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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of January 14, 2021 REVISED

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East Hampton – RED ALERT LEVEL AND VACCINE INFORMATION

East Hampton, CT, January 14, 2021 – As the Town of East Hampton remains at the “Red Alert” under the State’s COVID Response Framework, activity continues to help get the community vaccinated. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), East Hampton had 108 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks, which leads to a two-week average daily positivity rate of 60 per 100,000 population. The most recent reporting from the DPH indicates the total number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases in East Hampton is now 494 since tracking began in March. Sadly, the Town has seen two additional deaths related to the virus bringing the total number of losses to 15.

The Town and Chatham Health District have worked with the State to coordinate vaccination of front line employees who respond directly to confirmed or potential cases of COVID-19 and those employees are expected to be complete by about mid-February. Additional employees and members of the public will soon be eligible for vaccination. The Department of Public Health has released a formal list of those groups eligible to receive vaccine under Phase 1b, which can be found here:

[https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases?fbclid=IwAR2ckVoUve716TfwKxzdUQ-YVHYn-n-n-k1YvsxYC5xtLVXIQ\\_JP04UPbU](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases?fbclid=IwAR2ckVoUve716TfwKxzdUQ-YVHYn-n-n-k1YvsxYC5xtLVXIQ_JP04UPbU). Notably, the list includes persons over 65 and many of those under 65 who have higher risk factors.

The public priority in the next phase is for those individuals over the age of 75. These residents can register now in the State system for scheduling a vaccination, which goes by the acronym VAMS. Online access to the system is found here: <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine>. DPH will be releasing details for support services to assist those ages 75 years or older with the registration process and current information may be found on the State’s website here: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older>. Residents who do not wish to or cannot access information or schedule an appointment online should call Connecticut’s COVID Vaccine Appointment Assistance Line at **877-918-2224**.

Based on the current number of vaccinations that are received by the state weekly, it will be several months before everyone in the second phase is able to get the vaccine. While appointments may not be available immediately, those eligible are encouraged to continue to seek opportunities to be



vaccinated. The State is continuing to enroll providers and staff to administer the vaccines and is working with the federal government and manufacturers to gain access to additional doses. It is expected that access to appointments will grow, particularly for priority populations in the coming weeks.

Testing continues to be encouraged for residents of the Town. Free testing for COVID-19 is available to anyone who is interested regardless of whether they show symptoms from Community Health Center in Middletown or at another local testing site. Additional CHC locations can be found here: <https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-testing/>. Other testing locations may also be found at the State's Coronavirus website at <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>. Simply enter the appropriate zip code.

To find free testing only, connect to this link:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Priority-Populations>.

Residents may also call 2-1-1 or visit [www.211ct.org](http://www.211ct.org) to find a nearby testing location.

For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](http://ct.gov/coronavirus). For general questions, call 2-1-1. For information on Town services, monitor the [Town's website](#) and social media. The most recent state-wide data from the Department of Public Health can be found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary172021.pdf>. Additional data may be found here: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/q5as-kyim>.

#### COVID-19 resources:

- Governor Lamont's January 14 Press Release on Phase 1b Vaccinations: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2021/01-2021/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Connecticut-Residents-Over-75-Can-Now-Register-for-Appointments>
- General vaccine information: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations>
- Vaccination phasing information: [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases?fbclid=IwAR2ckVoUVe716TfwKxzdUQ-YVHYn-n-n-k1YvsxYC5xtLVXIQ\\_JP04UPbU](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases?fbclid=IwAR2ckVoUVe716TfwKxzdUQ-YVHYn-n-n-k1YvsxYC5xtLVXIQ_JP04UPbU)
- Online vaccination registration: <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine>



- Information for those over 75 years old: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older>
- All testing locations (Enter ZIP Code): <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>
- Free testing locations: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Priority-Populations>
- COVID-19 Community Alert Infographic: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/Communications/Graphics/COVID-chart.jpg>
- COVID-19 Community Alert Map is posted here at 4:00 pm on Thursdays: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>.