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Subject: Message from the Commissioner - Coronavirus Pandemic - #1

Dear Colleagues,

I am committed to keeping everyone as updated and informed as possible about the current coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the Department and you - our employees. We are all understandably nervous and apprehensive in what has quickly become a very fluid situation, and I will be issuing updates as necessary and as soon as additional information becomes available.

There has been a lot of conflicting information, so I will aim to remain consistent with what is coming from the Governor's office and the state Department of Public Health and the Department of Administrative Services, all of whom are being updated by federal officials. We will follow the statewide response plan, and, in fact, our Department is very active in the Governor's statewide efforts. We will continue to diligently evaluate, reevaluate and modify Department-specific actions to conform to the evolving situation.

For the most up-to-date information on the statewide response and tips on how to stay healthy, I urge you to visit www.CT.gov/Coronavirus. This site has a great deal of information, including Frequently Asked Questions.

I want to thank our Properties and Facilities team, which has ramped up building cleaning and disinfection efforts here in Newington and at other DOT facilities. We are gathering additional information on this effort and will share it with everyone as soon as possible.

The Department will be providing updated information on leave for staff members who are ill or who may be exposed to COVID-19, and we have begun discussions about working from home where possible as noted by Governor Lamont. Our Human Resources staff will follow up with additional information received from DAS & OPM. So, as we receive additional information and direction, we will pass it along.

We are also upping our cleaning and other efforts on the bus and rail service we provide to the public.

Please stand by for additional updates. Thank you for your patience throughout this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Joe Giulietti
Commissioner