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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, April 27th:

- Yesterday, Senator Murphy joined FOX 61's The Real Story to talk about the federal government's response to the coronavirus and what we need to do to support Connecticut families and small businesses. He also took questions from viewers. You can watch [here](#).
- Today, Senator Murphy [highlighted](#) Allied Printing Services, Inc. as this week's "Murphy's Monday Manufacturer." The Manchester company, which usually specializes in full-color printed materials, has aligned their resources to convert their manufacturing lines that ordinarily produce essential print, packaging and direct mail to produce much needed personal protective equipment (PPE), specifically face shields. These face shields are in turn donated to local hospitals, first responders, senior assistance caregivers and corrections organizations across Connecticut.
- Foodshare, the regional food bank serving Hartford and Tolland counties, announced it will [extend its drive-thru food distribution](#) site at Rentschler Field in East Hartford through May 8 due to overwhelming response from the community.
- Yesterday, Connecticut [received](#) a donation of 455,000 KN95 medical masks, 325,000 surgical masks, 120,000 protective coveralls, and 4,500 ICU coveralls from aerospace and defense company Raytheon Technologies.
- Today, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) resumed accepting applications from participating lenders. Senator Murphy voted last week to allocate an additional \$310 billion for the program, including money specifically for small community banks and credit unions to lend to small businesses.
- Senator Murphy joined Senator Amy Klobuchar and 20 of his democratic colleagues in a letter to Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Small Business Administrator Carranza, calling on the Administration to develop strong supervisory mechanisms to identify instances of unjust enrichment and ensure that Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds reach struggling small businesses who truly need the money.
- The IRS [issued a special alert](#) for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Department of Veterans Affairs beneficiaries to act by May 5 if they didn't file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and have dependents so they can quickly receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payment. These individuals should enter their information into the [IRS non-filers tool](#) no later than May 5.
- The IRS also issue a new set of frequently asked questions about Economic Impact Payments [available on their website here](#).

- Congress recently passed Pandemic Unemployment Assistance for part-time and self-employed workers – as well as Pandemic Unemployment Compensation that includes an extra \$600 per week for those who are unemployed. To find more information on how these programs work and if you qualify, head to: <https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/DOLCOVIDFAQ.pdf>.

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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