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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of July 23, 2021

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East Hampton, CT, July 23, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates remain elevated and as of July 22, the Town has returned to the “Yellow Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework. Based on information from the State, the data shows a rate of 6.7 cases per 100,000 population, which equates to just under one actual case per day in the two week report period that ended July 17. More recent data from the State shows the case rates are remaining higher. Thankfully, no deaths have been reported in several months. According to information from the Chatham Health District, transmission is generally occurring among unvaccinated individuals and the spread is often related to travel and social events where safety practices were not followed. Many cases are occurring within younger segments of the Town population, which is similar to elsewhere in the State. With care and the vaccine, the community can turn the trend of increasing cases around. The vaccine remains an important factor in protecting the community.

All residents that are eligible are encouraged to become vaccinated. As of July 21, DPH information shows that about 63.7%, or about 8,185, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. With about 15% of the Town population not eligible for vaccination, it is important that all who are able get the shot. Detailed information shows that virtually all Town residents over 65 years old are vaccinated, about 69% of residents between 45 and 64 years old are vaccinated and about 63% of eligible residents between 15 and 45 have been vaccinated. The information also shows that just over 56% of Town residents between 12 and 15 have been vaccinated. Most new vaccinations this week occurred among the 15 to 44 year old age group. Everyone over 12 years old is eligible and all are encouraged to be vaccinated as soon as possible. Information regarding vaccines is available via the State’s COVID portal at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/COVID-19-Vaccination-Phases>

Everyone, and especially those who have not been vaccinated, is safest wearing a mask or face covering when close to others indoors. However, mask wearing is not required in most non-education-related Town facilities for those that are fully vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated and those who are more comfortable with a mask are encouraged to wear one. Certain Town programs and activities continue to encourage mask wearing for all



visitors and participants due to the populations served. Individual businesses are also able to determine their own policies.

For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit ct.gov/coronavirus. For general questions, call 2-1-1. For information on Town services, monitor the [Town's website](#) and social media. The most recent state-wide data from the Department of Public Health can be found here: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/q5as-kyim>.

COVID-19 resources:

- Chatham Health District: <https://www.chathamhealth.org/>
- General vaccine information:
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations>
- Online vaccination registration:
<https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine>
- All testing locations (Enter ZIP Code):
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>
- COVID-19 Community Alert Infographic: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/Communications/Graphics/COVID-chart.jpg>
- COVID-19 Daily Rate Map is posted here at 4:00 pm on Thursdays:
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>.
- COVID-19 Vaccine distribution information is posted here:
<https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/CoVP-COVID-Vaccine-Distribution-Data/bhcd-4mnv/>