up by the Department of Health and Human Services instead of the longstanding reporting network run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Yesterday, Senator Murphy joined Governor Ned Lamont and Senator Richard Blumenthal in calling for the U.S. Senate to pass much needed legislation to help provide relief for state and local governments, families, frontline workers, and small businesses, as they continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. You can [watch the press conference here](#).
- On Thursday, Senator Murphy [stopped by](#) Industrial Heater in Cheshire to tour their manufacturing facility and thank their team who have been working throughout the pandemic to supply over 50,000 nose clips for critical face masks for frontline workers at the U.S. Coast Guard, Yale New Haven Hospital, and local police, fire, and EMS departments throughout Connecticut.
- Today, Senator Murphy [visited](#) Waterbury Arts Magnet School to host a community discussion with local education stakeholders in Waterbury to hear about the educational challenges, successes and needs as the city navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. He was joined by Mayor Neil O'Leary, Congresswoman Jahana Hayes (CT-5), and Superintendent Dr. Verna Ruffin.
- Murphy also [traveled](#) to the Greater Danbury Community Health Center at CIFIC where he encouraged residents to get tested for COVID-19 before touring the facility and thanking frontline health care workers. He was joined by Mayor Mark Boughton, State Senator Julie Kushner, and State Representative Bob Godfrey.
- On Wednesday, Governor Ned Lamont [submitted a request](#) to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to extend support for the Connecticut National Guard's statewide response to the COVID-19 pandemic through December 31, 2020.

- People who have fully recovered from COVID-19 for at least two weeks are encouraged to consider donating plasma, which may help save the lives of other patients. You can find out more about donation at the FDA's website: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/donate-covid-19-plasma#donate>.
- It is important to get tested for COVID-19. Check out [CT's 211 Testing Locator](#) and enter your town, zip code, street address, or county to find locations closest to you.

For information on federal coronavirus relief, including help for small businesses, direct cash payments and more, visit murphy.senate.gov/coronavirus. This page provides answers to frequently asked questions and gives a summary of available programs and funding.

For the latest information about keeping you or your family safe go to cdc.gov/coronavirus. For resources and information about Connecticut's response visit ct.gov/coronavirus.

I hope you found this letter helpful. You can get the latest updates on Senator Murphy's work in the Senate by following him on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our offices in Hartford or in Washington, DC.



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