

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #41 – April 25, 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 were no new CONFIRMED cases 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.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	32 Confirmed Cases	6 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	30 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	9 Confirmed Cases	
-	Haddam	-	18 Confirmed Cases	
-	Old Saybrook	-	21 Confirmed Cases	
- We are cautiously optimistic. CAUTIOUSLY optimistic. This coming week will be important.
- Those NOT adhering to our messaging and requests will ruin the positive trend. Please listen!
- It was a beautiful day today! But some enjoying the outdoors, were not following the rules.
- All of your Public Safety, Public Health, and Government Leaders are people too!
- We are tired too. We also want normal back. However, “normal” is at **least** a month away.
- We don’t like having to wear faces masks all the time. But it’s important, it stops the spread.
- We don’t like only socializing in groups no larger than five (5) people – but it’s the law.
- We all want to get our hair cut or our roots colored, but we are NOT yet ready to “open.”
- Our hands are dry and raw like yours from washing so much, but we don’t want to get sick.
- We know that a person can have COVID-19 and have no symptoms during the first 1-4 days.
- We also know, during those days, the same person can transmit the deadly virus to others.

- This is why the Governor has issued a mandatory mask order.
- Remember, COVID-19 is very serious and YOUR actions affect the health (and lives) of others.
- PLEASE adhere to the Governor's Order and wear a mask in public!
- The Police Department will respond to complaints of those not following the rules.
- The Emergency Operations Center is *working on* a Face Mask for all Program for OS Citizens.
- We are awaiting a shipment of masks to arrive – hopefully this week!
- Masks are being provided to all municipal employees to use while at work.
- Find a COVID-19 Testing Center Near You! [COVID-19 Testing Sites Locator](#)
- An updated list of restaurants that are open are attached.
- Restaurants are allowed to sell FOOD. (Prepared or raw meats, vegetables, fruits, etc).

Public School District

- The District is working on plans for year-end grading and activities, by getting input from educators, parents, and students.
- The Superintendent and School Administrators are maintaining open communication with all students, parents, and staff.
- Registration for the early childhood and kindergarten classes of 2020-21 is OPEN!
- To register click here: https://www.oldsaybrookschoools.org/parents/enrollment_registration

Public Health

- It is extremely important that EVERYONE takes this Public Health Emergency seriously!
- Restaurants MUST close their outdoor eating areas to the public.
- Your emotional health is very important as well!
- Set a limit on media consumption, including social media, local or national news.
- Stay hydrated and avoid excessive amounts of caffeine or alcohol. (Please!)
- Connect with loved ones and others who may be experiencing stress about the outbreak.
- Talk about your feelings and enjoy conversation unrelated to the outbreak.

Municipal Government Operations

- A public conference call for business owners took place today.
- Subscribe to Acton Library's email newsletter for programs news and announcements:
<http://actonlibrary.org/subscribe/>

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Social Services Appointments will be conducted by phone, 860-395-3188.
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.

Good News!!

BRING SMILES, JOY & COMFORT

Check out this video featuring some of the awesome entries!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s--U3JMwHSI>

Our next Contest will be announced soon...Here's a Hint... **Funny Faces.....**

Faces that when you see them – you can't help but simply SMILE!

Time to get your Funny on Old Saybrook!

Send your Funny FACE to:

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Maybe we will use yours on our new contest flyer being posted soon!

In fact if we do.....a pizza for you!!!

- Our Random Acts of Kindness Program continues tomorrow!
- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**