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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of December 18, 2020

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East Hampton – Remains at Red Alert Level

East Hampton, CT, December 18, 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 (DPH), East Hampton had 77 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks, which leads to a two-week average daily positivity rate of 42.8 per 100,000 population. The most recent reporting from the DPH indicates the total number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases in East Hampton is now 290 since tracking began in March. There are also 14 cases identified as “probable” in the DPH data. 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. 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. An important note from the Town’s health department, the Chatham Health District, is that contact tracing continues to show that small social gatherings are the most commonly reported source of exposure. Please remain diligent about masks, distance and sanitation when with others.

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. Additional CHC locations can be found here: <https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-testing/>. 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. The most recent state-wide data from the Department of Public Health can be found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary12172020.pdf>

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>.