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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of April 8, 2021

RETURN TO RED ALERT LEVEL AND VACCINATION

East Hampton, CT, April 8, 2021 – East Hampton has returned to the “Red Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), East Hampton had 46 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks, which jumps the Town’s two-week average daily positivity rate to 25.6 per 100,000 population. That equates to more than 3 new cases each day in East Hampton but last week, that figure was over 4 cases per day or 29 cases. 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 7, DPH information shows that almost 44%, or over 5,600 of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. All residents over 16 years old 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 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/-/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/](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).