

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #75 – July 7, 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 new CONFIRMED case 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 District since our last report.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	46 Confirmed Cases	10 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	69 Confirmed Cases	4 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	18 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	37 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	42 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
- The virus is STILL here! We must continue to take precautions in order to stay safe!
- There was much activity in Town this weekend – with not so much social distancing.....
- We are enjoying the fact that COVID-19 transmission is at an all time low, HOWEVER, we are very mindful of what is happening in other States around the country – you should be too!.
- If we were not concerned, Phase Three (3) Reopening activities would not have been indefinitely delayed. This proactive measure should give us some pause.
- We are doing everything we can think of to maintain a low COVID-19 Transmission rate and to prevent the Community Spread of the virus. Please help us out! WEAR A MASK!!
- Three (3) additional states have been added to the list of States that if you are travelling to Connecticut from, you MUST quarantine for fourteen (14) days!
- The States included now are Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah

- Remember you can't see the virus, you don't know where it is, you don't know if you have the virus, but you do know how to protect yourself and others...please do so!
- Still need face masks? No problem! We have them at the Police Department for you!
- 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 Working Groups Spotlight – Health & Safety

- The Health and Safety Working Group is Chaired by our Regional Health Director, Scott Martinson.
- Because of the financial devastation that the Pandemic caused to Old Saybrook Restaurants the Working Group has arranged for Restaurants to only have to pay ½ price for their Public Health Permit Renewal Fee!
- The working group is developing a strategy for drive through flu vaccination clinics this fall.
- The same model will be used when a COVID-19 vaccination is ready! More to come!
- The Public Health District continues to respond to complaints of business not following the required health safety regulations. If you see a public health regulated facility that you feel is not following the rules, please contact the Police Department – 860-395-3142.

Local Fundraising Efforts - Help Old Saybrook Families!

Shorts 4 Saybrook!

Old Saybrook C.A.R.E.S

- The C.A.R.E.S. Working Group and the Police Department are raising money for Old Saybrook residents that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- Funds, up to \$1,500, are available per household through a confidential application process.
- Your donated funds will help those struggling to afford the very basic of needs such as housing, food, utilities, childcare, and transportation.

Shorts 4 Saybrook

- Police Department Employees pay \$5/day to wear their “summer style” uniform.
- The Police and Dispatcher Unions MATCH their member’s donations – dollar for dollar!
- We need YOUR Help to match their donations! Consider donating today!
- Visit www.Shorts4Saybrook.com

Old Saybrook C.A.R.E.S.

- To donate and/or apply for funds please visit the CARES Working Group page being hosted by the United Way of Middlesex County by clicking here:

<https://www.middlesexunitedway.org/oldsaybrookcares>

To Apply for Assistance

- To apply for assistance please click this link to complete the confidential application.

<https://www.middlesexunitedway.org/old-saybrook-cares-application>

- Financial Assistance comes from funds raised through Shorts 4 Saybrook and OS C.A.R.E.S.!

OSPD Newsletter!

- Our first issue of Behind the Badge was a true hit! Not signed up? Do it now!
- Simply text OSPOLICE to 888-777 and you are signed up! **TEXT - OSPOLICE to 888-777**

Small Businesses – Please Take This Survey!

- The Small Business and Employment Success Working Group has developed a short business needs survey - it will take less than five minutes to complete.
[Click here to complete the survey.](#)
- We welcome all businesses to share your challenges, successes, and needs with our 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.

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Your emotional wellness is important! Make sure you're both physically & emotionally well!
- Remember you can practice social distancing without being socially distant!
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.
- Keep a positive mindset – We will get through this!! Smile every opportunity you can!

Municipal Government Operations

- Town Hall remains OPEN!
- You may still do municipal business by appointment or remotely. Whatever makes you comfortable – we are happy to help you out!
- WOW – Was the Transfer Station busy yesterday! Please remember to follow the posted rules when using our Transfer Station. Please respect our employee's personal space!

Public School District

- The School District is hard at work creating its plan to bring students back to school this fall!
- All Leaders are focused on creating plans, in concert with the State Plan, to ensure all students and staff are safe and healthy as they return to the classroom.
- The Superintendent continues to communicate with all parents about the upcoming school year.
- Please remember to spend the time completing parent surveys.
- Your input and the information you provide are very important in the planning process and success in the Fall.

Good News!!

- Let's help support our small businesses and local non-profits!
- The Chamber of Commerce launched an Online Auction! (With some really GREAT items!)
- Show your support by bidding OFTEN and HIGH through July 16!
- Check out the Auction website: www.oschamber.cbo.io
- Proceeds will be distributed to eligible small businesses/non-profits that apply.
- There is a little friendly contest between items # 124 and # 179.....Let's start the bidding!
- Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**