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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of August 18, 2020

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East Hampton, CT, August 18, 2020 – According to the most recent information from the Chatham Health District, the Town has seen no new cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks. East Hampton remains at 55 diagnosed cases since tracking began in March. As is always the case, it is presumed that many of the historic cases have recovered or are recovering and it is possible for persons with COVID-19 to show little or no symptoms.

Residents and visitors to the community must continue to be diligent as they protect themselves and others from the virus. The Health District and the Town remind residents to be diligent as they continue to avoid contact with others, maintain “social distancing” of at least 6 feet, stay away from larger groups of people and wear a face mask. Also, 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. Protect others by staying home if you are sick or have traveled to locations identified in the State’s advisory, covering coughs and sneezes and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Town Hall remains open to the public for walk in service during standard business hours. Visitors are required to wear masks and to follow distancing and other protocols while in the facility. Residents are still encouraged to use online or remote options for services to the extent possible and may contact the individual department with questions or to make arrangements.

The Town is continuing to prepare further expansion of its in-person options including public meetings. Smaller meetings of boards and commissions have or will return soon but will still require social distancing and mask wearing. Further, the Town Council is planning to introduce a hybrid approach at its September 8 regular meeting through which the Council and others will be in the Council Chambers but that public participation will continue to be facilitated via an online platform such as Zoom. Details will be presented on the Town website.

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 next Town update is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25.