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## The Town of Wallingford Temporarily Suspends Interior Inspections

The Town of Wallingford continues to actively monitor the evolving health situation regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) and is deeply committed to the continued health and safety of our residents.

Based on the recommended social distancing protocols established by the Center for Disease Control, the Town will be suspending interior inspections for the ongoing revaluation effective immediately.

This approach accomplishes the goal of ensuring the utmost safety of our residents and data collectors by aligning with the social distancing protocols that are recommended at a federal and state level.

In order to ensure continued accuracy in data, data collectors will go to each property and physically inspect the <u>exterior only</u>, to verify the measurements of each building. The data collector will note a building's size, condition, quality of construction, improvements, topography, utilities, and numerous other characteristics. Data collectors <u>will not enter any structure</u>.

The Town will continue to suspend all interior inspections, until the Department of Public Health and local officials have advised that special precautions to limit the exposure of the novel coronavirus are no longer necessary.

This proactive response will enable the Town to protect the health and safety of our residents and is in line with the precedent set by numerous other communities across New England that are undergoing revaluation.

If you have any questions about the revaluation process or need additional information, please contact the Assessor's Office at (203) 294-2001. For more information on our response to COVID-19, please visit the Town website, <a href="http://www.wallingford.ct.us">http://www.wallingford.ct.us</a>