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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of October 22, 2021

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### TOWN REMAINS AT ORANGE ALERT LEVEL

East Hampton, CT, October 22, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates have remained steady in the last three or more weeks as the Town continued to see about 1.6 new cases each day. The Town remains at the “Orange Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework with a daily rate of about 12.8 cases per 100,000 population. Middlesex County maintained its Substantial Transmission Rate status as determined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) while much of the rest of the state jumped back to “High.” The county had an overall case rate of 75.7 new cases per 100,000 population over the seven day period ending October 21, or 123 actual cases in the county. As the region continues to improve, residents and visitors are still strongly advised to protect themselves and others by using masks, physical separation when possible and by getting vaccinated.

All eligible residents are encouraged to become vaccinated as the most important defense against illness and hospitalization from COVID-19. As of October 20, DPH information shows that 69.15%, or about 8,889, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. The data further shows that over 65% of the Town’s residents are fully vaccinated, having completed all shots in the vaccine series. As of now, about 15% of the Town population is not eligible for vaccination, so it is important that all who are able get the shot. In accordance with decisions made by the FDA and CDC, COVID-19 Vaccine Providers in Connecticut, including Chatham Health District, are providing both first dose shots and approved supplemental or booster doses. Certain individuals who received Pfizer or Moderna vaccinations are eligible for boosters and all persons who received J&J vaccinations are recommended for a booster. Follow the [District on Facebook](#) or check its website ([www.chathamhealth.org](http://www.chathamhealth.org)) periodically to learn more about vaccine availability and vaccine clinics. To learn more about other options for vaccine providers, visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options>.

Also, masks remain an important factor in protecting the community and everyone is safest wearing a mask or face covering when close to others indoors. In order to help protect those that must enter Town government buildings to work or to conduct business, masks continue to be required of all persons entering Town government facilities, including schools, regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, the Town of East Hampton, the State of



Connecticut and the Chatham Health District strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask when they are indoors at any public place. Individual businesses are encouraged to adopt their own policies to require the wearing of masks.

For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](https://portal.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://data.ct.gov/stories/s/q5as-kyim>.

#### COVID-19 resources:

- Chatham Health District: <https://www.chathamhealth.org/>
- General vaccine information:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations>
- Online vaccination registration:  
<https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine>
- All testing locations (Enter ZIP Code):  
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>
- COVID-19 Community Alert Infographic: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/Communications/Graphics/COVID-chart.jpg>
- COVID-19 Daily Rate Map is posted here at 4:00 pm on Thursdays:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>.
- COVID-19 Vaccine distribution information is posted here:  
<https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/CoVP-COVID-Vaccine-Distribution-Data/bhcd-4mnv/>
- CDC County Transmission Data Tracker:  
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>