

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #36 – April 20, 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.

WARNING!

This is the 36th Edition of this Emergency Messaging Document.

We are trying our VERY BEST to communicate IMPORTANT Information to YOU.

We are VERY Concerned about YOU and YOUR Family!

In Connecticut.....

There are 19,815 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

1,331 people have died from COVID-19.

1,919 people are hospitalized with CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19.

We are NOT a large State. The virus is here, in our community.

You cannot see COVID-19. COVID-19 is HIGHLY Contagious.

Hospital Admissions are on the rise in Middlesex County.

Public Health Officials tell us the virus will reach its peak soon.

The Governor's Mandatory Mask Order goes into effect tonight at 8 PM.

When, in your lifetime, has the Government told you that you had to wear a mask?

This is SERIOUS! PLEASE Take it seriously. Our lives depend on it.

We are NOT ready to return to "normal". STOP trying to do so!

If you are choosing NOT to follow our guidance you are putting others at risk.

Practice Social Distancing - Wash your hands!

Stay Home if you do not have to go out!

We must be safe now, to ensure a healthy future. We will get through this!

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 - 30 Confirmed Cases 5 Deaths
 - Clinton - 29 Confirmed Cases 2 Deaths
 - Deep River - 8 Confirmed Cases
 - Haddam - 17 Confirmed Cases
 - Old Saybrook - 19 Confirmed Cases
- We are very concerned that people are restless and are trying to return to "normal".
- You cannot see COVID-19. COVID-19 is HIGHLY Contagious.
- You can have COVID-19 and not display symptoms for many days.
- During that time you can pass COVID-19 to others. Your friends and loved ones.
- COVID-19 is dangerous and deadly for many. Please help us save lives! Stay home!
- We want things to return to normal too! But it's too soon! COVID-19 is still spreading.
- If we scale back our social distancing efforts now, things will get worse.
- WE MUST keep up ALL our efforts to PREVENT Community Spread.
- We will not be successful without you. Please help us save lives! Stay Safe – Stay Home!
- The Governor has ordered, beginning TONIGHT at 8 PM, that all persons over the age of two (2) that are not able to maintain six (6) feet of separation (proper social distance) from another person, must cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering when in public.
- Persons with a medical condition that prohibit them from wearing a mask, do not have to.
- Your car is not a public place. You do not have to wear a mask when you are driving.
- You MUST wear a mask if you are in a taxi, Uber, Lyft, or using public transportation.
- This is a sign that things will get worse soon – before they get better.
- State Government has never before ordered its' citizens to wear masks. Think about this.....
- We are clearly NOT ready to "reopen" the State if a "Mandatory Mask" order was just issued.
- The Emergency Operations Center is *working on* a Face Mask for all Program for OS Citizens.
- Here is information on masks from the CDC:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Public School District

- “Virtual Learning” continued today!
- The Public School District served 350 students breakfast and lunch today.
- The District is working on plans for end year grading and activities.

Public Health

- It is extremely important that EVERYONE takes this Public Health Emergency seriously!
- Restaurants MUST close their outdoor eating areas to the public.

Municipal Government Operations

- The Town Hall will be OPEN tomorrow. Assistance is available by appointment.
- If you needed a building or zoning permit before the pandemic, you still need one now!
- In need of general “Town Hall” assistance? Contact the First Selectman. 860-395-3123.
- Businesses may ONLY operate under their current zoning and public health permits.
- Violating the rules can result in fines, sanctions, or closure. (Don’t make us do that!)
- The Presidential Primary, by order of the Governor, will now be on August 11, 2020.

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Social Services Appointments will be conducted by phone, Call Sue Consoli 860-395-3188.
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services.
- For Behavioral Health Support contact Director Heather McNeil 860-510-5042.
- Other services are available by contacting 211.

Good News!!

BRING SMILES, JOY & COMFORT

TO THE RESIDENTS AT GLADEVIEW & APPLE REHAB!!!

The residents of Gladeview Health Care and Apple Rehab are NOT allowed visitors.

We want to help their care givers and families provide smiles, joy, & comfort!

PLEASE draw a colorful picture, write a nice note, be creative! (WE NEED MORE - PLEASE!!)
Send us a picture (*or scan it if your savvy*) we will print it and deliver it in a sanitized package!

Submit your entry to Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

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



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**