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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of April 23, 2021

RED ALERT LEVEL AND VACCINATION

East Hampton, CT, April 23, 2021 – East Hampton remains at the “Red Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework but the Town’s case rate remained at a lower level. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), East Hampton had 32 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks, which brings the Town’s two-week average daily positivity rate to 17.8 per 100,000 population. That continues the Town rate of just over 2 new cases each day. Residents are urged to maintain safety protocols and be diligent as they protect themselves and others.

In addition to wearing facial coverings, a significant part of the effort to be safer is the vaccine. As of April 21, DPH information shows that about 50%, or over 6,500 of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. Detailed information shows that virtually all Town residents over 65 years old are vaccinated and almost 63% of residents between 45 and 64 years old are vaccinated. All residents 16 years old and older are eligible for vaccination and the Chatham Health District continues to implement vaccination clinics to assist residents in becoming vaccinated.

Even after a resident has been vaccinated, they are reminded to remain vigilant and to wear a face covering when gathering socially and in public places and, in particular, when visiting restaurants, businesses or governmental offices and attending meetings. 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. 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).