



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, the world is facing the most significant health crisis in modern history due to COVID-19, which has also caused a global economic downturn, impacting people and their ability to access health insurance; and

WHEREAS, to slow the spread of COVID-19, individual and community health can be improved dramatically by covering your mouth and nose, wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing; and

WHEREAS, affordable, quality health insurance coverage ensures access to care and makes a material difference in the health and well-being of the people of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010 to expand access to affordable, meaningful coverage to lower the number of uninsured people and improve overall population health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange dba Access Health CT, established under the Affordable Care Act, provides access to affordable, quality coverage and care to Connecticut residents, which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, over 100,000 people have enrolled in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP), and close to 900,000 are enrolled in HUSKY Health through Access Health CT; and

WHEREAS, leaders from across America have joined to launch a national movement to help address the COVID-19 pandemic by helping people protect themselves and making sure everyone who can, enrolls in health care coverage; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2020 as

GET COVERED 2021 CONNECTICUT DAY

and call upon residents in the State of Connecticut to:

1. **Cover Up for COVID** – Practice the “3 W’s” to reduce the risk of COVID-19 – **Wear** a mask; **Wash** your hands; and **Watch** your distance. Together these can help keep you and your community healthy and safe.
2. **Cover Yourself and Your Family** – Renew your coverage, if you haven’t already, and tell friends to check [AccessHealthCT.com](https://www.accesshealthct.com) to see their health coverage options, whether they qualify for financial help and how they can get covered.
3. **Cover Everyone** – Support efforts to increase access to affordable meaningful health care coverage for all people throughout Connecticut.



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