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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of March 25, 2021

ORANGE ALERT LEVEL AND VACCINATION

East Hampton, CT, March 25, 2021 – East Hampton has returned to the “Orange Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework. East Hampton was last at this level in the last week of October 2020. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), East Hampton had 25 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks, which leads to a two-week average daily positivity rate of 13.9 per 100,000 population. That equates to under 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 717 since tracking began in March. No additional deaths have been reported.

Further, as of March 24, DPH information shows that about 30%, or about 3,850, 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. Effective April 1, residents over the age of 16 become eligible for vaccination.

Residents are reminded to remain vigilant and 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.

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/-
COVID-19 resources:

- Chatham Health District: [https://www.chathamhealth.org/](https://www.chathamhealth.org/)

- 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)