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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of November 19, 2021

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BACK TO RED ALERT LEVEL

East Hampton, CT, November 19, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates jumped again this week in the most recent figures from CT DPH and the Town returned to the “Red Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework. In the last two weeks, East Hampton has seen about 2.6 new daily cases equating to about 20.1 cases per 100,000 population. Middlesex County continued at the Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC’s) Substantial Transmission Rate status, but the overall case rate increased again to 92.34 new cases per 100,000 population over the seven day period ending November 16, or 150 actual cases. Residents and visitors are strongly encouraged 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 November 17, DPH information shows that about 71.8%, or about 9,225 of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines and that about 66.5% of the Town’s residents are fully vaccinated, having completed all shots in the vaccine series. All residents are encouraged to complete their initial vaccination series and to get supplemental or booster shots when appropriate. As of now, about 6% of the Town’s population (children under 5) is not eligible for vaccination. In accordance with the recent eligibility 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 for all approved ages. Chatham Health District has partnered with Griffin Health to be able to provide Pfizer vaccinations to interested persons, including those under 18. 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 accordance with current State protocol, vaccinated persons are not required to wear a mask, but unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask. As always, masks are welcome for anyone who wishes to wear one. Currently, the mask requirement remains in place at the Library and Senior



Center based on the populations served at those locations. Pursuant to State DPH directives, masks are still required at schools and health facilities. Individual businesses are encouraged to adopt their own policies regarding 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 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>