

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #21-1 - January 15, 2021

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency – TOWN STATUS – RED

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,
Emergency Protective Measures and other government activities.

Public Safety & Community Information

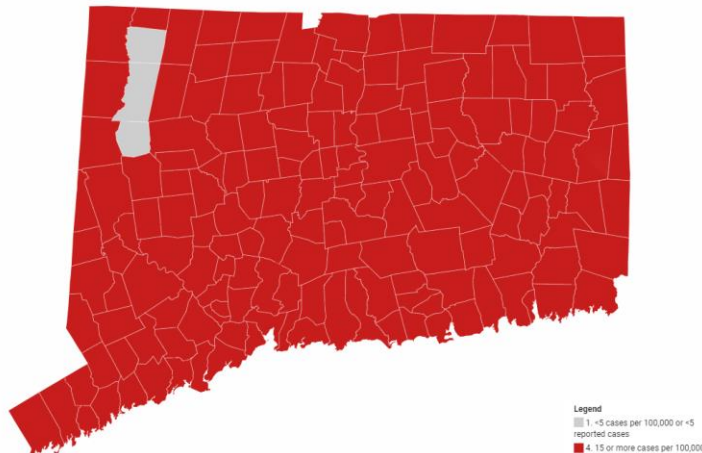
- The Nation, State, and Town remain under Declared States of Emergency.
- The Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains operational.
- Old Saybrook belongs to the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD).
- This includes the Towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Haddam, and Old Saybrook.
- These are the total reported Positive Residential Cases, since March, according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	69 Confirmed Cases
-	Clinton	-	444 Confirmed Cases
-	Deep River	-	152 Confirmed Cases
-	Haddam	-	223 Confirmed Cases
-	Old Saybrook	-	317 Confirmed Cases

These numbers DO NOT include any Positive Cases at Convalescent Facilities.

- **Old Saybrook is experiencing a VERY high COVID-19 positivity rate. We are in the RED!**
- **We NEED YOUR help to STOP Community Spread of COVID-19. This is serious!**
- Contact Tracing shows that transmission is occurring at social gatherings.

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town



This map shows the average daily rate of new cases of COVID-19 by town during the past two weeks. Only cases among persons living in community settings are included in this map; the map does not include cases among people who reside in nursing home, assisted living, or correctional facilities.
Map: Ver 12.1.2020 • Source: CT Department of Public Health - Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

Community COVID 19 Testing

- Testing is still VERY Important!
- From September 30, 2020 to January 10, 2021 12,583 people have been tested in OS!
- 918 people tested positive during that time – that’s a 7.3% positivity rate at this testing site.
- FREE COVID-19 Testing continues each day at Saybrook Point – 9 AM – 4 PM.
- No appointments / No fees! Please get tested!
- The COVID-19 PCR Test is the most reliable test and takes 2-3 days for results to be available.
- The average wait time at the Old Saybrook Testing Site is 2 hours – so please arrive early!
- You may pre-register by using this link:
<https://chc1.quickbase.com/db/bqyhdf4v?a=nwr&nextURLDashboard=%2Fdb%2Fbqyhdez4g%3Fa%3Dshowpage%26pageid%3D101>
- We are pleased to partner with The Community Health Center Inc. who provides this service!
- Thank you to the dedicated CHC Staff for their great work and wonderful service!

COVID 19 Vaccination Efforts

- We are SOOOOO happy to report that we have begun vaccination efforts!
- This IS the light at the end of the tunnel!
- The Drive Through Vaccination Clinic in Old Saybrook is run by CRAHD, OSPD, & OS Emergency Management and is located at the OS Middle School.
- To date, Old Saybrook’s COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic has vaccinated 1,300 people.
- Vaccinations, in accordance with Public Health Guidelines, were provided to Medical Professionals, First Responders, those living in elderly congregate settings, and educators.
- Vaccinations continue this week **by appointment only**.
- DO NOT come to the middle school to get vaccinated UNLESS you have an appointment.
- Phase 1b will offer the vaccine to over 1.2 million people.
- Currently the State is receiving 44,000 doses of vaccine per week. (We don’t like this math)
- Therefor Phase 1b will be “rolled out” in segments.
- In addition to those 75 and older Phase 1b includes:
Healthcare Personnel not vaccinated in 1a, First responders not vaccinated in 1a, Education, Manufacturing, Grocery/Restaurant/Food Service & Essential Retail, Agriculture & Farm Workers, Delivery Professionals, Public Transit, Social & Governmental Services, Drinking Water/Waste Water & Solid Waste Workers, and Inspectors that work in the locations above.
- Right now the State’s focus is on those who are 75 and older – soon it will be 65 and older.
- At the Old Saybrook Vaccination Clinic, we are averaging ten vaccinations every fifteen minutes.
- As we receive additional vaccine we will offer appointments through the VAMS System.

I'm 75 or Older - How Do I Get Vaccinated?

- There are several ways to schedule an appointment to get vaccinated.
- Here are the ways....

Through VAMS / Through a Health Care Provider

VAMS

- VAMS stands for **V**accine **A**dministration **M**anagement **S**ystem.
- This is the government's preferred method for you to schedule an appointment.
- To use this method, you **MUST** create a VAMS Account to get vaccinated.
- Click this link to create a VAMS Account, then follow the instructions provided.
<https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine>
- A unique email account for each person registering is required to use the VAMS System.
- VAMS appointments are only being provided to those 75 and older.
- When searching for an appointment on VAMS try searching Old Saybrook – We might have open appointments! (Again these appointments are for those 75 or older at this time)

SOME VAMS TIPS!

- **Registering through VAMS is a multi-step process.**
- There will be up to a 12 hour delay between account verification emails.
- We have found some of our elderly friends finding the process frustrating and difficult.
- Offer to help that special 75+ person in your life out! Do this for them!
- If you are registering for a loved one or friend – create a unique email address for them. You will need your email address when it is time for you to register for a vaccine in the future!
- If you are 75 or older and cannot make an appointment using a computer you may do so by phone. Please call 877-918-2224. This option is available Monday – Friday from 8AM-4PM.

Yale New Haven Health

- Use this link to search and schedule an appointment through Yale New Haven Health

<https://covidvaccine.ynhh.org/>

UCONN Health

<https://health.uconn.edu/coronavirus/covid-vaccine/>

Hartford Health Care

<https://hartfordhealthcare.org/health-wellness/coronavirus/vaccine>

- Here is the link to the State's COVID-19 Vaccination Website for additional information.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older>

Get PPE for Your Home!

- PPE at Government Pricing! Now available for Old Saybrook residents!
- PPE is getting hard to find again – especially at our prices! Stock up now!
- Your order will be delivered right to your door! Check out www.OldSaybrookPPE.com

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Youth and Family Services is here for you!
- Times are tough and your emotional health is important!
- We have many services to offer including tele-counseling.
- For tele-counseling services, please call - 860-395-3190.
- Call 211 for additional resources, in an emergency/crisis call 911 for immediate assistance.
- Keep a positive mindset – We will get through this!! Smile every opportunity you can!

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

- Old Saybrook C.A.R.E.S is pleased to announce that we are now accepting **NEW Grant Applications**. Grant applications are available at town hall or on our website. If you are, or anyone you know is, in need due to issues with COVID -19 we encourage you to apply.
- Care to donate? Donations can be mailed to: CARES Committee c/o Town Hall, 302 Main St. Old Saybrook, CT 06475 or via our Website: www.middlesexunitedway.org/oldsaybrookcares.

We are Here for YOU!

- Questions? Email us at eoc@oldsaybrookpolice.com
- We will be more than happy to answer them for you.
- Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Keep Smiling. We will get through this TOGETHER!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**