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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of May 13, 2021

YELLOW ALERT LEVEL AND VACCINATION

East Hampton, CT, May 17, 2021 – East Hampton has dropped to the “Yellow Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework as the Town’s case rate dipped further. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), East Hampton had 15 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks, which brings the Town’s two-week average daily positivity rate to 8.4 per 100,000 population. The two-week rate equates to over 1 new case each day. Residents are urged to be safe and diligent as they protect themselves and others.

A significant part of the effort to be safer and to eliminate the need for masks is the vaccine. As of May 12, DPH information shows that about 56%, or over 7,200 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 65% of residents between 45 and 64 years old are vaccinated. About 52% of eligible residents between 15 and 45 have been vaccinated. As reported, the vaccine has now been approved for all residents 12 years old and older and all eligible residents are encouraged to be vaccinated as soon as possible. The Chatham Health District continues to implement vaccination clinics to assist residents 18 and older in becoming vaccinated. Those younger than 18 who are interested in the vaccine (which must be the Pfizer vaccine) should seek information via the State’s COVID information portal at: https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/COVID-19-Vaccination-Phases

As guidance from the CDC and the state has changed regarding mask wearing, the Town of East Hampton is adapting its protocols. Everyone, and especially those who have not been vaccinated, is safest wearing a mask or face covering. However, it is anticipated that mask wearing will not be required after next week in most non-education-related Town facilities for those that are fully vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated and those who are more comfortable with a mask are asked to wear one. Certain Town programs and activities, including those presented by the Recreation Department, Library and Senior Center, may have slightly different policies depending on the population served, number of participants or activity and those policies will be communicated to participants. Individual businesses will also be able to determine their own policies.
For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](http://ct.gov/coronavirus). For general questions, call 2-1-1. For information on Town services, monitor the [Town’s website](https://www.easthamptonct.gov) and social media. The most recent state-wide data from the Department of Public Health can be found here: [https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/q5as-kyim](https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/q5as-kyim).

COVID-19 resources:

- Chatham Health District: [https://www.chathamhealth.org/](https://www.chathamhealth.org/)
- 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)
- COVID-19 Daily Rate 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)