

Old Saybrook

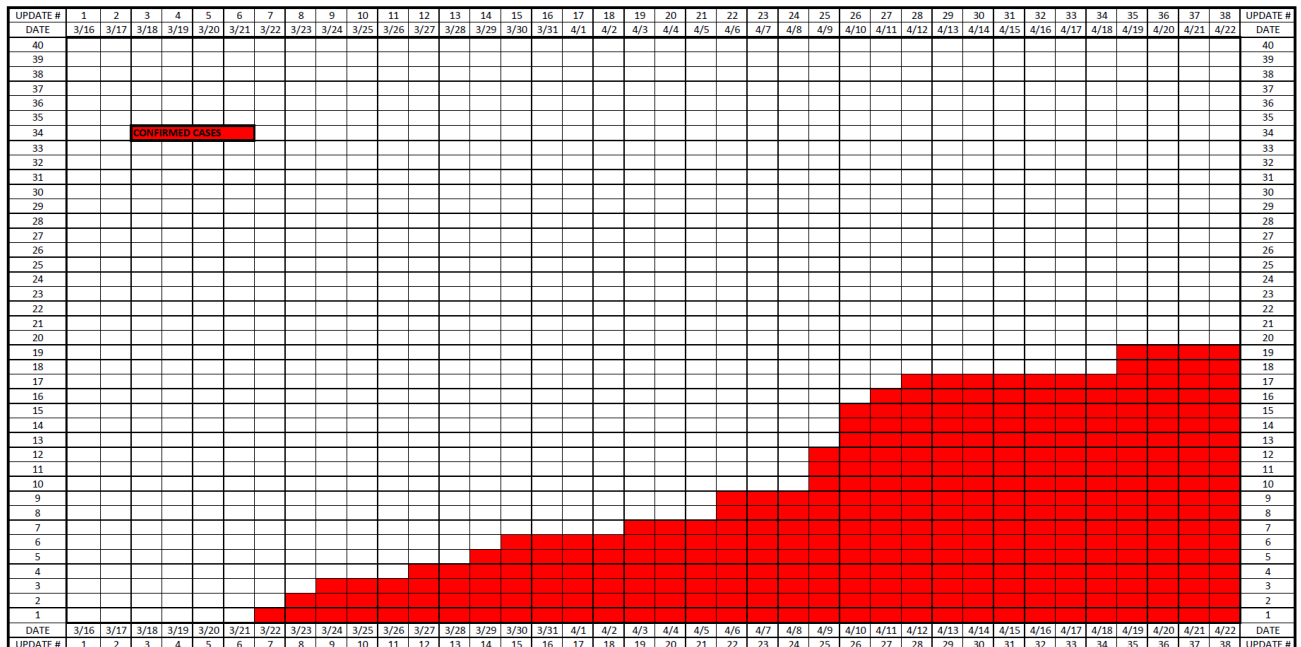
COVID 19 Community UPDATE #38 – April 22, 2020

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 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!
- 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 - 30 Confirmed Cases 2 Deaths
 - Deep River - 8 Confirmed Cases
 - Haddam - 17 Confirmed Cases
 - Old Saybrook - 19 Confirmed Cases
- The chart below shows confirmed COVID – 19 cases in Old Saybrook by date.



- We can assume that some of the first people diagnosed with COVID-19 are now better.
- There is no “repeat testing” to ensure that positively diagnosed patients are virus free.
- We have spoken to everyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (*That we know of.*)
- People with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated) can stop home isolation (leave their homes) and be safe out in the community under the following conditions:

ALL THREE CONDITIONS MUST BE MET:

- ▲ They have had no fever for at least 72 hours, **AND.....**
(*That is three (3) full days of no fever, without the use of fever reducing medicine*)
 - ▲ Their other symptoms have improved, **AND.....**
(*When their cough or shortness of breath has improved*)
 - ▲ Seven (7) days have passed since their symptoms first appeared.
- **In all cases**, follow the guidance of your healthcare provider and local health department.
 - The decision to stop home isolation should be made in consultation with your healthcare provider and state and local health departments.
 - Find a COVID-19 Testing Center Near You! [COVID-19 Testing Sites Locator](#)
 - You can have COVID-19 and not display symptoms for many days.
 - During that time you can pass COVID-19 to others, including 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.
 - The Public Safety Leadership Team met today with the First Selectman.
 - The Public Safety Leadership Team also participated in a conference call with the Governor.

Public School District

- The Public School District served 406 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.
- The Superintendent and School Administrators are maintaining open communication with all students, parents, and staff.

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.
- A conference call for business owners will take place this Saturday at 10 AM.

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!

Submit your entry to Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

WOW!! We have received more than one hundred (100) cards and pictures!!

So many we are still printing and reviewing them!!

We will announce winners this Friday! Feel free to keep sending in submissions!

- Our Random Acts of Kindness Program continues, thanks to very generous donations!
- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**