

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **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](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!)***

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- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.  
ONE TEAM.**