

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #52 – May 6, 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 Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains operational.
- There were no new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 today in Old Saybrook.
- Old Saybrook belongs to the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD).
- This includes the Towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Haddam, and Old Saybrook.
- There were new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 today in our Health District.
- The Town of Chester lost a resident to COVID-19 today. Our condolences to the family.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	40 Confirmed Cases	9 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	35 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	10 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	23 Confirmed Cases	
-	Old Saybrook	-	23 Confirmed Cases	

Face Mask Distribution

- The Town of Old Saybrook Face Mask Distribution was held today.
- In District 1, (Middle School) we handed out 3,958 face masks.
- In District 2, (High School), we handed out 7,808 face masks.
- We received 130 Home Delivery Requests
- A majority are delivered, the rest will be tomorrow!
- Thank you for waiting in traffic to get your masks.
- We know in the beginning the lines were long. Perhaps that is a sign that the resource being provided was truly needed.
- Government's highest priority is to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

- For those that did not come to get masks, we have attached a letter that was handed out concerning the Town's response and information concerning municipal beaches.
- Thank you to those who donated food to the food pantry.
- We have 25 shopping carriages overflowing with food to donate. Thank you Old Saybrook!
- We will be working with the Chamber of Commerce and Business Leaders in the community to supply local businesses with face masks when they are allowed to reopen. More to come...

Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is "Recovery".
- This Friday the State will begin to release guidance concerning the reopening of some types of business.
- The Town's Recovery Taskforce will use this information to work on local matters and ensure that Old Saybrook open is the most successful and safe way possible.
- We will look for whatever creative ways we can legally be supportive of our local businesses.
- You have an opportunity now to provide direct input with our Recovery planning.
- This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard! Email us today! All ideas are welcomed!
- Email your thoughts and ideas to: OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Public School District

- The District continues to work with students and parents to shape an alternative graduation ceremony for our High School Seniors.
- Today the District provided 346 students with breakfast and lunch.
- Those picking up meals at the High School should use the main entrance, drive around the school (drive behind the school) to the rear parking lot behind the cafeteria. See you in the AM!

Public Health

- It is extremely important that EVERYONE takes this Public Health Emergency seriously!
- Maintain Social Distancing – Stay six (6) Feet away from another person.
- Do not participate in group activities that have more than five (5) people.
- Wash your hands often! It helps stop the spread of the virus!

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Social Services Appointments will be conducted by phone, 860-395-3188.
- This is a difficult time for many people. Please know we care and we are here for you.
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.
- Our services are completely professional and confidential.
- YFS Staff continues to "virtually check in on" over 130 senior citizens each week.

Municipal Government Operations

- Municipal Government will be OPEN tomorrow!
- Schedule an appointment with the Department you wish to do business with.
- Check the Town website for information concerning remote access to Town Meetings.
- Get your Beach Pass!! You will need it!
- Beginning this weekend, ONLY Town Residents will be permitted to park at our beaches.
- Both Town Beach and Harvey's Beach will operate at 50% Capacity.
- There will be no bathroom or shower facilities open. (Plan ahead).
- Police Officers will be at our beaches to ensure these Emergency Orders are followed.
- The Emergency Orders regarding the beaches will be in effect until at least June 30, 2020.

Good News!!

New Contest - Show & Spread Some **TRUE LOVE Old Saybrook!!**
RED Hearts are popping up all over Town – Let's Spread the **LOVE!**
Put a **RED heart** up in your doorway, on your lawn, house, or car!

Display a **RED Heart for the **TRUE LOVE** you have for:**

Essential Workers.....

(Healthcare, Public Safety, Restaurant, Educators, Retail, Licensed Trade Workers)

For the **TRUE LOVE you have for **Old Saybrook!!****

Take a Picture of your **RED Heart or **Hearts** on display and email it to:**

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**



STATE OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TO OLD SAYBROOK RESIDENTS

Valued Old Saybrook Resident -

We are pleased to provide you with two (2) FDA Approved, three-ply, surgical masks for each member of your family. Directions on how to wear the mask are located on the reverse side of this letter.

These masks were purchased by the Town of Old Saybrook as part of our response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. This Emergency Protective Measure is designed to significantly reduce the "Community Spread" of the COVID-19 Pandemic and to keep you and your family safe!

Please make sure to wear a mask where a mask is required, or if you are unable to socially distance from another person (six feet). Wearing a mask will help prevent others from getting ill.

Beginning this weekend and until at least June 30, 2020, parking at our municipal beaches will be for Town Residents ONLY. Both the Town Beach and Harvey's Beach will be open at fifty percent (50%) capacity. In accordance with local Health Department Directives there will be no bathroom or shower facilities available at the beaches.

If you have not yet signed up to receive daily Old Saybrook Community Updates from the Emergency Operations Center please text COVID19OS to 888-777 to receive them.

As we work towards "reopening" the State and Old Saybrook, we have established a Recovery Taskforce. Recovery Taskforce membership represents all facets of our community. To the extent that we have local control over "reopening" decisions, the Taskforce will do their best to ensure that Old Saybrook "opens" successfully and SAFELY. To provide input to the group, please email your suggestions to: OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com.

Finally, we wish to thank you for your cooperation during this unprecedented public health emergency. Please know that your safety and the safety of your family is our highest priority.

We are One Community – One Team!

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us. Stay Healthy and Stay Safe!

Sincerely,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr.
First Selectman
Town of Old Saybrook

Chief Michael A. Spera
Director of Emergency Management
Town of Old Saybrook

Steps to putting on a face mask.....

Before putting on the mask, wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or rub your hands together thoroughly with alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Next, check for defects in the face mask, such as tears or broken loops. Then.....

Position the colored side of the mask outward.

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Make sure the ridged strip is at the top of the mask and positioned against the bridge of your nose.

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Hold the mask by both ear loops and place one loop over each ear.

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Mold the bendable upper strip to the shape of your nose by pinching and pressing down on it with your fingers.

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Pull the bottom of the mask over your mouth and chin.

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Be sure the mask fits snugly.

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Don't touch the mask once in position.

If the mask gets soiled or damp, safely discard it.

The mask may be reused many, many, times!



Steps to taking off a face mask.....

Before you take off the mask, wash your hands well or use hand sanitizer. Also try to avoid touching the mask itself, Then..

Hold it by the loops only.

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Carefully remove the mask from your face by unhooking both ear loops.

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Holding the mask loops, place the mask in a breathable container so it is ready for reuse.

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After removing the mask, wash your hands thoroughly or use hand sanitizer.



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*It's Time to Spread **TRUE LOVE OLD SAYBROOK!***
*Make & Put Up a **RED HEART** to show **TRUE LOVE** for:*
Essential Workers/ Who YOU are Wearing a Mask For / For OLD SAYBROOK!

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Entries are due by Saturday, May 9, 2020 at noon!

Send your Pictures to:

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Winning families will receive a pizza and ice cream on Saturday for Dinner!