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Voluntown Residents,

As anticipated, Voluntown is experiencing a spike in COVID-19 reported positives after the holidays. The week of 12/27 to 1/2 has us at 21 reported cases. This is more than 3x the cases reported the week previous.

This letter is not meant to alarm people, but to remind residents to do what they can to lessen the spread. This includes following recommended quarantine guidelines, following mask and social distancing guidelines, staying home if experiencing symptoms, and washing hands. High risk residents should take extra precautions. An easy to find COVID-19 page ([www.voluntown.gov/covid-19](http://www.voluntown.gov/covid-19)) has been set up on the town website with information and resources.

Due to this spike in reported positive cases, all board, commission, and committee meetings will be moved, until further notice, to full remote starting on January 11. Information as to how the public can access meetings is posted every week on the homepage of the town website, [www.voluntown.gov](http://www.voluntown.gov).

All Town Hall offices will remain closed to the public. All staff is reachable by phone and email and contact information is available on the town website.

Voluntown Elementary School will remain open as is. The COVID-19 protocols that are in place based on the REOPEN Committee's plan have been working.

The Tax Deferment Program has been extended by Governor Lamont with Executive Order No 9R. This extends the COVID tax relief program for the January second installment of Real Estate, Personal Property and Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills to April 1, 2021. Escrow companies are exempt from this deferral and must pay by February 1, 2021. Please be aware that if you take advantage of this deferral program, and you don't pay by April 1, 2021, the interest goes back to the January 1<sup>st</sup> due date. For more information on this program and if you have any questions, please contact the Tax Office at 860-376-0458 or [gneri@voluntown.gov](mailto:gneri@voluntown.gov). We hope that this benefits those who, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, need extra time to pay taxes. We understand this is going to be a difficult year for everyone financially. We encourage those who can do so, to pay on time.

Thank you and stay safe!

Tracey Hanson  
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