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### **Uncas Health District Orders Closure of All Licensed Salon, Barber, and Cosmetology Establishments**

Effective 10:00 pm today, March 19, 2020, the Uncas District has ordered the closure of all licensed cosmetology establishments including: Hair Salons, Barber Shops, Nail Salons, and any other establishments engaging in personal cosmetic services, including hair styling, waxing, makeup applications and foot spas with respect to Uncas Health District's Regulations. This closure will remain in effect until further notice.

The Uncas Health District acknowledges the challenges faced by our District's small businesses as regular operations are interrupted. "However, the nature of these professions puts salon and barbershop staff members in direct contact with their clients and customers. Therefore, the risk of transmission to the staff and clients is higher than professions that do not require direct contact. To that end, we recognize that social distancing will contribute to the state and national efforts to reduce the spread of COVID 19." said Director of Health Patrick McCormack.

In order to mitigate the widespread community transmission of COVID-19, the Uncas Health District continues to prepare with local and state partners. Residents and businesses are urged to access reputable sources for the most up-to-date information regarding the pandemic. Notices and links can be found on the Uncas Health District website ([www.uncashd.org](http://www.uncashd.org)) and *UncasHealth* social media accounts, the Connecticut Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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The Uncas Health District (UHD) serves as the local health department for Bozrah, Franklin, Griswold, Lebanon, Lisbon, Montville, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sprague, and Voluntown, Connecticut. Formed under [Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-241](#), the UHD is a special unit of government that provides comprehensive public health services more efficiently to residents in our member municipalities by consolidating the services within one organization.