

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #37 – April 21, 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 were no new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 today in Old Saybrook!
- We MUST maintain SOCIAL DISTANCING efforts to STOP Community Spread.
- 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	-	31 Confirmed Cases	5 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	29 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	8 Confirmed Cases	
-	Haddam	-	17 Confirmed Cases	
-	Old Saybrook	-	19 Confirmed Cases	
- PLEASE do not question our sound public health guidance. We are trying to protect YOU!
- We are in the middle of a crisis that a very large majority have never experienced before.
- Today we had a storm. We were warned about the storm. We got out of the rain.
- We watched the storm evolve and travel on weather radar.
- We knew when it was coming and when it would leave. When it was gone, the sun shined!
- COVID-19 is much different. We can’t watch it on radar. We don’t know exactly where it is.
- We do know it’s here. We know it’s highly contagious and how WE can prevent its’ spread.
- There is no “COVID-19 rain” to force people to stay indoors. Just our strong suggestions.
- We are simply trying to save lives. Your family’s lives. If we could do it on our own we would.
- We need your help. Take this seriously. Stay home. Wash your hands. Stay healthy. Please!

- Bottom line....We truly care about you!
- 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.
- We want things to return to normal too! But it's too soon! COVID-19 is still spreading.
- PLEASE adhere to the Governor's Order and wear a mask in public! It will stop the spread.
- 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.
- The Emergency Operations Center is *working on* a Face Mask for all Program for OS Citizens.
- Please report those that are not following the law.
- Do not stand in crowds. Groups must be no larger than five (5) people.
- This rule applies at our beaches and at Saybrook Point.
- The Public Safety Leadership Team met today with the First Selectman.
- PPE was obtained from the State for Old Saybrook Police and Ambulance Personnel.
- The Board of Finance was provided with a briefing on the Town's Response efforts thus far.

Public School District

- "Virtual Learning" continued today! It is a successful program!
- Thank you to the administrators, teachers, IT Support, parents, & students.
- The Public School District served 378 students breakfast and lunch today.
- The District is working on plans for end year grading and activities by getting input from educators, parents, and students.

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.
- Youth and Family is checking in on 100 + senior citizens who are alone each week.

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 you're savvy*) we will print it and deliver it in a sanitized package!

Submit your entry to Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

The Girl Scouts donated cookies! Thank you girls!! You are true leaders!

They will be delivered with the cards and photos! (*All except one box of thin mints...*)

- Our Random Acts of Kindness Program continues, thanks to very generous donations!
- Many grocery shoppers were surprised with gift cards to make things just a bit easier.
- They were very appreciative! It made them smile! (That's the point!)
- An updated list of Restaurants OPEN for takeout is attached! Please support them!!
- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**