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East Hampton COVID-19 Response Update May 21, 2020

East Hampton, CT, May 21, 2020 – According to the most recent information from the Chatham Health District, the Town of East Hampton's total number of COVID-19 cases since tracking began in early March has risen by one to 42. Although there is no confirmation made regarding recovery by any individual, it is presumed that many of these cases have recovered or are recovering. No additional deaths attributable to the disease in East Hampton have occurred.

Testing of residents remains steady in keeping with the Statewide efforts toward increased testing. Despite higher testing, the number of new cases in the Chatham Health District has steadily declined since the beginning of May. This suggests that the steps we are taking are helping protect our community. 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. CVS and the State have announced several additional testing facilities throughout the state including one in East Hampton. Those wanting a test must register online at [CVS.com](https://www.cvs.com)

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.

A number of East Hampton's restaurants have or will open for outdoor dining soon. The community is encouraged to enjoy these opportunities safely. Town Offices remain closed to the public but will be open by appointment in the upcoming weeks. As always, staff is available by e-mail and telephone at the contact information on the Town's website: [easthamptonct.gov](https://www.easthamptonct.gov).

The next Town update is scheduled for Friday, May 22.