

**Summary of Reported Town Hall Openings**  
**CAAO Research / Historian Committee**  
**COVID-19 Report**  
**Updated to July 31, 2020**

Most Connecticut town halls have been closed since mid-March 2020. This is the final summary of when the reported town halls re-opened. The reopening report will be added to the publication “*Assessors Meet the Challenge of COVID-19*” that came out June 2020. The publication is on the CAAO web site under CAAO Research / Historian Committee.

**An October Hot Line survey will ask assessors how their field inspection went this year. Stay tuned.**

**Last Minute Add-On’s and Up-dates**

**If your town hall is open and it does not appear on this list you have until August 10, 2020 to add it on. Just send the name of the town, the date your town hall opened and any restrictions. E-mail: paulslattery9@yahoo.com**

**Towns That Never Closed**

Cromwell: Never closed, but appointments were needed up until June 1, 2020.

Darien: Many offices never closed. Assessor’s office opened June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Granby: Never closed. Open by appointment only. No official date for town hall re-opening.

Meriden: City of Meriden never closed. They have been and still are taking taxpayers by appointments. Went to full staff May 18<sup>th</sup>. Many offices have Plexiglas around desks and counters. Fieldwork with masks began June 8, 2020.

New Britain: City hall has been open throughout COVID-19. Only closed to the public April 7th to May 11<sup>th</sup>. Opened back up to the public May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Old Saybrook: Never closed. If someone called ahead, assessor’s office would provide a copy of the card at the door. Town hall opened June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Plexiglas installed on counter and some desks near the counter.

Waterbury: Never really closed. Always open by appointment. If you had an appointment with the tax collector and then needed a prorated, they just sent them to the assessors office and they would be taken care of.

**Reported Town Openings in May**

Guilford: Opened May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Orange: Town hall opened May 20<sup>th</sup>. Staggered staffing for two weeks prior since an active case was found in the building.

**Reported Town Openings in June**

Beacon Falls: Town hall opened June 15<sup>th</sup> by appointment only. Phone numbers are posted outside for visitors to call the appropriate department. Visitors must wear mask and use hand sanitizer. This will continue through the month of July.

Bethel: June 1<sup>st</sup> by appointment. Instructions are on town web site.

Bloomfield: June 8<sup>th</sup>. Sent out postcard with instructions. Appointments are preferred.

Branford: Open June 1<sup>st</sup>. Monitor at door. Only a certain number allowed in at one time. Mask required.

Bridgewater: Town hall opened June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Brookfield: Open by appointment and rotating half-staff weekly. See July up-date.

Canton: Opened June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Restricted hours. Any other time is by appointment only.

Cheshire: Town hall opened June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Colchester: June 8<sup>th</sup> temperature checks at front door plus contact tracing. After June 22<sup>nd</sup> full hours allowing one person in the office at a time. Plexiglas in active offices.

Coventry: Accepting appointments for limited purpose starting June 8<sup>th</sup>. Full opening June 29<sup>th</sup>. Extensive reopening plan issued to all departments.

Darien: Assessor's office opened June 1, 2020 with appointment for the public.  
Many of Darien's departments never closed.

East Haven: Town hall opened June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Department heads worked during closure.  
Assessor's staff worked remotely from home.

East Lyme: Open by appointment June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Easton: Currently closed to public. The tax collector and assessor's office will be open when bills go out. Other offices will be closed to the public.

Essex: Town hall opened June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Fairfield: June 1<sup>st</sup> by appointment. All of the staff is back in the office June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Greenwich: June 1<sup>st</sup> open to the public by appointment only.

Lebanon: June 1<sup>st</sup> by appointment. Equipped with sanitizer stations. Most offices have plastic protection at the counter. Masks are required in building.

Ledyard: Open to the public June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Middlebury: Town hall opened June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Middlefield: Access by appointment only for town records or meetings with town officials.

Milford: Town Hall opened early June. Limited hours for public 10:00 to 2:00. Assessor's office remains closed to the public. Work is being done via drop box, email, or fax.

Montville: Town hall opened June 15<sup>th</sup>.

New Fairfield: Open only by appointment. Most of staff still working from home.

Newington: June 15<sup>th</sup> per news article. Limited hours and by appointment.

North Canaan: Re-opening only by appointment June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

North Haven: Town hall open to the public by appointment only on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Limited reopening July 6<sup>th</sup>. Front door attendant to regulate number of people in building.

North Stonington: Open by appointment June 1<sup>st</sup> Monday to Thursday. On June 22, 2020 by appointment with staffing every day.

Old Lyme: Town hall opened June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Appointments encouraged.

Oxford: Town Hall open June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Temperatures taken, must wear mask, hand sanitizer provided, marker on floor. Plexiglas placed on the front of the desk. Limited hours.

Plainville: Town hall opened to the public June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Putnam: Back to normal June 15<sup>th</sup> with social distancing guidelines.

Redding: Town hall closed. Planning on allowing limited public access by appointment. Date to be determined. Staff was back June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Rocky Hill: Open to the public June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Salem: Open June 22<sup>nd</sup> by appointment only.

Sharon: June 15<sup>th</sup> per news article.

Stonington: Town hall opened June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Union: Open June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Requesting businesses to continue using e-mail and phones. Town is following a COVID-19 safety guideline format.

Washington: Open June 22<sup>nd</sup> by appointment only. Full office staff is now in office. Temperatures of visitors are taken before entry into town hall.  
Waterford: Town hall opened to the public June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Watertown: Open to the public June 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Wethersfield: Open June 15<sup>th</sup> by appointment. All of the staff is in the office as of June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Windsor: June 8, 2020. New Plexiglas partitions installed. Signage on floors to encourage visitors to maintain social distancing.

### **Reported Town Openings in July**

Ansonia: Tentative opening by appointment only July 20<sup>th</sup>. Staff was back June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Visitors must wear masks. Employee must wear masks when interacting with public. Work stations equipped with sanitizer. Physical barriers to be erected.  
Avon: Town hall re-opened on July 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Barkhamsted: Did not open as of 7/20/20. People can come to the door with a mask and ring the bell. They will assist them 1 at a time, but they must remain behind a table in the lobby.  
Bristol: Re-open July 6<sup>th</sup>. Observe 6-foot distance measures along with wearing PPE items.  
Brookfield: July 6<sup>th</sup> staff is fully back working in town hall. Public is by appointment only. Installed sneeze guards for counters. Temporary dividers are up within each office.  
Canterbury: Opened July 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Deep River: Town hall opened July 6<sup>th</sup>.  
East Granby: Opened July 6<sup>th</sup> by appointment.  
Ellington: Town hall opened July 6<sup>th</sup> by appointment only.  
Haddam: Reported July 9<sup>th</sup>. Town hall is open to the public for walk ins from 8:30 am till 2:00 pm and 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm by appointment M, T, W and Thursday 8:30 till 2:00 pm walk ins then 2:00 pm till 6:00 pm by appointment and Friday 8:30 am till noon for walk ins.  
Hebron: Town hall opened July 6, 2020. Visitors are required to wear masks, practice social distancing and follow all posted instructions.  
Manchester: Closed to the public and open by appointment at town's discretion since March 17, 2020. Re-open town hall July 6<sup>th</sup>. Plexiglas installed, masks required. Limited number of people in building when they re-open.  
Marlborough: Assessor's office to open July 1<sup>st</sup>. Masks and gloves are a must. A few staff workers will continue to work remotely from home.  
Newtown: Town hall open July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mask must be worn. Limited number of people in building. Signs on the floor for distancing.  
Plainfield: Opened town hall mid-July after glass has been installed in the offices that work with the public.  
Roxbury: Opened to the public July 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Somers: Town hall opened July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Visitors are required to wear masks and maintain a 6-foot distance from each other. A drop box is also available.  
Sterling: Town hall opened July 7<sup>th</sup> normal hours.  
Stratford: Opened July 6<sup>th</sup> to the public. All of the staff is back June 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Trumbull: Town hall opened July 1<sup>st</sup> by appointment. Half of staff works every other day in office, other half of staff working from home every other day.  
Voluntown: Assessor's office open July 1<sup>st</sup> by appointment only.

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## **Proposed Town Openings in August**

Middletown: Town hall open August 3<sup>rd</sup> by appointment only. Drop-down sneeze guards installed.

Weston: Plans to reopen August 10<sup>th</sup> but still has to be approved by board of selectman. The town hall in Weston is currently under renovation as well as the COVID-19 issue.