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East Hampton COVID-19 Response Update May 6, 2020

East Hampton, CT, May 6, 2020 – According to the latest information from the Chatham Health District, the Town of East Hampton has risen to 34 confirmed cases of COVID-19 disease. Further, one death that occurred sometime ago was reclassified to East Hampton from another location, which increases our total to 4 deaths associated with the pandemic. 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.

Although school will continue to be home-based distance learning through the end of this school year, Town and Education staff have been discussing summer programming. We continue to review the information being distributed regarding how summer camps and summer education will be impacted by the situation and we look forward to presenting summer programs for youth as soon as we are able. 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. Also, as the community looks forward to the potential reopening of some businesses, the Town and its partners in the Chatham Health District continue to develop plans. Residents are encouraged to shop local whenever they can and doing so will be even more important as the community moves ahead.



With safety in mind, the process to relocate Town operations to the new Town Hall begins Thursday, May 7 at noon. On Monday, May 11, staff will be operating with the new facility as “home base” although it will remain closed to the public and some staff will continue to work remotely. Major activities like Building Inspection and Police will continue as normal through the move time despite the relocation. Please be sure to contact Town departments at their usual numbers and emails if you have questions.

The next Town update is scheduled for Friday, May 8.