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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of November 5, 2020

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East Hampton – Red Alert Level

East Hampton, CT, November 5, 2020 – The Town of East Hampton was elevated to a “Red Alert” under the States COVID Response Framework. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, East Hampton saw 12 new cases of COVID-19 since the last report, which leads to an average daily positivity rate in the last two weeks of 15 per 100,000 population. The total number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases is now 108 since tracking began in March. While it is presumed that many of the earlier cases have recovered over time, these new case numbers show significant increases in cases in recent weeks. Fortunately, the Town has seen no additional deaths related to the virus and remains at three such losses.

Under the State’s alert system, a “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. This includes postponing or cancelling both indoor and outdoor events and outdoor 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 but are now subject to the modified provisions under the State’s Phase 2 regulations and are reminded to strictly adhere to those protocols. Schools are moving to their modified hybrid learning model on Monday and detailed information on that plan is available directly from the East Hampton Schools.

Residents of the Town are encouraged to be tested. Free testing for COVID-19 will be available in the Town of East Hampton on November 9 and 13. The testing, which requires no insurance or fee payment, is available to anyone who is interested regardless of whether they show symptoms.

The free testing will be:

- Monday, November 9, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Hope Church at 230 East High Street in East Hampton
- Friday, November 13, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, St. Patrick’s Church, 47 West High Street in East Hampton



Testing is conducted without an appointment and is either drive up or walk up. To speed up the process, those getting tested should print and complete the registration form before coming to the site. If that is not possible, no problem! Registration forms will be available on site for completion.

Registration Form in English: https://www.chc1.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVIDREGver5_english.pdf

For additional information from Community Health Center and for the registration form in Spanish (Formulario de inscripción en español), visit <https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-testing/>

Everyone in the community is encouraged to be tested at one of these testing events, at the Community Health Center in Middletown or at another local testing site. To find a testing site, visit the State's Coronavirus website at <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus> and enter the appropriate zip code.

To find only free testing, 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>.