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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of August 13, 2021

MASKING REQUIRED AT TOWN FACILITIES

East Hampton, CT, August 13, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates continue to climb and Middlesex County is now classified as experiencing a High Transmission Rate by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As of August 12, the Town remained at the “Red Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework with a daily rate of 20 cases per 100,000 population, which equates to just over 2.5 actual new cases each day in the two week report period that ended August 7. Further, the CDC classification of Middlesex County as a “High Transmission Rate” area, which uses seven days of data through August 11, was based on the reporting of 106.5 new cases per 100,000 population over the seven day period, or 173 actual cases in the county. Residents and visitors are strongly advised to protect themselves and others by using masks, physical separation when possible and by getting vaccinated.

Masks are an important factor in protecting the community. Everyone is safest wearing a mask or face covering when close to others indoors. In order to help protect those that must enter Town government buildings to work or to conduct business, as of Monday, August 16, 2021, masks will be required of all persons entering Town government facilities, regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, Chatham Health District is requiring its employees and visitors to wear masks in its facilities and is also requiring its employees to wear masks while conducting District business in the community. Pursuant to requirements of the State, all persons entering school buildings will be required to wear masks as well. Although no community-wide requirement is in place, the Town of East Hampton, the State of Connecticut and the Chatham Health District strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask when they are indoors at a public place. Individual businesses are still able to determine their own policies and may require the wearing of masks.

Additionally, all eligible residents are encouraged to become vaccinated as soon as possible. As of August 12, DPH information shows that over 65%, or about 8,390, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. The data further shows that about 61.5% of the Town’s residents are fully vaccinated, having completed all shots in the vaccine series. With about 15% of the Town population not eligible for vaccination, it is important that all who are able get the shot. Information regarding
vaccines is available via the State’s COVID portal at: https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/COVID-19-Vaccination-Phases

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 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