

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #58 – May 15, 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 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 in Old Saybrook since Wednesday.
- 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 Monday.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	40 Confirmed Cases	9 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	48 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	10 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	24 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	27 Confirmed Cases	
- While not in our District, Madison has 119 confirmed Cases of COVID-19.
- 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 still very concerned about COVID-19.
- We know the weather is getting nice and we know that people want to return to "normal".
- We will not be back to "Normal" for quite sometime.
- If we do not practice social distancing, refuse to wear masks, and stop frequent handwashing, it will take much longer to return to "normal".
- Please do your part. Wearing a mask can save someone else's life.
- Washing your hands could save your life.
- Practicing social distancing helps you, your friends, your family, and your community.

- A public Conference Call for Business Owners is scheduled for tomorrow at 10 AM.

Phone Number: 1-408-418-9388

Meeting Number: 798 802 912

Password: 2684319

Masks for all Old Saybrook Businesses

- We are prepared to provide face masks for businesses to give their employees.
- The event is for ALL Old Saybrook Businesses. (Open or not!)
- 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.
- This will ensure that businesses that cannot yet open, have PPE for their employees when they are allowed to open!
- Simply put, if you are an Old Saybrook Business.....This event is for you!
- 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 on THIS Monday, May 18, 2020. Rain or Shine.
- Face masks will be handed out to businesses at the Old Saybrook Middle School from 12-6.
- The Old Saybrook Middle School is located at 60 Sheffield Street.
- We have attached a flyer on this Old Saybrook Business event.
- Please help us communicate this to our business owners.
- If you know a local business owner, please send them the attached flyer.

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!
- Public Health is working on guidance for safe social distancing at our parks and beaches.

Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is "Recovery".
- The Town's Recovery Taskforce had its first meeting on Tuesday.
- A list of Taskforce Members is attached.
- The Taskforce has established ten (10) Working groups (subcommittees).

- The Working Groups are : Heath & Safety, Financial Stability, The Arts, Recreation, Regulatory, Estuary Success, Non-Profit Success, Small Business Success / Employment, Childhood Development / Education, and Emotional Wellness & Social Services.
- Each working group has been provided the task of establishing goals and priorities prior to next week's meeting.
- If you have ideas or wish to participate in a Working Group please send us an email.

OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Municipal Government Operations

- Get your Beach Pass ON LINE!! <https://oldsaybrookbeach.cityhallsystems.com/index.php>
- If you live in Old Saybrook and/or own property in Old Saybrook you may get a beach pass.
- ONLY those with beach passes 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.
- Discussions are ongoing about the practicality of Park & Rec Summer Recreation Activities.
- An announcement regarding Youth Summer Programming will come on Friday, May 22, 2020
- In accordance with the Governor's Emergency Executive Orders, there will be no Memorial Day Parade this year.
- Instead, private ceremonies that comply with current law and public health guidance will be held with distinguished representatives from the VFW and American Legion.
- These private ceremonies will be videotaped and released to the public on Memorial Day so all who choose to, may participate in the ceremonies.
- The Town truly values and respects all who made the ultimate sacrifice and their families, as well as all veterans and active duty military personnel.
- Our decision to cancel the parade and restrict ceremonial activities was made solely to comply with current law and most importantly to keep people safe.
- An updated list of OPEN Restaurants are attached. PLEASE support local businesses.

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.
- YFS Staff continues to "virtually check in on" over 130 senior citizens each week.
- YFS Programs are going virtual! Check it out <https://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/youth-and-family-services>

Public School District

- The District is continuing to collaborate with students, parents, staff, and community leaders to find the best way to celebrate all student achievements this past academic year.
- This obviously includes our high school seniors, eighth graders, and fourth graders.
- Decisions will be made in accordance with current laws/regulations and with the guidance and support of public health and public safety officials.
- 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.
- In the last two days the District provided meals to 738 kids!
- As the Academic Year begins to come to a close over the next thirty (30) days, we will be doing our best to honor our students – especially the Class of 2020!
- This coming week would have been the Ram Boosters Senior Sports Banquet.
- While we can't meet in person, we most certainly can still celebrate their amazing high school athletic careers and accomplishments on the track, field, court, and in the water!
- Please click the link to watch the Ram Booster's Video Slide Show featuring our Senior Athletes! GO RAMS!!! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y60_G00FeIU&feature=youtu.be

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!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**



COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER

Effectively immediately it is hereby ordered that:

- Parking at Municipal Beaches will be for Old Saybrook Residents ONLY.
- All Residents must have a Beach Pass affixed to their windshield in order to access the beach parking areas.
- Municipal Beach Parking Lots will close once fifty percent (50%) capacity is reached.
- Per order of the Connecticut River Area Health District, bathroom and shower facilities are closed.
- Beaches will be staffed with Parking Attendants on weekends from 9AM – 6PM.
- Beach gates will be closed when the staff leaves at 6PM.
- There are NO Lifeguards on Duty.

We appreciate your understanding during these unprecedented times.

We know these conditions are not ideal but they are only temporary.

We are trying to balance keeping our beaches open while maintaining social distancing.

Social Distancing prevents the spread of COVID-19.

We can only be successful with your help.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Stay Healthy and Stay Safe.

Mitigation Preparedness Response Recovery



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK COVID-19 RECOVERY TASKFORCE

Recovery Taskforce Membership

The Honorable Carl P. Fortuna, Jr.,
First Selectman/CEO Town of Old Saybrook

Chief Michael A. Spera,
Emergency Management Director

Mr. Ray Allen
Director of Parks and Recreation

Mrs. Susan Beckman
Director Economic Development

Mr. Devin Carney
State Representative

Mr. Brett Elliott
The KATE, Executive Director

Ms. Chris Costa
Zoning Enforcement Officer

Mr. Alex Foulkes
Owner, Penny Lane Pub

Mr. Scott Martinson
Regional Director of Public Health

Mr. Gary McCauley
*Old Saybrook / Westbrook / Old Lyme
Rotary Club*

Ms. Heather McNeil
*Director, Old Saybrook Youth and Family
Services*

Mr. Stan Mingione
Estuary Council of Seniors, Executive Director

Mrs. Lee Ann Palladino
Finance Director

Mr. Darrell Pataska
Old Saybrook Pension and Benefits Board

Mrs. Jan Perruccio
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Matthew Pugliese
*Selectman – Town of Old Saybrook
Chairman, Economic Development Commission*

Mr. Mark Ricciardelli
Old Saybrook Republican Town Committee

Mr. Geoff Sinibaldo
Pastor, Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

Ms. Ashley Aronstein Smelser
Northstar Wealth Partners

Mr. John Stangel
*Democratic Town Committee
Business Owner CT River Lumber
Sales Executive Garnica Plywood-Spain*

Mrs. Judy Sullivan
Executive Director Chamber of Commerce

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Masks for Old Saybrook

**Monday, May 18, 2020
12-6PM**

Old Saybrook Businesses ONLY !!

**Pick up FDA Approved Face Masks for
Your Employees at the
Old Saybrook Middle School, 60 Sheffield Street**

**The Town will provide
YOUR Business
with two face masks for
each employee!**



**ALL Businesses
(Even those that are
not yet permitted
to be open)
Must come
get their masks!**

**You will need to prove you are an Old Saybrook Business!
*A Piece of Mail or Identification works!***

Only one business representative needs to appear to pick up masks.

**The Town of Old Saybrook
in partnership with
The Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce
SUPPORTS LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

The Masks for Old Saybrook Program
is an Emergency Protective Measure
designed to STOP "Community Spread"
of the dangerous COVID-19 Virus and
to protect YOU and YOUR customers!

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