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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of September 17, 2021

TOWN REMAINS AT RED ALERT

East Hampton, CT, September 17, 2021 – East Hampton continued to see COVID case rates at about 2.6 new cases per day and the Town remains at the “Red Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework with a daily rate of about 20 cases per 100,000 population. Middlesex County returned to High Transmission Rate status as determined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) based on the reporting of 104.66 new cases per 100,000 population over the seven day period ending September 15, 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 and 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 any public place. Individual businesses are encouraged to adopt their own policies to require the wearing of masks.

All eligible residents are encouraged to become vaccinated as soon as possible. As of September 16, DPH information shows that 67.74%, or about 8,707, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. The data further shows that about 64% 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.

As a reminder, people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are now eligible for a third dose of the vaccine. People who believe they are eligible for a third dose should speak to their healthcare provider prior to seeking the third dose to be sure it is appropriate at this time. Many vaccine providers, including Chatham Health District, are now accepting walk-ins for all doses of the vaccine. Chatham Health District is hosting pop-up vaccine clinics in the community. Follow the District on Facebook or check its website (www.chathamhealth.org) periodically to find out where clinics
will be over the next few weeks. To learn more about how to find a vaccine provider, visit: [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options).

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](http://www.easthamptonct.gov) 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](https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/q5as-kyim).

COVID-19 resources:

- Chatham Health District: [https://www.chathamhealth.org/](https://www.chathamhealth.org/)
- General vaccine information: [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations)
- Online vaccination registration: [https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine](https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine)
- All testing locations (Enter ZIP Code): [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus](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](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker)
- CDC County Transmission Data Tracker: [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view)