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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of October 7, 2020

East Hampton, CT, October 7, 2020 – According to the most recent information from the Chatham Health District, East Hampton continues to see new cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks. Recent numbers indicate the Town saw five new cases bringing the total number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases to 71 since tracking began in March. It is presumed that many of these persons have recovered over time, especially the earlier cases. The Town has seen no additional deaths related to the virus and remains at 3 such losses.

Reports indicate considerable acceleration of new cases in neighboring communities, particularly in New London County. While case rates have not been as high in Middlesex County and East Hampton continues to perform well, the close social and economic ties in the region may lead to greater case rates here. Chatham Health District reports that new cases are linked to an increase in close contacts among people. These contacts and the continued infections demonstrate the need to take protective measures for ourselves and others by adhering to the proper guidelines and quarantine rules while we are out. We must remain diligent.

The Health District and the Town remind residents to maintain “social distancing” of at least 6 feet, stay away from larger groups of people, wear a face mask that covers both the mouth and nose whenever possible. When dining out, keep the face mask on except when actively eating or drinking. As restaurants welcome more patrons inside, masks are the easiest way to protect everyone. As always, practice good hand hygiene. 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. Protect others by staying home if you are sick or have traveled to locations identified in the State’s travel advisory, covering coughs and sneezes, and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

The Town is planning a COVID-sensitive Grand Opening for the new Town Hall on Sunday, October 18 from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. All are invited to the outdoor ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will be followed by an open house in the Town Hall. Details will be published and posted to the Town’s websites and social media as they are finalized.
For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit ct.gov/coronavirus. For general questions, call 2-1-1. For information on Town services, monitor the Town’s website and social media.

The next Town update is scheduled for the week of October 19.