

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #56 – May 11, 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 new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 in our Health District since Friday.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	40 Confirmed Cases	9 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	42 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	10 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	24 Confirmed Cases	
-	Old Saybrook	-	25 Confirmed Cases	
- Still need face masks? Not able to make it last week? No problem!
- Simply stop by the Police Department, provide proof of residency, and get your masks!
- It’s that easy! Wearing a Face Mask prevents the Community Spread of COVID-19.
- We are getting prepared to provide face masks for business to give their employees. This is for ALL Old Saybrook businesses even those that are not allowed to open on May 20, 2020.
- This is an effort to ensure businesses that are able to open on May 20, 2020 in accordance with the Governor’s Directives/Orders have the proper PPE for their employees.
- We will provide two (2) face masks per employee for all Old Saybrook Businesses.
- Businesses, Please click the link and complete the form. This will help us prepare to help you!
<https://forms.gle/dAhEzbvELesAYcxu6>
- The Business Masks for All Event will be held early next week.
- The COVID 19 Community UPDATE will be published on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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.
- Public Health inspectors WILL BE inspecting businesses that are allowed to open on May 20th to ensure employees and customers are safe!

Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is “Recovery”.
- The State released a “sample” of what our “new normal” will look like come May 20th.
- Things will be much different for a bit, as we return to normal.
- The Town’s Recovery Taskforce meets tomorrow.
- 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

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>
- 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).
- The Emergency Orders regarding the beaches will be in effect until at least June 30, 2020.
- PLEASE don’t complain to the young adults working at the beach. They didn’t make the rules.
- Planning is underway for the “re-opening” of Town Hall to the general public.

- The Town Hall is OPEN and Town Departments may assist you by appointment. Simply call!
- For general Town Hall business inquires, please call 860-395-3142
- Discussions are ongoing about the feasibility of Park & Rec Summer Recreation Activities.
- An update on alternative Memorial Day Celebrations will be provided this week.

Public School District

- The District will begin planning for the Fall Opening of Schools as best as possible.
- Federal and State Authorities have not yet issued final guidance on the matter.
- This District provided meals to 272 kids today!

Good News!!

Know someone that could use a random act of Kindness?
We are seeking nominations for someone who could use some
“sunshine” in their life this week.

**An essential worker, a teacher going above and beyond,
your elderly neighbor, a healthcare professional
or a friend that just needs, a random act of kindness
to brighten their day....**

Submit your entry to the EOC

Let us know who and why!

(Nominations are confidential...we are good at that sort of thing!)

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

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



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ONE TEAM.**