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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of February 26, 2021

RED ALERT LEVEL, VACCINATION AND TESTING

East Hampton, CT, February 26, 2021 – East Hampton remains at the “Red Alert” under the State’s COVID Response Framework. Although East Hampton is in a better place than it was earlier in the year, the Town has seen increases in its case rates over the last few weeks. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), East Hampton had 60 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks, which leads to a two-week average daily positivity rate of 33.3 per 100,000 population. That equates to over 4 new cases each day in East Hampton. The most recent reporting from the DPH indicates the total number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases in East Hampton is now 669 since tracking began in March. Sadly, yet another death related to the virus was reported bringing that figure 19.

The Town and Chatham Health District continue urged all residents to wear masks at all times when around people they do not live with, to limit their social interactions with those outside their own households, to stay home from work or school when they are sick, to quarantine for 10-14 days when they have been told that they were in close contact with a person who had COVID-19, to get tested for COVID-19 and notify their employer and close contacts if they become aware that they have COVID-19, and to schedule an appointment to get vaccinated when they become eligible. Masks should completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of face without gaps. Masks should be made of multiple layers (2 is OK, 3 is better) of tightly woven fabric.

The Town and the District also are working to implement the vaccination program. In addition to completing planned vaccinations for those individuals that are over 65, the District will be implementing plans to vaccinate educators under the revised State plans. The District will be working with the School Districts in the area to help vaccinate these individuals. The most recent data from the State indicates that over 2,100 (16.94%) Town residents have received at least their first dose of the vaccine. Over 90% of our population over 75 has been vaccinated.

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
COVID-19 resources:

- Information for those over 75 years old: [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older)

- General vaccine information: [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations)


- Online vaccination registration: [https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine](https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine)

- All testing locations (Enter ZIP Code): [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus)

- Free testing locations: [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Priority-Populations](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Priority-Populations)


- COVID-19 Community Alert Map is posted here at 4:00 pm on Thursdays: [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker).