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**East Hampton COVID-19 and  
Tropical Storm Isaias Update as of August 5, 2020**

East Hampton, CT, August 5, 2020 – Today, the Town is dealing with the impacts of Tropical Storm Isaias, which struck the Town beginning around 2:00pm, Tuesday, August 4. Additionally, we continue to monitor matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The interplay of these two emergencies has created unique difficulties that none of us have experienced.

According to the most recent information from the State Department of Health, in the last week, three new cases of COVID-19 were diagnosed in East Hampton bringing the total to 55. No new deaths attributable to the disease in East Hampton have been reported. 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.

As of 3:45pm, Wednesday, August 5, 3,544 Eversource customers in East Hampton were without power. That accounts for about 56% of customers. The Town has been working with Eversource to identify downed trees or other situations involving the utility’s facilities and we have identified 49 roads or areas that are completely or partially blocked due to debris entangled in or touching wires. The work has been prioritized to address complete closures where residents are not able to gain access as highest priority, followed by other complete closures with partial or other impacted sites last.

At this point, it is not known when residents should expect work to open roads and restore power to be complete but anyone without power should plan to be in that situation for multiple days. The Town is finalizing plans to make showers, potable water and charging stations available and more information will be forthcoming on that soon. Anyone experiencing an emergency related to power loss, please call 911 immediately.



As property owners begin to undertake clean up, we understand that a lot of debris will be accumulated. Once the Town has ensured that all roads that are not impacted by downed wires are open, we anticipate opening the Transfer Station for delivery of brush/storm debris only. It is expected that the Station will be open by Friday and will remain open daily (except Sunday) into next week. Details of that will be made available in an announcement tomorrow. Until that time, please maintain the material on site. Burning permits are required before material may be burned. Information on how to obtain a burn permit is available from the Fire Marshal's office or on the Town website at:

<https://www.easthamptonct.gov/fire-marshal/files/obtaining-burn-permit>

For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](http://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 11.