

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #71 – June 23, 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 have been two (2) new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 in OS since our last report.
- 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 our last report.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	46 Confirmed Cases	10 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	64 Confirmed Cases	4 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	17 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	37 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	39 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
- There have been twenty three (23) patients from Apple Rehab that succumbed to COVID-19. Our condolences to the families and staff members caring for them.
- Old Saybrook has done a great job at preventing Community Spread – Thank You!
- PLEASE do not lessen your efforts yet! Let’s keep doing the things we are doing to save lives.
- As the Phase II reopening occurs, please be mindful of the established State sector rules!
- We have learned much about how to protect ourselves & others from COVID-19.
- PLEASE wear a mask when in public to prevent Community Spread. IT WORKS!
- Still need face masks? No problem! We have them at the Police Department for you!
- The community transmission rate is now the lowest since the onset of the virus!
- Are you a tad bit confused about what is open and what size crowd you can be in?
- Much has changed and more changes are coming...Everything is detailed here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-Guidance>

Long Term Recovery Taskforce

- The Long Term Recovery Taskforce met again today.
- Reports were provided by all eleven (11) working groups.
- We'll begin to highlight Working Groups in these communications.
- There is VERY impressive work being done on behalf of YOU to ensure Old Saybrook's post COVID-19 Success for all individuals, families, non-profits, and businesses.

Working Group Spotlight – Small Business Success/Employment

- The Small Business Success and Employment Working Group's mission is to provide the support our businesses need to succeed! We are also able to serve as your voice to local and State leaders!
- We welcome all businesses to share your challenges, successes, and needs with the Working Group so that we can help focus the Town's energy & resources on initiatives that will make positive impacts on your business! Please send these to SmallBizRecovery@oldsaybrookct.gov.
- We have developed a short business needs survey - it will take less than five minutes to complete. [Click here to complete the survey.](#)
- Additionally, please feel free to reach out to any member of our Working Group directly with your questions and suggestions.

Alex Foulkes, Co-Chair, Owner, Penny Lane Pub

Matt Pugliese, Co-Chair, CT Small Business Development Center / Board of Selectmen, EDC

Susie Beckman, Economic Development Director, Old Saybrook

Judy Sullivan, Executive Director, Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce

Ashley Smelser, NorthStar Wealth Management

Mark Ricciardelli, PlumBank Advisors

Ramon Smith, Beach Club Fitness

John Lombardo, Saybrook Point Inn & Marina

John Stangel, CT River Lumber Company

Justin Terribile, 30 Mile Brewery

Sign Up for the Bi-Monthly OSPD Newsletter!

- Simply text OSPOLICE to 888-777 and you are signed up! **TEXT - OSPOLICE to 888-777**
- You will receive Police news, trends, tips, and information – We will keep you in the know!
- Signing up will also allow you to get instant information during an emergency/crisis.

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Your emotional wellness is important! Make sure you're both physically & emotionally well!
- To learn about special summer youth programs through Youth and Family Services, sign up at our website www.osyfs.org to receive our newsletters and updates!
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.

Shorts for Saybrook!

- The Police Department commenced its annual Summer Fundraiser!
- This year we are raising money for Old Saybrook residents that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- Participating Police Officers and Dispatchers pay \$5/day to wear our “summer style” uniform.
- The Police and Dispatcher Unions MATCH their member’s donations – dollar for dollar!
- We need YOUR Help!! We know we can raise lots of money to help OS Residents Out!
- Donate to this VERY important fundraiser! Visit www.Shorts4Saybrook.com
- You may also mail or drop off your donation to the Police Department – 36 Lynde Street.
- Please make checks out to “Shorts4Saybrook”.
- We appreciate your partnership with this very important fundraiser!

Municipal Government Operations

- Town Hall is OPEN to the public! Our employees are in their offices ready to help!
- You may choose to still make appointments or do business with us electronically.
- Your Tax Bill should have arrived! Payments may be made online or via US Mail.
- PLEASE be mindful of the “rules” posted at the Transfer Station & practice social distancing.
- Mini Golf is OPEN!! Go play a round! Get outside and HAVE FUN! Recreation is important!
- Park & Rec has released information about the Summer Concert Series!
- Reservations WILL be required to ensure proper social distancing – to keep everyone safe!
- Check the schedule out here: https://oldsaybrookct.myrec.com/documents/summer_music_poster_2020b.pdf
- We are working on a plan to increase beach parking (from 50%) after July 1, 2020.
- Still need your beach pass? Visit: <https://oldsaybrookbeach.cityhallsystems.com/index.php>
- “Check Out” all things Acton Public Library:
<https://mailchi.mp/8a922faeb5d1/acton-public-library-closed-1366736?e=e7021469c0>

Public School District

- The District is in the process for preparing for the Fall.
- We hope that ALL students are able to return to campus.
- While we are awaiting guidance from the State about the Fall reopening of schools, we are making preparations to ensure a safe school environment for our students, parents, and staff.
- The current meal program will continue Monday – Friday until July 30, 2020.
- Information about where students can obtain meals after July 30, 2020 will be announced in July.

Good News!!

Old Saybrook is OPEN for Business!!!

Our Goal was to Open Old Saybrook SAFELY and SUCCESSFULLY.....

That is Happening Now!

Our new contest is simple.....

***Send us a picture of your
favorite person(s) (including you)
at your favorite Old Saybrook "place" !***

Most Creative, Most Humorous & Just Simply Very Happy will win a prize!!!

(Probably from your favorite place....)

Send your entries to:

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

- Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**