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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of August 5, 2021

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EAST HAMPTON AT RED ALERT LEVEL

East Hampton, CT, August 5, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates continue to climb and as of August 5, the Town has risen to the “Red Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework. Based on information from the State, the data shows a daily rate of 19 cases per 100,000 population, which equates to just about 2.5 actual new cases each day in the two week report period that ended July 31. According to information from the State Department of Public Health, recent cases are primarily attributed to the more contagious Delta variant of the virus and “breakthrough” cases among vaccinated individuals continue. Nevertheless, the vaccine, along with masks, remains an important factor in protecting the community.

All eligible residents are encouraged to become vaccinated as soon as possible. As of August 5, DPH information shows that about 64.33%, or about 8,269, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. The data further shows that about 61% 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. Detailed information regarding the vaccination rates among age categories is not available as of this release. Information regarding vaccines is available via the State’s COVID portal at: <https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/COVID-19-Vaccination-Phases>

Masks are an important factor in protecting the community. Everyone is safest wearing a mask or face covering when close to others indoors. All Connecticut counties are experiencing “substantial” or “high” transmission rates. Guidance from the CDC, the State and the Chatham Health District encourages everyone to wear a mask when they are indoors at a public place. Accordingly, mask wearing is encouraged and requested in all Town facilities for all visitors and staff. While it is not a mandate, all residents and visitors are asked to wear a mask while indoors with others. Individual businesses are able to determine their own policies and may require the wearing of masks.

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>