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East Hampton COVID-19 Response Update June 16, 2020

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East Hampton, CT, June 16, 2020 – According to the most recent information from the Chatham Health District, 46 East Hampton residents have been diagnosed with COVID-19 since tracking began in early March. That is an increase of two over the last reported figure one week ago. As noted previously, 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 new deaths attributable to the disease in East Hampton have been reported.

Chatham Health District reports that community transmission of COVID-19 has been low, but that “contact tracing” revealed an increasing number of close contacts among the new cases. This underscores the need for the community to ensure that its efforts at self-protection continue. The Health District and the Town remind residents to be diligent as they continue to avoid contact with others, maintain “social distancing” of at least 6 feet, stay away from larger groups of people and wear a face mask. Also, 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. Protect others by staying home if you are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Testing in Chatham Health District communities continues to accelerate and reached a daily average of 100 tests per day last week. CVS has a drive through testing site available at its East Hampton location. The testing is self-administered at the drive up and only takes a few minutes to complete. Anyone with symptoms is encouraged to be tested. Those wanting a test must register online at [CVS.com](https://www.cvs.com)

Town Hall remains closed to the public although it is expected to reopen for business in the upcoming weeks. Until then, residents needing to perform Town business are asked to contact the individual department to arrange for service. In many cases, Town business can be conducted remotely but, if necessary, staff will arrange an appropriate face-to-face meeting. Specific Town department phone numbers may be found on the Town website.

For the most current updates and recommendations, visit ct.gov/coronavirus. For general questions, call 2-1-1.

The next Town update is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23.