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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of August 26, 2021

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TOWN STILL AT RED ALERT

East Hampton, CT, August 26, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates may have plateaued a bit in the last few weeks as case rates have hovered around 2 to 2.5 new cases per day. Middlesex County has returned the High Transmission Rate status as determined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As of August 26, the Town remained at the “Red Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework with a daily rate of 16.2 cases per 100,000 population, which equates to just over 2 actual new cases each day in the two week report period that ended August 21. Further, the CDC classification of Middlesex County as a “High Transmission Rate” area, which uses seven days of data through August 24, was based on the reporting of 104.7 new cases per 100,000 population over the seven day period, or 170 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 remain 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, **masks continue to be required of all persons entering Town government facilities, including schools, regardless of vaccination status.** Additionally, 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 25, DPH information shows that almost 67%, or about 8,590, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. The data further shows that about 62.5% 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>



Chatham Health District continues to provide vaccination services and will be holding a vaccine clinic at the Portland Housing Authority, 208 Main St in the Town of Portland. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, August 31 between 6PM and 8PM. No appointment is necessary. Additionally, the Health District anticipates establishing COVID testing clinics as well to supplement the few sites that are available. Watch the District website for more information: www.chathamhealth.org.

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/>
- CDC County Transmission Data Tracker: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>