

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #61 – May 22, 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 cases of COVID-19 in Old Saybrook since Monday.
- 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	-	42 Confirmed Cases	9 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	55 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	11 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	26 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	32 Confirmed Cases	
- In addition to the 32 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in OS, Apple Rehab has 38 residents that have recently tested positive for COVID-19.
- Public Health and the Police Department are working with Apple Rehab Administrators to conduct contact tracing activities.
- We DO NOT feel that the matter at Apple Rehab will cause a Community Spread Problem.
- That and other confirmed cases in Old Saybrook and surrounding communities does highlight the fact that the COVID-19 Virus is still out there!!
- Do not let your guard down!
- Wear a mask to prevent Community Spread. We are counting on you!
- The Recovery Taskforce’s Regulatory Working Group spent the last few days inspecting restaurants that have applied to increase their outdoor seating plans.
- Zoning, Fire Marshall, Health, Building, and Law Enforcement Officials worked together to ensure the quick processing of applications.

- We want our restaurants to have expanded seating so they can be successful and SAFE!
- An updated list of restaurants is attached. (With outdoor seating information!)
- Restaurants that wish to apply for additional outdoor seating or the placement of tents will find the simplified application forms and instructions at the following link:

<https://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/home/news/covid-phase-1-reopening-expanded-outdoor-activities-application-instructions-and-forms>

- 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!
- Emergency Protective Measure - Beach Rules Signage was placed at all beaches.
- PLEASE follow the rules! We have attached a copy of the sign for you to review.
- Tomorrow we will hold a public conference call for Old Saybrook Businesses at 10 AM!
- Phone Number – 1-408-418-9388 Meeting Number – 798 802 912 Password - 2684319
- We are still very concerned about COVID-19. Please stay Vigilant!!

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Your emotional wellness is important! Make sure you're both physically & emotionally well!
- 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 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!)
- If you think a business is not operating in a safe manner, contact the Police Department.
- Public Health inspectors WILL BE inspecting establishments to ensure they are conforming to the current regulations. This helps keep people SAFE!

Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is "Recovery".
- The Town's Recovery Taskforce will meet on Tuesday.
- There are 10 Working Groups : Health & Safety, Financial Stability, The Arts & Tourism, Recreation, Regulatory, Estuary Success, Non-Profit Success, Small Business Success / Employment, Childhood Development / Education, and Emotional Wellness & Social Services.
- Let your voice be heard! Send your ideas to OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Municipal Government Operations

- Acton Library will reopen for “Curbside Pickup” and/or delivery on Tuesday, May 26th!
- The Transfer Station is OPEN Normal Hours Tomorrow.
- Town Hall is Closed on Monday.
- 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.
- There will be no summer youth camps this year. While this is disappointing it is the right decision for the safety of the kids, staff, and community.
- Parks and Recreation, Youth and Family Services, the Acton Public Library, and the Old Saybrook Public School District will be offering virtual activities for kids this summer in place of their normal “in-person” summer youth activities.
- Please check their websites for additional information.
- This does not mean kids should sit inside all summer on a computer! Get outdoors!

Public School District

- Plans for an alternative High School Graduation Ceremony are nearing completion.
- We have every intent on honoring our Graduates in the most safe and celebratory manner!
- These plans are now being vetted by Public Health and Public Safety Officials.
- Once approved, we will communicate them to you! (Hopefully next week!)
- Discussions are being held and plans are being formulated to allow students to retrieve belongings from the school. More to come in the next few weeks.
- The District is planning for the Fall Opening of Schools as best as possible.
- Federal and State Authorities have not yet issued final guidance on “What schools will look like in the fall” or how we must operate.

Good News!!

It's Time Old Saybrook....Time to create:

The Class of 2020 – Community Yearbook

This is a strange year for the Class of 2020....

So.....we are going to spend time in the EOC creating a:

Community Yearbook

*filled with YOUR well wishes, advice, & humor for Old Saybrook's
High School Seniors and 8th Grade Students!!*

Please submit your Community Yearbook submission to us at:

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Be sure to include your full name and if your entry is for our graduating Seniors and/or 8th Graders!

- Tomorrow's rainy day is a perfect time to create your Yearbook Note!

We will be giving prizes in many categories!!

- Most Creative, Most Thoughtful, Most Philosophical, Most Humorous, & Best Life Advice!
- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**