

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #6 - March 21, 2020

The following Community Update is being provided to you from the
Town of Old Saybrook Emergency Operations Center.

The intent of this document is to provide a daily summary of preparedness,
response and other government activities.

Public Safety & Community Information

- The Nation, State, and Town remain under Declared States of Emergency.
- The Governor has ordered that all non-essential businesses close by 8PM on Monday.
- Here is the theory we want all to understand.....and the reason for these drastic measures:

LESS CONTACT = LESS VIRAL INFECTIONS = LESS DEATH

- There is NOT a travel ban! You are still able to drive on the public roadways!
- What is an essential business? In addition to public safety, healthcare, and essential government services – essential businesses include grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies, banks, restaurants (take out only), liquor stores, specific manufacturing facilities, and bio tech companies. If your company or business supports the government or the healthcare industry – in any way - it is essential. The Governor’s Office will be clarifying what its definition of an “essential business” is sometime over the weekend. We will bring that to you when we get it! Remember, that if your business is not declared “essential” it does not mean all business has to stop. Working from home (telecommuting) is acceptable and strongly encouraged!
- This Morning the First Selectman and Police Chief/Director of Emergency Management partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to host a conference call with local businesses. This is the second weekly business briefing that has been conducted. Businesses can click the link for a COVID 19 Business toolkit. <https://www.oldsaybrookchamber.com/coronavirus-business-toolkit>
- The Town’s Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is operational. An updated list of all restaurants that are open for take-out and/or delivery are available at the attached link:
- The Public Safety Leadership Team continues to meet every day to brief the First Selectman and to coordinate preparedness and response activities for the Town of Old Saybrook. Today we participated in a conference call with the Governor.
- Public Safety is **requesting** the donation of non-powdered latex free gloves, gowns, surgical masks and N95 masks. Businesses please check your inventories for these items. Please consider donating them to us. They will be used to keep Old Saybrook Police, Fire and EMS Personnel safe! Simply call the Police Department and we will pick them up. 860-395-3142. Thank you to all who have donated so far!
- The Department of Motor Vehicles has:
 - *Extended the expiration dates of all vehicle registrations that expire between March 10 and June 8 by 90 days.*
 - *Extended the emissions test or retest dates with due dates between March 10 and June 8 by 90 days.*
 - *Extended the temporary (paper) licenses issued after March 10, 2020 by 90 days.*

- All Old Saybrook Churches are closed this weekend BUT are providing Video and/or televised masses and services. Please see the attached link for all church service information.
- Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services stand at the ready to respond. Please check out our video reaffirming our commitment to **YOU!** <https://youtu.be/9FJmP6F4AWY>
- There is NO curfew. *(We're getting questions about that!)* No Curfew has been imposed.
- There is NO food or supply shortage in Old Saybrook. All stores are reporting that they are receiving daily shipments of all supplies, with the exception of hand sanitizer.
- A list of all Old Saybrook grocery and convenience stores that are open are attached to this notice.
- The Democratic Primary will now be held on June 2, 2020.
- Federal and State Income Taxes are now due July 15.
- The Emergency Operations Center is using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat to connect with residents. Search COVID19OS to find us on your favorite social media platform.
- Please make sure your family & friends are signed up to receive these daily notices. As this public health emergency progresses, this information will be of vital importance. Police handed out over 600 flyers to transfer station patrons today. Currently over 1,500 people are signed up!
- Please visit the Emergency Management Website as your one local online source of all information related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. <https://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/emergency-management>

Public Health

- There are close to 200 positive cases of COVID-19 in Connecticut.
- There are currently no confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Old Saybrook.
- All nail salons, barber shops, hairdressing establishments, beauty salons, tanning salons, massage establishments, and other “body care” establishments were ordered to close.
- The Regional Public Health District is supplying commercial facilities with infection prevention and control handouts and guidance as requested.
- DO NOT go out into the public if you have a fever or flu like systems.
- All Fitness Centers are CLOSED. Restaurants and Bars (that serve food) - TAKE OUT ONLY.
- **Practice social distancing. Maintain six (6) feet from other people.**

Be smart when outdoors enjoying a park/beach – **Practice Social Distancing.**

Standing in a line is fine – just **Practice Social Distancing.**

- It is extremely important that EVERYONE takes this Public Health Emergency seriously!

Municipal Government Operations

- Outdoor recreation facilities are OPEN! **Please follow “Social Distancing” recommendations,** stay in groups of less than ten (10) people – but GO OUTSIDE!
- The Town hall WILL open on Monday. We will remind you tomorrow how to conduct business at Town Hall and/or receive important documents.

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Access Health CT is offering a special enrollment period from March 19 - April 2, 2020. If you are uninsured please use this opportunity to enroll. Go to www.AccessHealthCT.com
- Social Services Appointments will be conducted by phone, Contact Sue Consoli 860-395-3188
- The United Way has established the COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund. The fund is designed to assist people impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.unitedway.org/#>
- Behavioral Health Support and Resources are available via phone by contacting Director Heather McNeil 860-510-5042.
- Other services are available by contacting 211

Public School District

- Food distribution for children enrolled in the Old Saybrook Public School District will continue on Monday! Pick up is available from 9-10 AM, each weekday at the Goodwin School and the High School. Meals are free!
- Distance learning for students begins on Monday, March 23, 2020. Information pertaining to this important process continues to be communicated to parents and students by the School District. Please pay close attention to these notices and instructions.
- The OSPS website is being updated for parents and students daily. <https://www.oldsaybrookschoools.org/>

Good News!!

- Check out these great activities suggested by our Parks and Recreation Department! They are posting Daily Challenges as part of their Minute to Win It Exercise Program. They are posting to keep families healthy and active while staying at home. Click the link...
<https://www.facebook.com/OldSaybrookParksRecreation/>
- **Walmart is Hiring** Temporary Workers – They want to Hire LOCAL Residents! They are looking for (3) part time cart pushers, (3) part time apparel associates, (1) full time electronics associate, (2) part time cashiers, (4) full time cashiers, and (2) full time maintenance personnel. (and maybe much more!!) Stop into Walmart apply – positions are being filled quickly.



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**