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East Hampton COVID-19 Response Update May 1, 2020

East Hampton, CT, May 1, 2020 – According to the latest information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the Town of East Hampton has risen to 31 confirmed cases of COVID-19 disease, with no new losses of life. As always, 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 and unable to remain distant from others. 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.

Based on recent comments from the Governor and the State regarding the potential reopening of some businesses, the Town and its partners in the Chatham Health District have begun developing plans. Staff in Town facilities, including the Library, Senior Center and Town Hall, are developing safety protocols that will be implemented when the time is right to allow public back into those spaces. Additionally, as new business-opening information becomes available, the Town and Chatham Health District will provide guidance and resources to businesses as they plan to start up again. As always, residents are encouraged to shop local whenever they can and doing so will be even more important as the community moves ahead.

The next Town update is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6.