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East Hampton COVID-19 Response Update June 2, 2020

East Hampton, CT, June 2, 2020 – According to the most recent information from the Chatham Health District and the Connecticut Department of Public Health, 43 East Hampton residents have been diagnosed with COVID-19 since tracking began in early March. That is an increase of one over the last reported figure. 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. Further, one of the deaths attributable to the disease in East Hampton has been removed reducing the number to three.

Testing of residents in the Chatham Health District has accelerated through May and continues at an increased level in keeping with the Statewide efforts regarding testing. 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. Those wanting a test must register online at **CVS.com**

The Town continues to undertake public meetings via the online platform Zoom. This includes work related to the Town's annual budget approval, which will be completed by the Town Council in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders. There will be no referendum. As the Council considers the Town's budget, residents who wish to comment may do so by mail to the Town Hall at 1 Community Drive or by email to budget@easthamptonct.gov. The Council will next consider the budget at its meeting on June 9, at which it may consider adoption.

Town Hall remains closed to the public. Residents needing to perform Town business are asked to contact the 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.

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.

The next Town update is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9.