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**Ledge Light Health District Orders Closure of All Licensed Cosmetology Establishments**

Effective 10:00 pm today, March 19, 2020, Ledge Light Health District has ordered the closure of all licensed cosmetology establishments including: Hairdressing and Cosmetology Salons, Barber Shops, Nail Salons, Estheticians, and Persons engaging in facials, waxing and makeup applications with respect to the Ledge Light Health District Regulation. This closure will remain in effect until further notice.

“This action is necessary to promote social distancing and help lessen the spread of COVID-19 in our communities,” said Director of Health Stephen Mansfield. “While we recognize the challenges faced by small businesses when they cannot maintain regular operations, we absolutely must decrease the occurrence of close interpersonal interactions in order to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.”

Ledge Light Health District continues to work with local and state partners to prepare for widespread community transmission of COVID-19. Residents and businesses are urged to access up-to-date information regarding the pandemic from reputable sources including the Ledge Light Health District website ([www.llhd.org](http://www.llhd.org)) and LLHD social media accounts, the Connecticut Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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**Ledge Light Health District** – LLHD – serves as the local health department for East Lyme, Groton, Ledyard, Lyme, New London, North Stonington, Old Lyme, Stonington and Waterford, Connecticut. As a health district, formed under [Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-241](#), LLHD is a special unit of government, allowing member municipalities to provide comprehensive public health services to residents in a more efficient manner by consolidating the services within one organization.