

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #51 – May 5, 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.
- There were two (2) new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 today in our Health District.
- The Town of Deep River lost a resident to COVID-19 today. Our condolences to the family.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	37 Confirmed Cases	8 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	34 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	9 Confirmed Cases	2 Death
-	Haddam	-	22 Confirmed Cases	
-	Old Saybrook	-	23 Confirmed Cases	

Face Mask Distribution – TOMORROW!!

- Tomorrow the Town of Old Saybrook will distribute face masks to all Old Saybrook Residents.
- We hope to provide two (2) FDA Approved Surgical masks per town resident.
- Please review the below listed details and instructions regarding tomorrow’s distribution.
- Only one person, per household, needs to appear to pick up face masks for their family.
- You will not be allowed to pick up masks for neighbors or those that live out of town.
- To pick up your masks, you will need to travel to where you are assigned to vote in a local, state, or federal election.
- Those assigned to voting district one (1) will receive their masks at the Middle School.
- Those Assigned to voting district two (2) will receive their masks at the High school.

- You do not need to be registered to vote to receive a face mask.
- If you are unsure of which voting district you live in, a list by street is attached.
- The procedure we are using tomorrow is commonly referred to as a drive-through “POD” or Point of Distribution.
- By using vehicles we are able to maintain safe social distance while providing you with essential face masks.
- Therefore, do not walk or bike to the mask distribution sites.
- When you arrive tomorrow please follow the unique traffic pattern. Police Officers, Police Explorers, and Police Department Civilian support staff will be there to guide you. We will all be wearing gloves and masks.
- The first stop you will make is at the residency verification station. There you will have to show a police officer either a piece of mail or a government identification to prove you are a resident of Old Saybrook and that you are at the correct mask distribution location.
- The next stop you will make, will be to confirm your address and to answer the very important question of – “How many people are in your household?”. The exact number will be needed to ensure all residents receive their face masks.
- The next stop is an optional station. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for Old Saybrook’s Food Pantry tomorrow. Many have asked how they can help, and restocking our food pantry’s shelves would do the trick! Please only donate if you are able.
- You do not need to donate food to get face masks.
- The final stop is where you will receive your face masks.
- If possible, we prefer to place your masks through the driver’s side back seat window. So please leave the family dog at home.
- Tomorrow’s face mask distribution will begin at noon.
- We will continue to hand out face masks until they are all gone or until 6 PM.
- If you are physically unable to leave your home tomorrow to receive your face masks, a number will be provided tomorrow morning at 10am for you to call to have your masks delivered to you.
- The home delivery option is **only** available for those that cannot safely travel to pick up their masks, not for those who do not want to come and get their masks.
- We are reserving the delivery option for those who cannot drive or are homebound due to illness or disability.
- The Town of Old Saybrook is proud to be able to provide face masks for its residents.
- This emergency protective measure is intended to help prevent the community spread of covid-19 and most importantly keep you and your family safe.
- A town wide phone call was made this evening with instructions for tomorrow.
- You may listen to tonight’s phone call here: <https://youtu.be/CpQfgMqzin0>
- Didn’t get the call? Make sure your cell phone is signed up! Visit www.CTAlert.gov
- Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is “Recovery”.
- You have an opportunity now to provide direct input with our Recovery planning.
- We are getting lots of great ideas! Thank you for all your emails!
- This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard! Email us today! All ideas are welcomed!
- Email your thoughts and ideas to: OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com
- Get your Beach Pass!! You will need it!
- Beginning this weekend, ONLY Town Residents will be permitted to park at our beaches.
- Both Town Beach and Harvey’s Beach will operate at 50% Capacity.
- There will be no bathroom or shower facilities open. (Plan ahead).
- Police Officers will be at our beaches to ensure these Emergency Orders are followed.
- The Emergency Orders regarding the beaches will be in effect until at least June 30, 2020.

Public School District

- The Governor announced today that schools will be closed for 19-20 academic year.
- CIAC has announced that the Spring sport season has been cancelled.
- Those picking up meals at the High School should use the main entrance, drive around the school (drive behind the school) to the rear parking lot behind the cafeteria. See you in the AM!

Public Health

- It is extremely important that EVERYONE takes this Public Health Emergency seriously!
- 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!

Municipal Government Operations

- Municipal Government will be OPEN tomorrow!
- Schedule an appointment with the Department you wish to do business with.
- Check the Town website for information concerning remote access to Town Meetings.

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Social Services Appointments will be conducted by phone, 860-395-3188.
- This is a difficult time for many people. Please know we care and we are here for you.
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.
- Our services are completely professional and confidential.

Good News!!

New Contest - Show & Spread Some **TRUE LOVE** Old Saybrook!!
RED Hearts are popping up all over Town – Let's Spread the **LOVE!**

Put a **RED heart** up in your doorway, on your lawn, house, or car!

Display a **RED Heart** for the **TRUE LOVE** you have for:

Essential Workers.....

(Healthcare, Public Safety, Restaurant, Educators, Retail, Licensed Trade Workers)

For the **TRUE LOVE** you have for **Old Saybrook!!**

Take a Picture of your **RED Heart** or **Hearts** on display and email it to:

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

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



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**