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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of September 24, 2021

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TOWN REMAINS AT RED ALERT

East Hampton, CT, September 24, 2021 – East Hampton’s COVID case rates jumped slightly again as the Town saw an average of about 3 new cases each day in the most recent two-week reporting period. The Town remains at the “Red Alert” level under the State’s COVID Response Framework with a daily rate of about 22.78 cases per 100,000 population. Middlesex County remained at High Transmission Rate status as determined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), but the overall case rate dropped slightly to 100.35 new cases per 100,000 population over the seven day period ending September 21, or 163 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.

All eligible residents are encouraged to become vaccinated as the most important defense against illness and hospitalization from COVID-19. As of September 22, DPH information shows that 68.07%, or about 8,750, of the Town’s residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccines. The data further shows that about 64.5% 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. In accordance with decisions made by the FDA and CDC, COVID-19 Vaccine Providers in Connecticut may begin administration of Pfizer booster doses. For those who received the Pfizer vaccine the recommendations are as follows.

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings **should** receive a booster shot of the Pfizer vaccine at least 6 months after their primary series
- People age 50 to 64 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **should** receive a booster shot at least 6 months after their primary series
- People aged 18 to 49 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **may** receive a booster shot at least 6 months after their primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks
- People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of their occupational or institutional setting **may** receive a booster shot at least 6 months after their primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.



No recommendations or authorizations have been made for those who received Moderna or J&J vaccinations, but that information is expected in the upcoming weeks. Follow the District on Facebook or check its website (www.chathamhealth.org) periodically to learn more about vaccine availability and vaccine clinics. To learn more about other options for vaccine providers, visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options>.

Also, 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.

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>