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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of November 19, 2020

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East Hampton – Remains at Red Alert Level

East Hampton, CT, November 19, 2020 – The Town of East Hampton remains at the “Red Alert” under the State’s COVID Response Framework. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, East Hampton had 22 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 last week and a total of 37 new cases in the last two weeks, which leads to a two-week average daily positivity rate of 20.6 per 100,000 population. The total number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases is now 138 since tracking began in March. As always, while it is presumed that many of the earlier cases have recovered over time, these new case numbers continue to show significant numbers of new cases in recent weeks. Fortunately, the Town has seen no additional deaths related to the virus and remains at three such losses.

“Red Alert” is the highest level of alert and calls for significant scaling back of contacts and events with people outside of one’s household. Sadly, this includes Thanksgiving events. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is discouraging getting together with people who do not live in same household. The latest guidance from the CDC about safe and safer Thanksgiving celebrations is found at this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/thanksgiving.html>

Especially during this resurgence, please postpone or cancel both indoor and outdoor events that are not critical. Events should only be held when masks and social distancing can be maintained. High risk individuals are especially encouraged to stay home and stay safe. Restaurants and businesses remain open and are now subject to the modified provisions under the State’s Phase 2 regulations and are reminded to strictly adhere to those protocols. Schools remain in their modified hybrid learning model and details of that plan are available directly from the East Hampton Schools.

Residents of the Town are encouraged to be tested. 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. A free testing event is being held at Hope Church in East Hampton on Friday, November 20. Additional CHC locations can be found here: <https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-testing/>. Future testing events in East Hampton are in the works.



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 to find a nearby testing location.

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.

Other COVID-19 resources:

- 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>.