

Drinking Water Section Webinar

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AGENDA

- Update from DPH/DWS on Recent Developments
- Status of WEBEOC
- Status of CtWARN
- Operator Certification Regulatory Requirements
- Update from CTWC, Aquarion, RWA & MDC
- Update from other CWSs
- Suggestions to suspend certain mandates?





COVID-19 -- Recent Developments

- **Circular Letter (CL) 2020-09: Web Links, Resources Planning, CtWARN & WEBEOC**
- **CL 2020-10: the 211 Infoline or text "CTCOVID", more Web Links**
- **CL 2020-11: Webinar #1**
- **3/9/20; Gov. Lamont Directive to State employees**
- **3/10/20; Gov. Lamont declared public health emergency**
- **3/11/20; Gov. Lamont # of people tested & # positive**



COVID-19 – Web Links

- <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>
- <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Epidemiology-and-Emerging-Infections/Influenza-Surveillance-and-Statistics>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCov/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>
- <https://www.who.int/publications-detail/water-sanitation-hygiene-and-waste-management-for-covid-19>
- <https://www.cisa.gov/insights>
- <https://www.waterisac.org/system/files/Business%20Continuity%20Planning%20for%20Water%20Utilities.pdf>



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COVID-19 – WEBEOC & CtWARN

- **CtWARN:** <https://ctawwa.org/CtWARN>
So far, 21 utilities are members
- **WEBEOC:** <https://www.webeoc.ct.gov/eoc7/default.aspx>
So far, 78 utilities signed in (special thanks to CTWC)





COVID-19 - Regulatory Requirements

- Designated Chief Operator
- Provisional operator
- CGS Sec. 19a-131j – Temporary suspension
- List of operators by class
- Sanitary Surveys
- Testing for non-acute parameters in distribution system
- Testing for acute parameters in distribution system

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- CTWC
- Aquarion
- Regional
- MDC
- Others





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COVID-19 - Suggestions

- Mandates that should be suspended
 - Operational Changes
 - Ideas/suggestions
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- Next webinar is on Thursday 3/19/20 at 1 pm



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