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East Hampton COVID-19 Response Update June 9, 2020

East Hampton, CT, June 9, 2020 – According to the most recent information from the Chatham Health District, 44 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 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 there was a slight decrease in new daily cases and that community transmission of COVID-19 has been low, again suggesting that the community’s efforts at self-protection have been successful. Testing accelerated through May and continued to remain at the higher level into June 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. Anyone with symptoms is encouraged to be tested. 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 tonight and at a Special Meeting on June 15, at which it is expected to 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 16.