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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 this week:

- On October 8th, Connecticut officially moved into Phase 3 of reopening. Phase 3 changes include increasing the capacity of indoor and outdoor events and the ability for indoor performing arts venues to reopen at 50 percent capacity. [Click here to see a full list of Phase 3 changes](#). Everyone is encouraged to continue following public health recommendations including wearing a mask, washing hands and social distancing when appropriate.
- This week, Senator Murphy [launched a campaign inviting people across Connecticut to share their health care](#) stories and describe how they would be impacted if the Republican lawsuit to overturn the *Affordable Care Act* succeeds. Murphy launched this story share campaign as a way to highlight what's at stake if Republicans confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett for the United States Supreme Court, and the *Affordable Care Act* is struck down in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here to share your story with Senator Murphy](#).
- Senator Murphy [visited Tangen Biosciences](#), a biotech company in Branford working on a flu/COVID-19 panel that can detect Flu A, Flu B, and COVID-19 simultaneously in a single test. Last month, Senator Murphy named the company as his "Innovator of the Month."
- Senator Murphy and Senator Blumenthal [held a series of roundtables this week](#) in Connecticut with elected officials, health care advocates and constituents with pre-existing health conditions, highlighting what's at stake for the 1.5 million Americans in Connecticut with pre-existing health conditions when the Supreme Court hear the White-House supported Affordable Care Act lawsuit this November.
- Governor Lamont announced that his administration is [dedicating \\$2.6 million of Connecticut's Coronavirus Relief Funds to support the state's public libraries](#) as they continue to make health and safety improvements and offer more services to residents amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- As COVID-19 cases rise across the country, Senator Murphy visited two COVID-19 testing sites this week in [East Hartford](#) and [New Haven](#) to encourage residents get tested for COVID-19, continue to practice health guidelines and call on the U.S. Senate to pass a COVID-19 relief bill to bring additional testing funding to

communities across Connecticut. COVID-19 testing is free, and widely available across the state.

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 update 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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