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Dear Colleagues,

Nearly **1,000 employees** have participated in the [CTDOT Employee Health & Safety Survey](#)! Employee participation has been outstanding – so I want to sincerely thank everyone who has taken the opportunity to add their voice to this important discussion. I encourage everyone, if you haven't already, please take a couple of minutes to complete CTDOT's [survey](#). Your concerns matter and we need to hear them.

As we continue to collect employee feedback related to COVID-19 concerns, many parts of the state will start to "reopen" on May 20th under strict guidelines from the Governor. Please be assured **current CTDOT operations will NOT change on May 20th - all employees who have been working remotely will continue to work from home until you receive additional direction from CTDOT.** Since CTDOT's COVID Steering Committee is still in the process of compiling a set of recommendations to create and sustain COVID-safe work environments, which will be informed by industry best practices and the employee survey, we don't anticipate workplace reentry for some time.

There were some great pictures and stories sent to me last week and over the last couple of weeks. Please keep the good news coming my way – just send me an [email](#). And remember, you can find more information related to COVID announcements on the employee webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/StaffCOVID/Info>, which now includes [Safety Bulletins](#).

Thank you for all that you do – day in and day out. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Joe Giulietti
Commissioner

DOT in the News

[With speeds, fatal accidents up, troopers step up enforcement](#)—*Connecticut Post* [May 13, 2020]
After seeing a steep increase in speeding and fatal accidents, State Police are stepping up enforcement on Connecticut highways... And, in some cases it has increased as much as eight-fold when compared to preceding months of 2020 - this includes locations where the speed limit is 55 mph, according to the [state Department of Transportation](#).

[There are fewer cars on the roads during Connecticut's stay-at-home order, but there are more deadly crashes, data show](#) –*Hartford Courant* [May 12, 2020]

Tempted by the open roads created by coronavirus stay-at-home rules, drivers are speeding and causing more deadly wrecks than in the past two years, UConn crash data show.... To combat the speeding, [the Connecticut Transportation Institute at the University of Connecticut] teamed up with state police, AAA and the **state Department of Transportation** to get the word out that police are watching. They recorded a public service announcement during which Jackson, a state trooper, a trauma surgeon and others plead with drivers to slow down.