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Subject: Commissioner's Weekly Coronavirus Update – July 13, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

To quote the Governor, "we are counting on everyone to continue to wear face coverings, keep a distance, follow the guidelines, and get tested if you're feeling any symptoms. **Together, we can buck the negative trends we are seeing around the country.**" And bucking these national trends is a must. As a Department, I'm appealing to everyone to stay the course and stay safe. We can keep Connecticut moving in the right direction, but we can only do it together.

While much of our workforce continues to telework, there are many who cannot because of the nature of their work at CTDOT. One such unit is our **Sign Shop within Highway Maintenance in Rocky Hill**. I've mentioned their work in previous weekly messages, but their contributions are worth a little extra recognition. I had the tremendous pleasure of stopping by the Sign Shop last week to talk to staff about their work and COVID-19 concerns. Like so many others at CTDOT—they are committed to their work, despite the challenges presented by COVID-19. A team of six—from the shop floor to the shop office—help churn out more than 13,000 signs a year under normal circumstances—a number they'll likely shatter in 2020 with all the additional COVID-19 messaging, signs and support they've been providing CTDOT and our sister agencies like DEEP, DMV, and so many others.



From labor-intensive screening processes to new digital printing capacities—this team has talent, skill and professionalism to keep producing important communication signs for CTDOT and others. There is no task too small or too big that this group can't problem solve for the agency. Next time you see a sign on the highway or a COVID-safe sign in our buildings, I hope you realize the amazing team behind the scenes that helps produce these day in and day out. On behalf of the Department and the entire state, I want to thank the members of the Sign Shop for their hard work—it is noted and truly appreciated.



If you or your team have been going above and beyond like the Sign Shop, be sure to [email](#) me your stories and pictures—so we can continue to get the good word 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