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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of July 30, 2021

### EAST HAMPTON AT ORANGE ALERT LEVEL

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East Hampton, CT, July 30, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates have climbed further and as of July 29, the Town has risen to the “Orange Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework. Based on information from the State, the data shows a rate of 11.7 cases per 100,000 population, which equates to just about 1.5 actual new cases per day in the two week report period that ended July 24. According to information from the Chatham Health District, transmission is likely related to the more contagious Delta variant of the virus and is generally occurring among unvaccinated individuals although there have been some “breakthrough” cases among vaccinated individuals. Nevertheless, the vaccine remains an important factor in protecting the community.

All eligible residents are encouraged to become vaccinated as soon as possible. As of July 28, DPH information shows that about 64.12%, or about 8,242, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. After several weeks of declining vaccinations, recent information shows the number of weekly vaccinations is again increasing. 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, almost 70% of residents between 45 and 64 years old are vaccinated, about 64% of eligible residents between 15 and 45 have been vaccinated and just about 59% of Town residents between 12 and 15 have been vaccinated. Again, most new vaccinations this week occurred among the 15 to 44 year old age group. Information regarding vaccines is available via the State’s COVID portal at: <https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/COVID-19-Vaccination-Phases>

Masks are another factor in protecting the community. Everyone is safest wearing a mask or face covering when close to others indoors. Current guidance encourages wearing of masks in communities that are experiencing “substantial” or “high” transmission rates. The three Connecticut counties surrounding East Hampton and Middlesex County are experiencing these rates. While in these areas, everyone is encouraged to wear a mask. Currently, mask wearing is not required in most Town facilities for those that are fully vaccinated but it is always encouraged based on a person’s own comfort level. Anyone who is not yet vaccinated should wear a mask. However, masks are specifically encouraged for everyone in facilities or programs that serve a large population of youth who are not eligible for



vaccines. If transmission rates further increase in East Hampton or in Middlesex County, wearing of masks will be more widely encouraged. Individual businesses are also able to determine their own policies.

For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](https://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/>
- CDC County Transmission Data Tracker:  
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>