



Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020; 12:02 PM  
RE: Commissioner's Weekly Coronavirus Update – June 8, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

This week will mark three months since the Governor declared a public health emergency and the way we work and live was turned upside down. Since the start of this crisis, I have been so deeply proud of the dedication and resiliency of the CTDOT team. You continue to work hard and keep Connecticut moving, and for that I am forever grateful.

While public health officials continue to monitor for any spikes in COVID-19 hospitalizations, the State is moving forward with phase two of Connecticut's reopening scheduled for next week. As more parts of the state reopen, I know many employees want to know what is planned for CTDOT.

First, **I want to again reiterate that authorized employees will continue to work remotely.** While telework is approved through the end of June, we are anticipating the need to telework through the summer.

Second, I wanted to share an important progress report from the CTDOT COVID Steering Committee. Attached please find the **CTDOT COVID Framework document**, which is an overview of the issues our colleagues are considering to help create and maintain a COVID-safe work environment that would support reentry in the workplace. Their work will be based on official State and Federal guidance, including guidance from the CT Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for state employees and informed by employee concerns. The Committee's work will be the cornerstone for the next phase of CTDOT's operations during the ongoing COVID crisis. Please keep in mind that this Framework is CTDOT's starting point and there will be much more to come and report from the Committee as their work advances. I encourage everyone to read and review the CTDOT COVID Framework document so you are up to speed on our work in this area.

Lastly, keep sharing your stories and pictures of staff going above and beyond during the COVID emergency ([email](#)) – each one is appreciated, thank you! And remember, you can find more information related to COVID announcements on the employee webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/StaffCOVID/Info>, which includes [Safety Bulletins](#).

Stay well. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Joe Giulietti  
Commissioner

### DOT Update

- June 3, 2020 - The **Connecticut Department of Transportation** was awarded \$224.3 million in federal COVID-19 funding from the Federal Transit Administration to help cover expenses (operations, maintenance, and personal protective equipment) for rail and bus operations in the state. Read more from the [Governor's Announcement](#) & the [Congressional Delegation Announcement](#).