MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of October 8, 2021

TOWN RETURNS TO ORANGE ALERT LEVEL

East Hampton, CT, October 8, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates dropped in the last two weeks as the Town saw an average of about 1.6 new cases each day. The Town has returned to 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, along with most of the State, has moved to the Substantial Transmission Rate status as determined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The overall case rate dropped to 75.7 new cases per 100,000 population over the seven day period ending October 6, or 123 actual cases in the county. As the area seems to be on the back end of this most recent wave, residents and visitors continue to be 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 6, DPH information shows that 68.66%, or about 8,826, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. The data further shows that about 65% of the Town’s residents are fully vaccinated, having completed all shots in the vaccine series. With about 15% of the Town population not eligible for vaccination, 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 Pfizer booster doses. Follow the District on Facebook or check its website (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. 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 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