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Decisions Regarding Cancellation of Congregational Prayers and Religious Events in Town of Orange due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

The coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to evolve rapidly and as a result, more confirmed cases are being diagnosed all across the counties, towns, and cities in Connecticut.

On March 10, 2020, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies, effective through September 9, 2020. In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-13 la (f), the governor has authorized and directed the Commissioner of Public Health to delegate the powers regarding isolation or quarantine to municipal and district public health directors.

On March 13, 2020, based on the recommendations of the Orange Department of Health, all the Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge, and Amity schools have been closed.

Older adults and people with underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes are at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Therefore, all devotional or religious acts such as daily and weekly congregational prayers, and other religious gatherings shall be canceled until further notice.

These steps have been taken as precautionary measures to limit community transmission of Coronavirus pandemic through people contact and large gatherings at these religious buildings located in the town of Orange.

Please contact the Orange Health Department if you have any questions related to this announcement.