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

RED ALERT LEVEL, VACCINATION AND BUDGET MEETINGS

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East Hampton, CT, March 19, 2021 – East Hampton remains at the “Red Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework although the Town’s case rates generally remain improved. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), East Hampton had 29 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks, which leads to a two-week average daily positivity rate of 16.1 per 100,000 population. That equates to just about 2 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 707 since tracking began in March. No additional deaths have been reported.

Further, as of Monday, March 15, DPH information shows that about 28%, or about 3,600, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. Those over 45 years old or in one of the previous categories are eligible for vaccination and the Chatham Health District continues to implement vaccination clinics to assist residents in becoming vaccinated.

The Town’s FY 2022 budget has been released and is posted on the Town website. In the upcoming week, the Board of Finance will hold a public hearing and will conduct a series of workshop meetings during which it will review the proposed budget in detail with staff. Information regarding those meetings is also available on the Town’s website or in the Town Clerk’s Office. This year, there is no change to the normal budget approval process as outlined in the Town’s Charter. As such, it is anticipated that a Town Meeting will be held in early May followed by the usual budget referendum. Budget meetings are intended to be held both in-person and online to facilitate participation.

Residents are reminded to wear a face covering when in public places and, in particular, when attending meetings or visiting governmental offices. As the community continues to work through vaccinations, residents are also reminded 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 (unless they are fully vaccinated), to get tested for COVID-19 and notify their employer and close contacts if they become aware that they have COVID-19. Also, residents should 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.

As of today, the Travel Restrictions for the state have been removed and those previous requirements are now guidelines. For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](https://portal.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/CTDPHCOVID19summary172021.pdf>. Additional data may be found here: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/q5as-kyim>.

COVID-19 resources:

- Chatham Health District: <https://www.chathamhealth.org/>
- Information for those over 75 years old: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older>
- General vaccine information: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations>
- Vaccination phasing information: https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases?fbclid=IwAR2ckVoUVE716TfwKxzdUQ-YVHYn-n-n-k1YvsxYC5xtLVXlQ_JPo4UPbU
- Online vaccination registration: <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine>
- All testing locations (Enter ZIP Code): <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>
- Free testing locations: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Priority-Populations>
- 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>.