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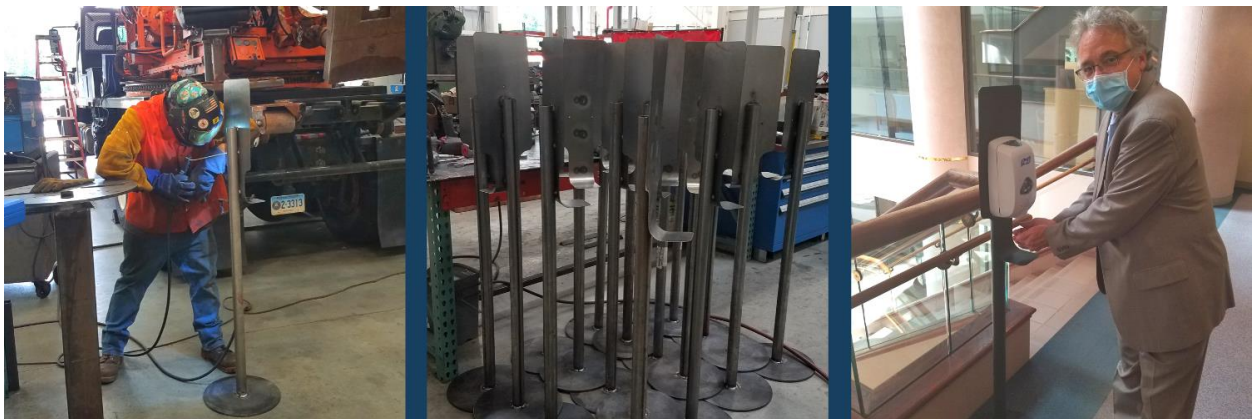
Subject: Commissioner's Weekly Coronavirus Update – July 6, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

While your summer traditions and plans may have been thrown for a loop this year because of COVID-19, I hope you were able to still find some time to safely celebrate July 4th this weekend. Like many of you, even though I'm taking necessary precautions, I'm concerned about news of increasing infection rates and new COVID-19 spikes across the country despite the positive trends here at home in Connecticut. You can be assured, we will continue to watch these trends closely and proceed cautiously at CTDOT.

As I've mentioned before, many are working very hard behind the scenes to implement COVID-safe mitigation measures—modifications both big and small. While this work is ongoing, I want to reinforce the importance of telework and that **authorized employees should continue to work remotely** until you are advised otherwise.

As many are working from home, I wanted to take a moment to **recognize the talent and ingenuity of our Machine Shop team in Highway Operations in partnership with Facility Operations** on an important COVID-safe measure: hand-sanitizing stations. Located in CTDOT facilities across the state, these automatic hand sanitizers are a big help in keeping us COVID-safe. (The one I'm using is outside the elevator bank at Newington headquarters.) Thanks to our Machine Shop crafting these in-house, we were able to mitigate some of the cost and delivery delays of purchasing hand-sanitizing stations from external sources.



Efforts like this underscores the best of CTDOT: we innovate, problem-solve, and get things done. This is an important reminder never to take the hard work of our colleagues for granted. It's because of the phenomenal work from every corner of CTDOT—**from Facilities to IT, from Inventory Management to**

the Machine Shop—that we can do our **essential work and stay COVID-safe** during this pandemic. They deserve our recognition and our appreciation—I thank them and the entire team for keeping us moving during these uncertain times.

If you or your team have been going above and beyond, be sure to [email](#) me your stories and pictures—so we can share out. And as always, remember our COVID-related digital library of announcements and information is on our website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/StaffCOVID/Info>.

Keep Safe. Keep Moving.

Sincerely,

Joe Giulietti
Commissioner