SHAMROCK SHUFFLE POSTPONED

Watertown, CT March 10, 2020 — The Torrington Area Health District (TAHD) has been actively monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and participating in State and Federal teleconferences to ensure we are up to date on the latest CT Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) guidance.

In an effort to be proactive in minimizing the risk to the general public and as recommended by the State Department of Health preventative actions are being taken to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and influenza which is currently widespread throughout the State of CT.

This Saturday, March 14, 2020 the Annual Shamrock Shuffle was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

I am aware many participants, spectators and sports enthusiasts were looking forward to this exciting event. We anticipated approximately 1,000 registrants as well as a significant number of spectators and volunteers would be on hand for the race.

However, in light of the many health concerns related to the possible spread of COVID-19 and after consultation with the Connecticut Department of Health, the Director of the Torrington Area Health District, our Emergency Management Director, Director of Parks and Recreation and our Acting Police Chief, I have concluded it is in the best interest of our community to postpone this event to a later date.

The possibility of contaminating one of our schools, which is a focal point of this event, is significant. We must err on the side of caution and the safety and welfare of our community must come first.

The Shamrock Shuffle Committee has put a lot of time and effort to organize this event and looks forward to rescheduling once it has been determined by health officials the risk to the public has been alleviated.

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