



March 10, 2020

Dear Ansonia Residents, Parents, Families, Guardians, and Staff:

Mayor David S. Casseti, the City of Ansonia and Ansonia Public Schools continue to work closely with the Naugatuck Valley Health District and State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to ensure that the City and its departments have implemented all strategies for mitigating transmission of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

### **Municipal Government**

Based on the most recent events regarding COVID 19 (Corona Virus) the City of Ansonia has decided, out of an abundance of caution, to postpone non-essential municipal meetings. It is essential that the City does its best to help protect City of Ansonia residents from possible unnecessary exposure to a person or persons who have come into contact with an individual who may be showing symptoms.

Although, this measure is no guarantee that a resident from Ansonia will not get ill, it is important that we do our best to protect Ansonia residents and visitors. There has been no mandatory order from the State of Connecticut, but as City government officials we must do what we believe is best at this moment.

The City will continue to review public health updates and we will make every effort to return to a normal meeting schedule as we become more confident that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Ansonia. This decision was not taken lightly and many factors were taken into consideration as we hope to keep our citizens healthy.

A list of cancelled meeting will be displayed at [cityofansoniam.com](http://cityofansoniam.com) and on the City's social media pages.

### **Public Schools**

Ansonia Public Schools posted an informational letter on February 28<sup>th</sup>; many updates from the CDC, Connecticut State Department of Education, CIAC, and Naugatuck Valley Health District have developed:

- Ansonia Public Schools contacted All-Star Transportation to ensure all cleaning and sanitizing protocols are followed.
- The Facilities Director created an updated protocol and district facilities sanitation plan.
- Cleaning schedule for high touch areas such as: pin pads, phone receivers, door handles, handrails, common areas, bathrooms and cafeteria tables.
- All building administrators submitted a calendar of field trips, meetings, conferences; Ansonia Public Schools is recommending out-of-state field trips be postponed.
- All school districts have been notified (March 10<sup>th</sup>) that all CIAC

tournament events have been cancelled.

- Additional resources related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) are posted on the District's website (Health Services).

Ansonia Public Schools continues to collaborate with City officials and Naugatuck Valley Health professionals to address the necessary strategies for mitigating transmission of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community. We will continue to follow the direction of the Naugatuck Valley Health District. We are committed to providing updates to the school community. Presently, things are moving rapidly and we will share information when new developments arise.

The City of Ansonia and Ansonia Public Schools thank you for your support and understanding during this challenging time.

Respectfully Yours,



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