

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #54 – May 8, 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 was one (1) new CONFIRMED case 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 three (3) new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 today in our Health District.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:
 - Chester - 40 Confirmed Cases 9 Deaths
 - Clinton - 37 Confirmed Cases 3 Deaths
 - Deep River - 10 Confirmed Cases 2 Deaths
 - Haddam - 24 Confirmed Cases
 - Old Saybrook - 24 Confirmed Cases
- A Public Conference Call with local businesses is scheduled for tomorrow at 10 AM.
- We will be discussing “reopening” ideas.
- To participate call the number below and use the access codes when prompted.

1-408-418-9388

Meeting number (access code): 798 802 912

Meeting password: 2684319

Public Health

- 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!
- Wear a mask to help prevent community spread! (That’s why we handed them out!)
- May 20th is NOT a full “Return to Normal” Date. Returning to normal will happen in phases.

Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is “Recovery”.
- Today the State released a “sample” of what our “new normal” will look like come May 20th.
- The Town’s Recovery Taskforce will use this information to work on local matters and ensure that Old Saybrook opens in 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.
- Over the last two days, the Districted provided 606 students with breakfast and lunch!

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

- Get your Beach Pass ON LINE!! <https://oldsaybrookbeach.cityhallsystems.com/index.php>
- Beginning this weekend, ONLY Town Residents will be allowed 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.
- The Transfer Station will be open tomorrow – normal schedule.

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!!**

CONTEST ENDS TOMORROW AT NOON!

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

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

- Winners will be picked and will receive a pizza and ice-cream cake tomorrow!
- Today we finished our May Flowers – Random Acts of Kindness Program.
- Thanks to the VERY generous donations from private citizens, MAR Floral, Saybrook Hardware and the Funktion Fitness Foundation we delivered and “checked in on” 375 homes!
- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**