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#### East Hampton COVID-19 Case Confirmed

East Hampton, CT, March 19, 2020 – The Town of East Hampton has its first case of COVID-19 disease. Town Manager, David Cox, confirms that a person residing in the Town has tested positive for the virus. “This was not unexpected. We knew that it was only a matter of time before we would have a confirmed case,” said Cox. It is likely that there are other cases in the community and in the surrounding communities that are not showing symptoms or experiencing mild symptoms. People should continue to take steps to protect themselves and others by following the recommended procedures.

The Chatham Health District and the Town remind residents to be diligent as they continue to avoid contact with others. Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds especially after being in public, sneezing, coughing or nose blowing. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer. To further prevent the spread of COVID-19, please maintain “social distancing” of at least 6 feet and stay away from groups of people. Protect others by staying home if you are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces. For the most current updates and recommendations, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](http://ct.gov/coronavirus). For general questions, call 2-1-1.