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On Tuesday April 14, 2020, the Town of Wallingford was notified that effective Wednesday, April 15, 2020, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health has established a Covid-19 Recovery Facility at the Quinnipiac Valley Center, 55 Kondracki Lane. The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health licenses all of the critical care facilities within the state.

A Covid-19 Recovery Facility is an alternate care site that will accept Covid positive patients discharged from the hospital who no longer need acute hospital level care, freeing up a hospital bed, but also need skilled nursing care or the need for additional support. Covid Recovery Facilities are existing nursing homes that will accept patients discharged from the hospital who previously resided in a nursing home setting but were denied re-admission to their original nursing home because of the facility's inability or incapacity to care for these patients.

In total, the Quinnipiac Valley Center will have 34 beds for Covid positive patients, which is less than 25% of the available bed space within the facility. The Wallingford Department of Public Health will oversee the local response to the facility and will coordinate alongside the Wallingford Fire and Emergency Medical Services as necessary.

As the Covid pandemic continues to unfold, it is obvious that there will be the need for continuing care for those who have been infected. The facility must follow Department of Public Health protocols. We remind everyone to continue to practice all of the prevention measures, i.e. hand washing and social distancing, in order for all of us to continue in good health.