

# Old Saybrook

## **COVID 19 Community UPDATE #47 – May 1, 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 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 three (3) new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 today in our Health District.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	35 Confirmed Cases	7 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	32 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	9 Confirmed Cases	
-	Haddam	-	21 Confirmed Cases	
-	Old Saybrook	-	23 Confirmed Cases	
- This is a very important time. We must do everything we can to keep people healthy.
- Now more than ever, we truly need EVERYONE, to help PREVENT Community Spread.
- Wear a facemask when in public. It really, truly, helps prevent the spread.
- Old Saybrook Residents WILL receive face masks next week.
- The masks are FDA approved, three (3) ply surgical facemasks.
- Based on a population of 10,200 residents, we hope to provide two (2) masks per person.
- Two locations will be used to hand out the masks on a date to be scheduled **NEXT WEEK**.
- Masks will be handed out at the Old Saybrook Middle School and Old Saybrook High School.
- Residents will travel to where they vote in municipal, state, or federal elections.

- Voting District 1 will get their masks at the Middle School.
- Voting District 2 will get their masks at the High School.
- You DO NOT have to be registered to vote to get a mask. But you MUST be an OS resident!
- We will provide more information on Operation “Masks for OS” over the next few days.
- DO NOT try to get your masks now. We are not there. The program will happen next week.
- Those who are unable to leave their homes & desire masks will be provided with an option.
- We will hold a public conference call with local businesses on Saturday at 10 AM.
- Use the following information to participate in the call:

[1-408-418-9388](tel:1-408-418-9388)

Meeting number (access code): 798 802 912

Meeting password: 2684319

- PLEASE DO NOT over crowd the beaches and parks this weekend. Follow the law!

### **Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!**

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is “Recovery”.
- We will be simultaneously “Responding” and “Recovering” for quite some time.
- The Town has established a Recovery Taskforce.
- The goal of the Taskforce is to ensure the Town opens SAFELY & SUCCESSFULLY.
- All plans must be in concert with the Governor’s Orders and Public Health Guidance.
- You have an opportunity now to provide direct input with our Recovery planning.
- What are your thoughts about our beaches, Mini Golf, Saybrook Point Gatherings, Camps?
- Email your thoughts and ideas to: [OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com](mailto:OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com)
- This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard!

### **Public School District**

- The Public School District served breakfast and lunch to 325 students today!
- The District has released & communicated the end of the year grading philosophy and plan.
- Student & Parents are providing input concerning alternative high school graduation plans.

### **Public Health**

- It is extremely important that EVERYONE takes this Public Health Emergency seriously!
- Restaurants MUST close their outdoor eating areas to the public.
- Maintain Social Distancing – Stay six (6) Feet away from another person.
- Do not participate in group activities that have more than five (5) people.

## Municipal Government Operations

- The Transfer Station will be OPEN tomorrow!
- Check the Town website for information concerning remote access to Town Meetings.
- Register for a library card online. Click the link below to do so!

<http://actonlibrary.org/online-library-card-renewal-or-registration/>

- This weekend is 2020 Census Digital Action Weekend! Check out the attachment!
- Solve a puzzle from Acton's Puzzle page:

<http://actonlibrary.org/children/acton-public-library-puzzle-page/>

## 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.
- Please click here to locate a virtual AA Meeting: [https://www.aa.org/press-releases/en\\_US/press-releases/aa-groups-using-digital-platforms-to-find-sobriety-during-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak](https://www.aa.org/press-releases/en_US/press-releases/aa-groups-using-digital-platforms-to-find-sobriety-during-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak)

## Good News!!

### Funny Faces.....LAST CHANCE

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](mailto:Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com)

- Thanks to donations from private citizens, Saybrook Hardware, MAR. Floral & The Funktion Fitness Foundation, Old Saybrook Police Employee's travelled around Town again today to "Check In" with some of our residents!
- Each person visited was provided with a beautiful floral arrangement symbolizing better times to come! To date we have "checked in" on over 160 households.
- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.  
ONE TEAM.**