Long Term Recovery Committee

As a result of COVID-19, the State of Connecticut requested that each municipality create a Long-Term Recovery Committee to address the "unmet needs" of the community. Unmet needs are defined as issues that are a direct result of COVID-19 and *cannot* be addressed by an existing assistance program at either the local, state, regional, or federal level.

If non-existent, there is no guarantee that a program will be created, at any level, to address your specific issue. The purpose is for the state to better understand the needs of citizens, by using local municipalities as a clearinghouse. For information on specific programs, or to address specific issues, please see Committee contact information below:

<u>Businesses:</u> For information on business assistance information, state and federal programs, and state reopening rules, please contact hauburger@plainville-ct.gov

<u>Plainville Schools:</u> For information on programs related to Plainville Community Schools, please contact <u>davisl@plainvilleschools.org</u>

<u>Senior Services:</u> For information on programs for Plainville citizens (ages 60+), including health and wellness, mental and physical well-being, transportation assistance, financial programs, food access, and social outreach, please contact <u>cohen@plainville-ct.gov</u>, <u>guberman@plainville-ct.gov</u>

<u>Social Services:</u> For information on programs for Plainville citizens (ages 18-59) and families related to mental and physical well-being, financial assistance, domestic violence, housing assistance, childcare, transportation, SNAP, etc. please contact french@plainville-ct.gov

<u>Youth Services:</u> For information on programs related to Plainville's youth (ages 0-18), their mental and physical well-being, and other youth-related programing, please contact <u>brownr@plainville-ct.gov</u>

Long Term Recovery Reference List: Miscellaneous

<u>Mobile Food Share</u>: Brings perishable foods including fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, meat, and bread directly to people in need. Available for anyone 16 years and older. Trucks will visit each site ever two weeks. No identification is needed. Please remember to bring your own bags.

For more information visit www.Foodshare.org/mobile. To check for cancelations, visit the website or call (860)856-4321. Or, text **FoodShare** to 85511 to receive a mobile schedule and cancelation notices to your cell. The schedule for Mobile Food Share distribution is as follows:

Mobile Foodshare Locations Around Plainville 2021				
Name	Plainville High School	The Tabernacle	New Britain Housing Authority	YMCA
Town	Plainville	Southington	New Britain	New Britain
Address	15 Norton Park Road	1445 West Street	464 Broad Street	50 High Street
Day	Every other Monday	Every other Tuesday	Every other Tuesday	Every other Wednesday
Time	11:00 – 11:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.– 9:45 A.M.	9:00 - 9:45 A.M.	10:15 - 11:00 A.M.
January	11, 25	12, 26	12, 26	6, 20
February	8, 22	9, 23	9, 23	3, 17
March	8, 22	9, 23	9, 23	3, 17, 31
April	5, 19	6, 20	6, 20	14, 28
May	3, 17	4, 18	4, 18	12, 26
June	14, 28	1, 15, 29	1, 15, 29	9, 23
July	12, 26	13, 27	13, 27	7, 21
August	9, 23	10, 24	10, 24	4, 18
Sept.	20	7, 21	7, 21	1, 15, 29
Oct.	4, 18	5, 19	5, 19	13, 27
Nov.	1, 15, 29	2, 16, 30	2, 16, 30	10, 24
Dec	13, 27	14, 28	14, 28	8, 22

A full listing of distribution sites, dates and times can be found <u>here</u>.

<u>Free COVID Testing:</u> To view local COVID testing sites sponsored by United Way, click <u>here</u> and enter your address. For each testing site, you will see eligibility and scheduling requirements.

The Plainville Senior Center will also be hosting free, drive-up COVID testing on **Tuesday**, **February 9th** and **Tuesday**, **March 2nd** from **9:00am-1:00pm**. To register, please call the Community Health Center at 475-241-0740 or www.chc1.com. If you cannot make either time/date, visit the Community Health Center website for additional testing times and locations.

Crisis Resources

- o Kids in Crisis: 203-661-1911
- o Crisis Text Line: Text "HOME" to 741741
- o National Suicide Lifeline: 800-273-TALK (8255)
- o Call the Trevor Project (LGBTQ Support): 866-488-7386
- o Dial 2-1-1 for United Way assistance
- o Call 911 and ask for a Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) Officer

Extension of Unemployment Insurance: The CT Dept. of Labor has received additional funds via FEMA which will allow an additional \$300/week for 6 weeks to those on unemployment. The benefits are retroactive to July 26 when CARES Act funding stopped. Please visit the CT Dept. of Labor website to file a claim.

Rental and Homeowner Assistance: Gov. Lamont announced a plan to utilize \$33 million State and Federal resources to aid renters, homeowners, and residential landlords who have been impacted by COVID. The program will be run by the CT Dept. of Housing – please visit their website for further information and assistance.

<u>Plainville Schools Free Meals:</u> The United States Department of Agriculture recently announced funding to offer all students access to free breakfast and lunch through June 20201 for all Plainville students 18 years old and younger may pick up breakfast and lunch between 9:15-9:45am at Plainville High School. For more information, please contact Food Services Director, Ashley Onion, at (860)793-3234 or oniona@plainvilleschools.org.

Long Term Recovery Reference List: Businesses

If you have additional questions, please direct them to hauburger@plainville-ct.gov

CT Business Reopening:

<u>Business Reopening:</u> Gov. Lamont announced a state-wide rollback to a modified Phase 2 beginning on Friday, November 6. A full list of sector rules can be seen here.

<u>CT COVID Resource Page:</u> <u>Click here</u> for the latest news on COVID including Executive Orders, further reopening plans, and the latest public health news.

<u>Personal Protective Equipment:</u> The Department of Economic and Community Development is compiling a list of vendors who supply various PPE for businesses and organizations. To view the DECD vendor list, please click here.

<u>Financial Assistance:</u> To date, many financial assistance avenues have been exhausted, and it is unclear if it will be replenished at either the State or Federal level.

<u>Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness:</u> Guidelines have been released for loan forgiveness and can be seen <u>here</u>. A forgiveness application can be seen <u>here</u>. Please file with the lending institution who approved your PPP loan – they will determine forgiveness eligibility.

There have also been revised PPP loan forgiveness guidelines for those loans under \$50,000. Updated information can be seen here.

<u>Relaxation of PPP Guidelines</u>: Relaxed guidelines have <u>been announced</u> including an increased period to spend funds, a lower threshold of payroll-related costs, longer term lengths, and a longer period to restore workforce. Please contact your lending institution for more information.

<u>CT Back to Work Initiative:</u> The State has launched various training and hiring efforts as a result of COVID. All can be seen on the State's COVID Resource Page.

CT Hires Job Portal

<u>SkillUp CT</u> – for those who have qualified for unemployment insurance the chance for various job training and certification programs.

Long Term Recovery Reference List: Senior Citizens

These programs are for Plainville Seniors (60+). If you have additional questions, please direct them to cohen@plainville-ct.gov and guberman@plainville-ct.gov

<u>Transportation:</u> Plainville Senior Center members, who live in Plainville, can use Dial-A-Rides for medical and social service appointments in Bristol, Farmington, New Britain, Southington, Newington VA Hospital, and any destination in Plainville. Medical visits, Bank, Hairdresser, Library, Convalescent home, friend's home, etc.

Monday: 9am – 5:30pm, Tuesday – Thursday: 9am – 4:30pm, Friday: 9am – 12:30pm

To make an appointment, please call (860)589-6968

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