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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of November 5, 2021

TOWN REMAINS AT ORANGE ALERT LEVEL

East Hampton, CT, November 5, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates nudged slightly lower again this week in the most recent figures from CT DPH although the Town remains at the “Orange Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework. In the last two weeks, East Hampton has seen just under about 1.4 new daily cases equating to about 10.6 cases per 100,000 population. Middlesex County maintained its Substantial Transmission Rate status as determined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), but the rate dropped slightly again. The County had an overall case rate of 55.41 new cases per 100,000 population over the seven day period ending November 3, or 90 actual cases. As the region improves, residents and visitors are still strongly advised to protect themselves and others by using masks, physical separation when possible and by getting vaccinated to continue the improving trend.

All eligible residents are encouraged to become vaccinated as the most important defense against illness and hospitalization from COVID-19. As of November 4, DPH information shows that about 70%, or about 8,995, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines and that about 66% of the Town’s residents are fully vaccinated, having completed all shots in the vaccine series. As of now, about 6% of the Town population (children under 5) is not eligible for vaccination. The availability to younger children is another important step to improve the situation in the community. 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 to be able to provide Pfizer vaccinations to interested persons. 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. However, as the situation has improved and continues to slowly trend toward fewer infections, the requirement for masks in Town Hall has been lifted. In accordance with 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 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-4mny/

- CDC County Transmission Data Tracker: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view