

## Community copes with COVID-19



During this new social distancing lifestyle, we seek distractions from the concerns we see and hear about way too often.

On Wednesday we received a photo from Jen Stuart that raises our hopes.

She decorated her front yard in Ansonia in a way that may look out of character in March...but is perfectly timed.

The night, as well as our spirits, are now a little brighter!

Take a look at the idea she found [here](#) on [nerdbot.com](#).

## Early risers get supplies at Ansonia Stop & Shop

### Store chain offers special morning hours for seniors, disabled

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - A subdued crowd was getting its COVID-19 quarantine supplies early Thursday morning at Stop & Shop, 100 Division St.

We were the “over 60 and/or immunosuppressed” folks who were allowed in at 6 a.m. to shop before the general public.

I got there at 6:45 and was back in my car by 7:10. The special hours were scheduled to end at 7:30. The company says on its website it will make the hours daily until further notice.

One customer said he thought they might check IDs - a reverse “carding” of customers to see if we were age-eligible to shop. I told him I had had the same thought.

But instead I was greeted with a “good morning” from a young guy standing at the door.

I didn’t need much - I did get the coffee and toilet paper that were at the top of my list.

I grabbed some random items like fresh tomatoes, pasta, Irish soda bread, and dish liquid.

Although the store was busy it was eerily quiet. People weren’t fighting over anything. Not that I saw, anyway!

The checkout lines were long but my cashier, Anthony, was friendly and unruffled.

Sad to say no one was self-distancing. It would have been impossible to stay six feet away from each other.

I guess I have to hope for the best.


Kudos to the Stop & Shop chain for offering the special shopping hours at all of its stores






# The State of CT offers COVID related information sites

The *Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)* website: <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>  
The testing statistics are updated daily.

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## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in many **locations internationally**, including in the United States. The disease has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").

In Connecticut and throughout the world, **influenza** (flu) activity is high. The CDC encourages all people aged 6 months and older to be vaccinated. It is not too late to get vaccinated for the flu. Check with your healthcare provider, call your **local health department**, or visit the **HealthMap Vaccine Finder** (adults) for availability of flu vaccinations.

### Latest COVID-19 Testing in Connecticut

*Last Update: March 18, 2020 | 4:30 p.m.*

County	Positive Cases
Fairfield County	69
Hartford County	11
Litchfield County	5
Middlesex County	1
New Haven County	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

Frequently Asked Questions on the State of Connecticut's actions related to COVID-19

*Last Update: March 18, 2020 | 10:00 p.m.*


# State of Connecticut Coronavirus Call Center


If you live in Connecticut and have general questions about COVID-19, call our coronavirus info center:

# 2-1-1

or text the word "COVID19" to 898211

Anyone experiencing symptoms is strongly urged to contact their medical provider to seek treatment.





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