

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE # 7 - March 22, 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.
- Old Saybrook has one resident that has tested positive for COVID-19.
- We are not alarmed, we are prepared.
- The Regional Public Health District and the Police Department determined that only two (2) other people were exposed and both have been tested and are under quarantine. We are awaiting the results of those tests.
- The person who sadly has been diagnosed with COVID-19 has been offered assistance by the Town of Old Saybrook. The person is currently at home, hopefully getting better.
- This first case brings the National Public Health Emergency to our community.
- It is a reminder to review the messages being delivered by the CDC & Public Safety!
- If you do not need to be out in public – don't be!
- Here is the theory we want YOU to understand.....and the reason for these drastic measures:

LESS CONTACT = LESS VIRAL INFECTIONS = LESS DEATH

- Go to the grocery store, get take out, get gas for your car, visit the park, go for a walk,

Just Use Common Sense – Social Distancing Really Works – It SAVES LIVES!!

- There is NOT a travel ban! You are still able to drive on the public roadways!
- 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 attached.
- 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.

- The Governor has ordered that all non-essential businesses close by 8PM on Monday.
- 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” at some point. 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!
- Businesses can click the link below for a COVID 19 Business toolkit.
<https://www.oldsaybrookchamber.com/coronavirus-business-toolkit>
- 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!
- Emergency Management supplied the Fire Department with one N-95 Mask for each Member.
- 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.*
- 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. No Curfew has been imposed.
- There is NO food or supply shortage in Old Saybrook.
- 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.

- Currently over 1,900 people are signed up to receive this newsletter!
- Please visit the Emergency Management Website as your sole local online source of all information related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
<https://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/emergency-management>

Public Health

- There are 327 positive cases of COVID-19 in Connecticut. For details click the link:
<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary3222020.pdf?la=en>
- 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 symptoms.
- 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!
- COVID-19 is HIGHLY Contagious

Municipal Government Operations

- The Town hall WILL open on Monday. Please call the Department that you wish to do business with. They will let you in the building. *(The doors to Town Hall are locked)*
- If you cannot reach anyone and need something please call the First Selectman’s Office at 860-395-3123
- Outdoor recreation facilities are OPEN! **Please follow “Social Distancing” recommendations,** stay in groups of less than ten (10) people – but GO OUTSIDE!

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

- Distance learning for students begins Tomorrow!! 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.
- Please work with your children to get “back into the school routine” this will enable them to make the most of the District’s online learning program.
- 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!
- The OSPS website is being updated for parents and students daily.
<https://www.oldsaybrookschoools.org/>

Good News!!

- The Emergency Operations Center is holding a “Back to School Again Photo Contest!”
- Send us your “Back to School Again” photos! We will have three winners “Funniest”, “Most Adorable”, and “Most Serious”. A tasty prize will be awarded to the winning entries!

Send your entry tomorrow morning to: Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

- **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.**