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East Hampton COVID-19 Response Update April 22, 2020

East Hampton, CT, April 22, 2020 – According to the latest information from the Chatham Health District, the Town of East Hampton has had 22 confirmed cases of COVID-19 disease. Sadly, the Town has suffered its first deaths related to the pandemic. Two female residents, one in her 70s and one in her 80s, died in recent days. The number of infections continues to increase, so residents are reminded to take steps to protect themselves and others by following the recommended and required procedures including the use of cloth masks over their mouth and nose while in public. There remain many known cases in the region and it is likely that there are other cases in this community and in the surrounding communities that are not showing symptoms or are experiencing mild symptoms.

The Chatham Health District and the Town remind residents to “Stay Safe, Stay Home” and be diligent as they continue to avoid contact with others. Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds especially after being in public, sneezing, coughing or nose blowing. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer. To further prevent the spread of COVID-19, use a face mask as required, always maintain “social distancing” of at least 6 feet and stay away from groups of people. Protect others by staying home if you are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces. For the most current updates and recommendations, visit ct.gov/coronavirus. For general questions, call 2-1-1.

The Town’s operations continue to be impacted by the pandemic. Offices and facilities remain closed to the public with limited ability to meet by appointment as necessary. The Building and Land Use Department continues to process applications, hold required meetings, issue permits and perform inspections to ensure that these projects continue to move forward. The Parks and Recreation Department, Library, Senior Center and Youth and Family Services are all offering online programing and services in addition to online resources that are normally available. Visit their websites, which are accessible through the Town’s site at easthamptonct.gov, for more information on how to access services and links to their respective social media outlets.

The next Town update is scheduled for Friday, April 24.