


## MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council  
FROM: David E. Cox, Town Manager   
DATE: June 24, 2022  
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report

The following information includes follow up from general items that were discussed at previous Council meetings as well as updates of a general nature from the departments. The items are organized by department and are intended to provide information on activities currently being undertaken by the Town's departments and those matters that are upcoming. Not all departments will be represented in each Report.

### **Collector's Office**

- Based on the budget approved by voters in May and the mill rate set by the Board of Finance, Tax bills will be mailed on June 29 for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2021. Taxes are officially due and payable on July 1, 2022, but taxpayers have until Monday, August 1, 2022 to pay without penalty. Real estate and personal property taxes over \$100 may be paid in two equal installments due July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023. As a reminder, the tax bill sent next week includes all payment stubs including the first and second payments as the Town does not mail notices or bills for the second payment. The mill rate for the October 1, 2021 Grand List for real estate and personal property tax is 34.66 and the mill rate for motor vehicle tax is at the State cap of 32.46.

### **Library**

- Library Staff are focused on the summer reading program, which kicks off with an event at the Center School field tonight (June 24) and continues with numerous programs, contests and events through the summer to encourage reading by youth and adults. Much more information is available on the Library website: [easthamptonpubliclibrary.org](http://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org).

### **Parks and Recreation**

- Based on recent lake water testing data, the Town's vendor, EverBlue Lakes, will be performing a BioBlast treatment to Lake Pocotopaug during the upcoming week as a preventative measure against blue green algae. As a reminder, the BioBlast treatment introduces other beneficial organisms into the water to reduce the nutrients available to undesirable organisms like blue green algae. The treatment application is expected to begin on Monday, June 27 and will last most of the week. The liquid material is applied by boat from staging areas around the lake.
- Staff has received the fully executed grant contract for this year's watershed improvement projects. In the next few weeks, the final plans will be reviewed by CT DEEP and then brought to

the Town Council for review of the plans and approval of a proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) document.

### **Public Works**

- Crews have begun work on the replacement of deteriorated metal storm water drainage pipes on the property at 82 Main Street and that project is anticipated to be completed by next Friday, July 1. After completion, staff will be working on other storm water drainage improvements on Old Marlborough Road, Forest Street, Old Middletown Avenue, Knowles Road and Whippoorwill Hollow Road.
- Staff has been working on updates to the pavement management plan for presentation related to development of the next Capital Improvements Plan. Of importance will be the impact of the price increases for crude oil and diesel fuel, the increased cost of the various pavement management techniques as well as the cost of asphalt, which is nearly 20% higher than last year. As a result of these increases, staff is reevaluating and prioritizing the project list for the upcoming years for discussion as part of budget development.
- The bids for next winter's road salt have been awarded through the Capital Region Council of Governments Purchasing Council of which East Hampton is a member. As with other price increases, the cost of treated road salt has increased nearly 26% from \$76 per ton to \$95.58 per ton from the primary provider. A backup provider is available at a higher rate (\$106.79/ton) if necessary. These increases are largely due to the increased price of diesel fuel and other inflationary pressures on the market.

### **Senior Center**

- Effective Monday, June 27, Community Renewal Team (CRT) will serve meals at the Senior Center five days each week. The organization has the necessary café managers to run the Café all week and staff and the diners are very excited to finally offer these additional meals. Those interested in eating at the Center must contact the Center at 860-267-4426 to reserve a meal.
- Summer activities and trips are ongoing including tour bus trips planned to Martha's Vineyard, Cranberry Bog in Massachusetts and Cathedral in the Pines in Washington D.C. The Tours are provided in collaboration with Friendship Tours in Bloomfield.
- Staff is already making plans to celebrate National Senior Center Month in September and is developing exciting and informative programs geared toward older adults.

- The Center is working to build on the success of recent programs including the Intergenerational Writers program and the very successful End of Life Planning seminars to make these annual events.
- Senior Center Staff is working with Middletown Area Transit as it completes its merger with the Estuary/9 Towns Transit District. Under the new combined District beginning July 1, expanded transit opportunities will be available, which will allow users to travel from East Hampton to areas in the southern part of the County. Additionally, with funding from Senior Resources, free transportation is available for Dial-A-Ride users, which is an on-demand service.

### **WPCA**

- The Joint Facilities commission, which oversees the operation of the wastewater treatment plant that is jointly owned by East Hampton and Colchester, and which additionally serves Hebron, Marlborough and Lebanon, is at the beginning stages of developing plans for updates and upgrades to the main pumping station on Middletown Avenue. This pumping station lifts nearly all of the flow into the plant and moves more than one million gallons of wastewater each day. Joint Facilities is working to select an engineering firm to work with it on the project, which is a multi-million dollar project that will likely take place in the next few years.

### **Youth and Family Services**

- The Department is closing out the 2022 energy assistance season and preparing for next winter's application season, which begins in August. Throughout the summer, the Department case manager will continue to process Park and Rec financial assistance applications for summer camps. The Department is also planning its back-to-school assistance programs as well as its holiday assistance programs.
- The Department recently purchased tickets to the following shows: Hamilton, Mean Girls, and the Glen Miller Orchestra that will be used as part of its outreach and family-building efforts. Tickets are focused on families with children aged 12-18 and the Christmas outing to the Bushnell for the Glen Miller Orchestra will be geared towards youth and a grandparent.
- Youth Services continues to coordinate Juvenile Review Board (JRB) work and recently accepted one new case, bringing the diversion caseload to five. The JRB is a local alternative to penalties for certain juvenile offenders focused on early intervention to prevent future issues. Funds from the JRB grant have been used for youth in the program to present positive youth-oriented opportunities.
- The Department's Black and White photography contest continues throughout the summer with increased prize amounts of \$200, \$150, and \$75 for first, second and third place, respectively.

Photos should capture an image unique to East Hampton. Submissions may be emailed to:  
lincognito@easthamptonct.gov

**Town Manager/Other**

- The weekly COVID Status Report from Chatham Health District (CHD) is attached to this Report and shows a slight increase in the Town's officially reported COVID cases. Overall, the CHD area saw its fourth consecutive week of reducing case numbers and Middlesex County is at the Medium community level according to the CDC tracking information. As always, residents are encouraged to maintain safe habits to avoid spreading or suffering severe effects of any illness like staying home when sick, wearing masks when it is appropriate, and staying up to date on vaccines.
- The most recent Visual Monitoring Report for Cyanobacteria (Blue Green Algae) from Chatham Health District is attached to this Report. The CHD report shows no observation of accumulation of Blue Green Algae at the Sears Park swim area and light streaks of accumulation at other locations in the lake.

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cc: Management Staff

# CHATHAM HEALTH DISTRICT COVID-19 STATUS REPORT

Updated 23Jun2022

## Dashboard

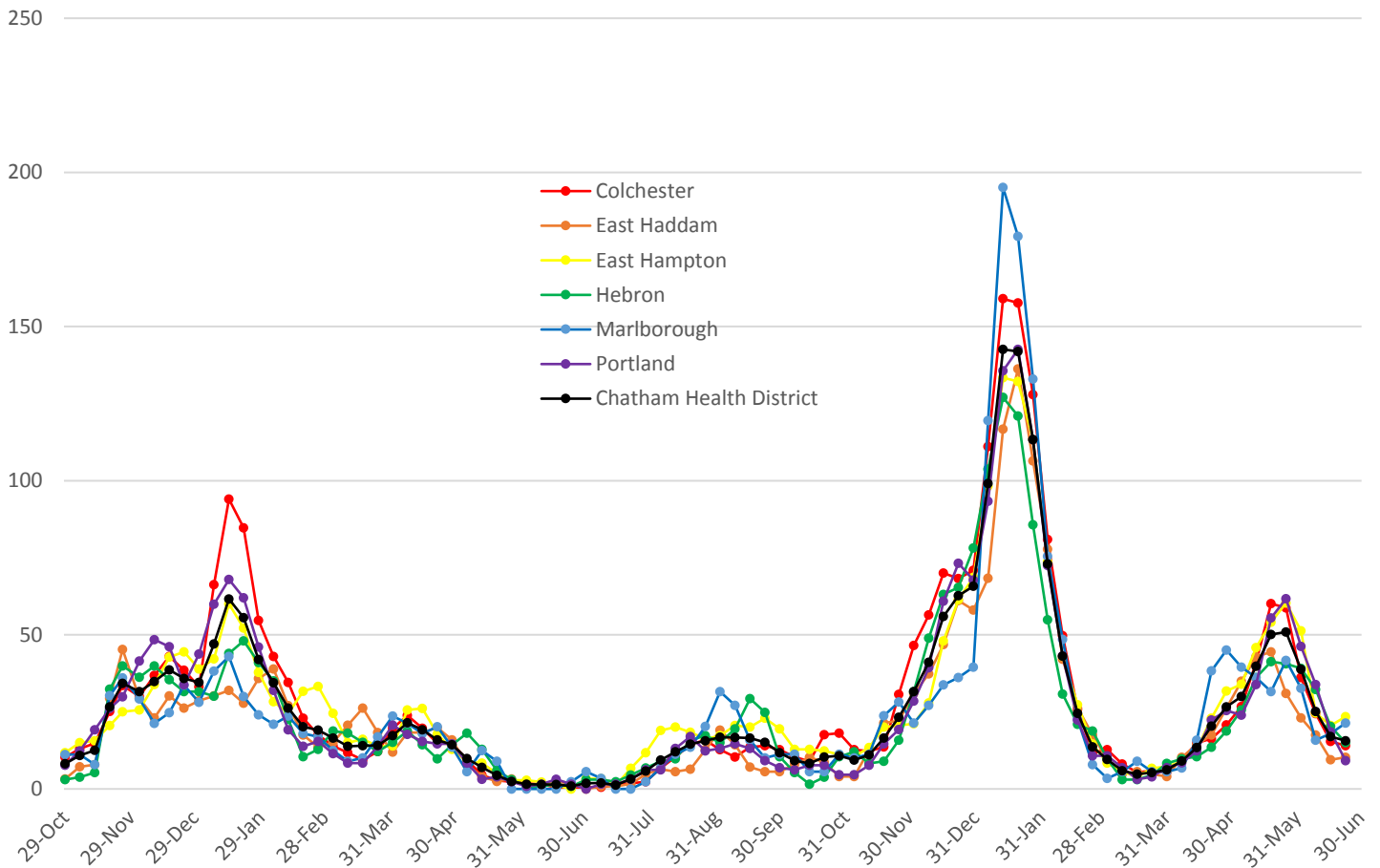
(DPH reporting period: 6/5-6/18)

Town	CDC County Community Level*	Average Daily Case Rate #/100,000 population	Number of Cases	Change in Number of Cases
Colchester	Low	14.0	31	-3
East Haddam	Medium	10.3	13	+1
East Hampton	Medium	23.4	42	+5
Hebron	Low	15.0	20	-7
Marlborough	Low	21.4	19	+3
Portland	Medium	9.2	12	-12
Chatham Health District	NA	15.6	137	-13

Increased from previous week
Decreased from previous week
Unchanged from previous week

\*<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

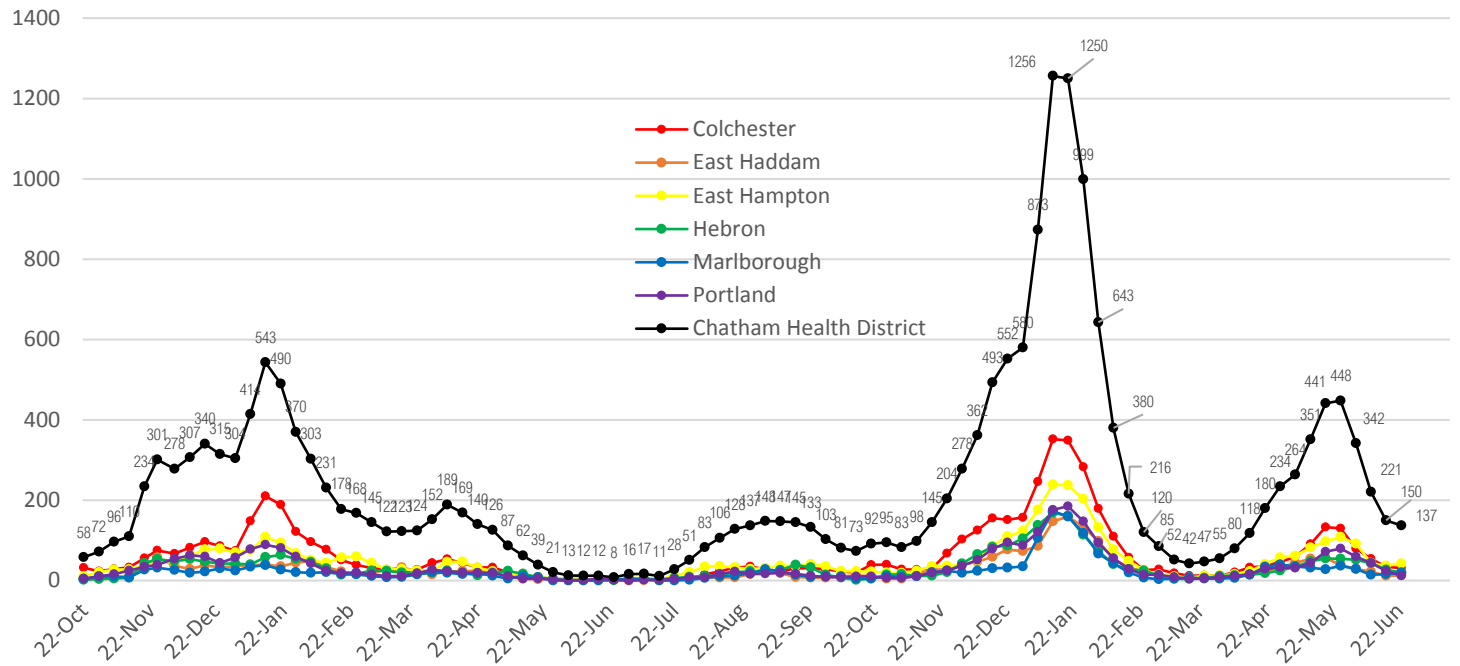
## Average Daily Case Rate by Town (# of cases /100,000)



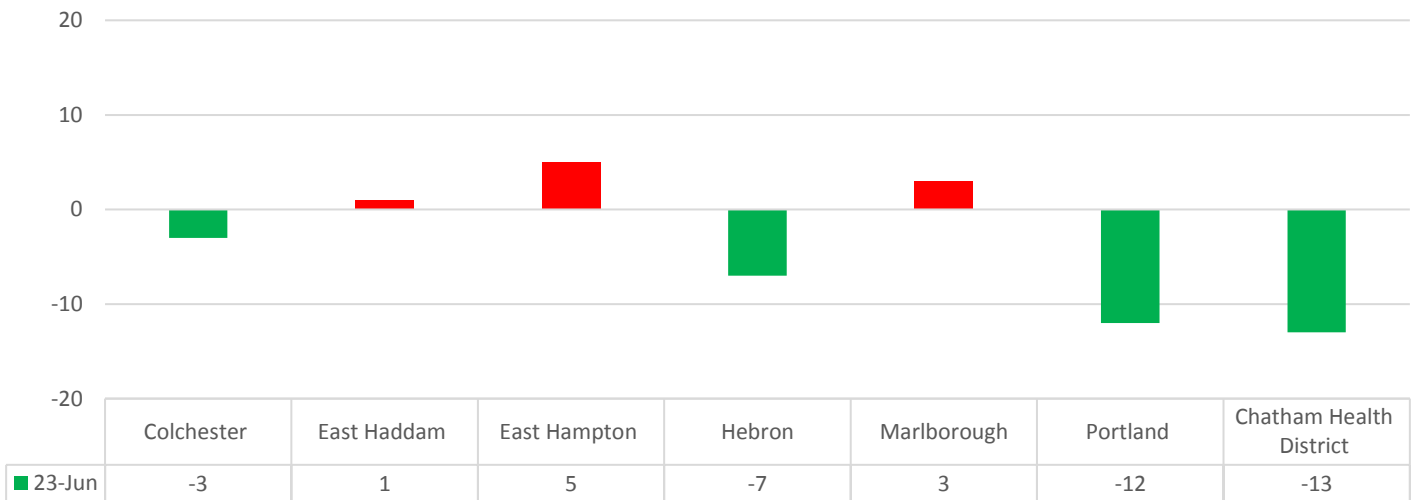
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Updated 23Jun2022

## Number of Cases Reported by Town



## Change in Number of Cases Reported by Town

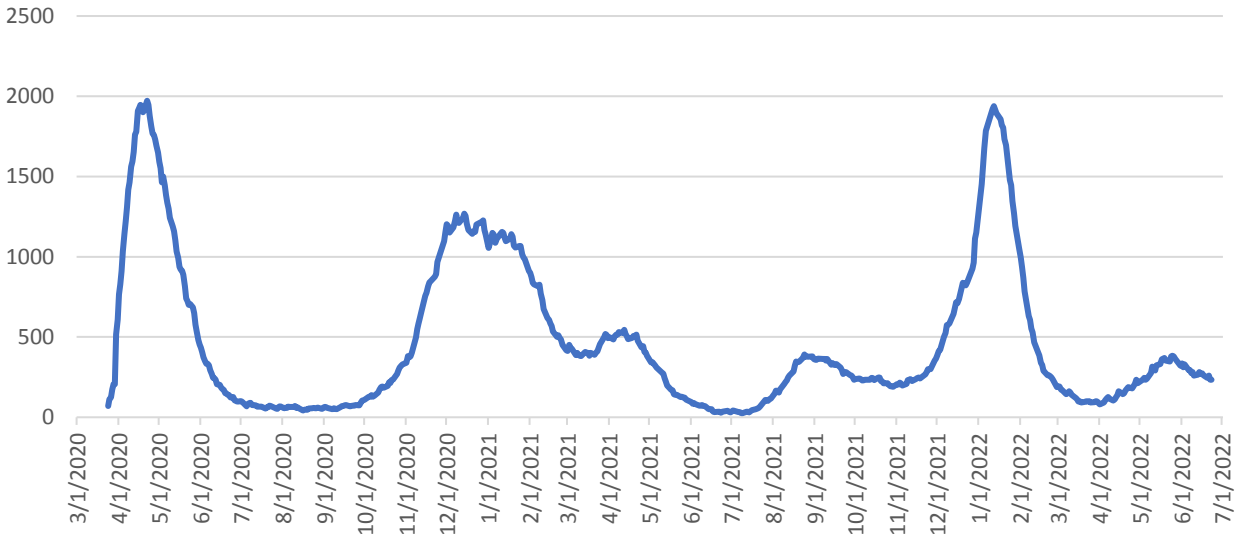


Source: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-data/wa3g-tfvc/>

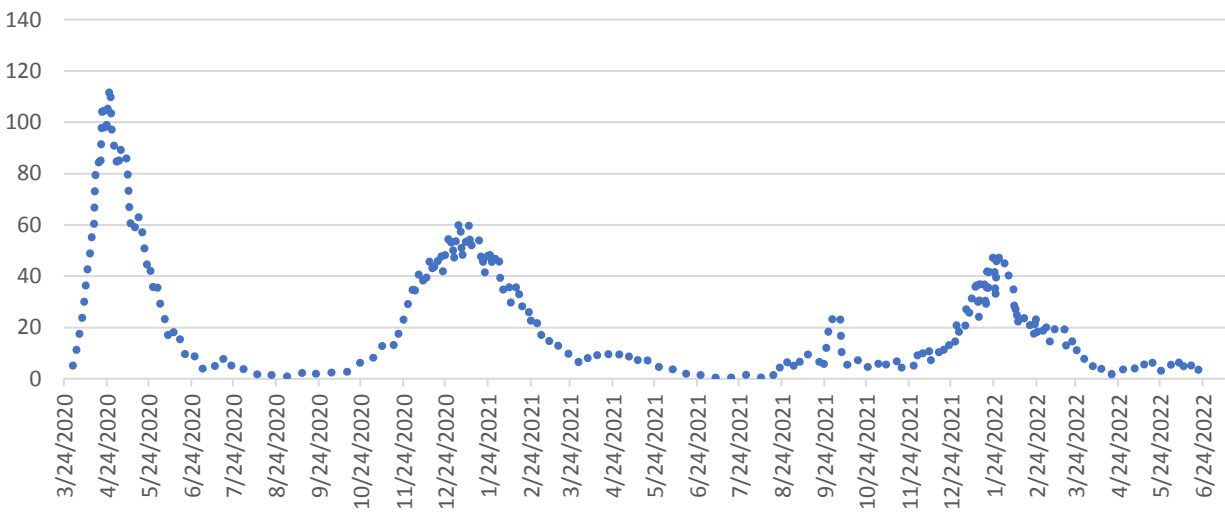
# CHATHAM HEALTH DISTRICT COVID-19 STATUS REPORT

Updated 23Jun2022

## Number of Patients Hospitalized with COVID-19 in Connecticut



## Number of Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Deaths in Connecticut (7 day rolling average)



Source: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-data/wa3g-tfvc/>

# CHATHAM HEALTH DISTRICT COVID-19 STATUS REPORT

Updated 23Jun2022

## All Ages Vaccination Coverage as Reported by CT DPH on 22Jun2022

<b>Town</b>	<b>% Total Population Received First Dose</b>	<b>% Total Population Fully Vaccinated</b>	<b>% Total Population Additional Dose Received</b>
<b>Colchester</b>	80.92	76.56	48.81
<b>East Haddam</b>	78.49	73.22	46.43
<b>East Hampton</b>	79.05	75.31	47.73
<b>Hebron</b>	80.49	76.47	51.05
<b>Marlborough</b>	82.43	78.33	51.07
<b>Portland</b>	83.22	79.65	52.11
<b>Chatham Health District</b>	80.6	76.4	49.3
<b>Connecticut</b>	79.5	73.2	42.0



# CHATHAM HEALTH DISTRICT COVID-19 STATUS REPORT

Updated 23Jun2022

## Age-Specific Vaccination Rates as Reported by CT DPH on 01Jun2022

*This table will be updated again on 08Jul2022*

Initiated Vaccination (%)	Age Group					
	5-11	12-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+
<b>Town</b>						
Colchester	43.9	66.0	82.6	84.8	84.8	100.0
East Haddam	46.6	61.6	93.2	77.0	76.5	100.0
East Hampton	45.3	82.3	85.6	78.0	78.9	100.0
Hebron	37.3	54.6	98.2	82.2	81.7	100.0
Marlborough	42.4	81.4	100.0	80.0	80.3	100.0
Portland	54.2	72.4	89.0	86.4	84.1	100.0
<b>Chatham Health District</b>	44.6	68.4	89.5	81.7	81.2	100.0

Fully Vaccinated (%)	Age Group					
	5-11	12-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+
<b>Town</b>						
Colchester	40.4	63.8	75.1	78.9	81.8	100.0
East Haddam	39.4	58.9	82.3	70.8	72.4	100.0
East Hampton	41.5	79.9	77.7	72.6	76.0	100.0
Hebron	34.0	53.1	87.9	76.9	78.9	100.0
Marlborough	38.9	78.4	100.0	74.8	77.4	100.0
Portland	49.5	70.9	82.4	81.8	81.1	100.0
<b>Chatham Health District</b>	40.5	66.3	81.8	76.2	78.1	100.0

Additional Dose (%)	Age Group					
	5-11	12-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+
<b>Town</b>						
Colchester	1.5	28.8	37.1	45.4	58.5	93.3
East Haddam	1.2	23.7	39.0	37.6	49.7	93.7
East Hampton	2.1	35.1	38.2	41.1	53.6	93.5
Hebron	1.8	27.2	50.2	44.3	57.9	100.0
Marlborough	0.8	37.0	59.3	43.7	55.7	94.7
Portland	1.2	30.4	43.9	48.4	58.1	92.5
<b>Chatham Health District</b>	1.5	30.0	42.6	43.6	55.7	94.3

Source: [https://data.ct.gov/browse?COVID-19\\_Topic=Vaccination](https://data.ct.gov/browse?COVID-19_Topic=Vaccination)



## Sears Park Cyanobacteria Visual Monitoring Data Sheet

Date: <u>6/24/22</u>	Time: <u>9:10 a.m.</u>
Observed By: <u>Zac Jezek</u>	
Air Temperature (°F): <u>68°</u>	Precipitation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Raining
Cloud Cover: <input type="checkbox"/> 0-5% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6-24% <input type="checkbox"/> 25-49% <input type="checkbox"/> 50-69% <input type="checkbox"/> 70-89% <input type="checkbox"/> 90-100%	Light Conditions: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bright <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy-bright <input type="checkbox"/> Overcast

Location	Water Color	Wind Conditions	Algae Observations (check if applies)	Water Clarity (Secchi depth):
Happiest Paddler Dock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dark Green <input type="checkbox"/> Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Bright-green <input type="checkbox"/> Blackish-tint <input type="checkbox"/> Orange-tint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Light <input type="checkbox"/> Light to Breezy <input type="checkbox"/> Breezy <input type="checkbox"/> Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Very Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Strong	<input type="checkbox"/> No bloom <input type="checkbox"/> Boat-sized patch <input type="checkbox"/> Regional (bay/cove) <input type="checkbox"/> Lake-wide <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Streaks <input type="checkbox"/> Dots/clumps <input type="checkbox"/> Spilled paint <input type="checkbox"/> Full scum <u>A few light streaks in dock area with</u> Notes: <u>boats.</u>	Secchi Reading #1: <u>1.15</u> m Viewer Initials #1: <u>ZJ</u> On Bottom? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No View Scope Used? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Shady side? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>Total depth 1.15m</u>
Public Swim Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dark Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Bright-green <input type="checkbox"/> Blackish-tint <input type="checkbox"/> Orange-tint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Light <input type="checkbox"/> Light to Breezy <input type="checkbox"/> Breezy <input type="checkbox"/> Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Very Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Strong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No bloom <input type="checkbox"/> Boat-sized patch <input type="checkbox"/> Regional (bay/cove) <input type="checkbox"/> Lake-wide <input type="checkbox"/> Streaks <input type="checkbox"/> Dots/clumps <input type="checkbox"/> Spilled paint <input type="checkbox"/> Full scum Notes:	Secchi Reading #1: _____ m Viewer Initials #1: _____ On Bottom? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No View Scope Used? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Shady side? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>N/A</u>
Public Boat Launch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dark Green <input type="checkbox"/> Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Bright-green <input type="checkbox"/> Blackish-tint <input type="checkbox"/> Orange-tint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Light <input type="checkbox"/> Light to Breezy <input type="checkbox"/> Breezy <input type="checkbox"/> Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Very Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Strong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No bloom <input type="checkbox"/> Boat-sized patch <input type="checkbox"/> Regional (bay/cove) <input type="checkbox"/> Lake-wide <input type="checkbox"/> Streaks <input type="checkbox"/> Dots/clumps <input type="checkbox"/> Spilled paint <input type="checkbox"/> Full scum Notes:	Secchi Reading #1: _____ m Viewer Initials #1: _____ On Bottom? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No View Scope Used? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Shady side? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>N/A</u>



















