

# Old Saybrook

## **COVID 19 Community UPDATE #57 – May 13, 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 was one (1) new CONFIRMED case 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 new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 in our Health District since Monday.
- The Town of Haddam lost a resident to COVID-19. Our condolences to the family.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	40 Confirmed Cases	9 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	43 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	10 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	24 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	26 Confirmed Cases	
- Still need face masks? Not able to make it last week? No problem!
- Simply stop by the Police Department, provide proof of residency, and get your masks!
- It’s that easy! Wearing a Face Mask prevents the Community Spread of COVID-19.
- We are still concerned about COVID-19.
- We know the weather is getting nice and we know that people want to return to “normal”.
- We will not be back to “Normal” for quite sometime.
- If we do not practicing social distancing, refuse to wear masks, and stop frequent handwashing, it will take much longer to return to “normal”.
- Please do your part. Wearing a mask can save someone else’s life.
- Washing your hands could save your life.
- Practicing social distancing helps you, your friends, your family, and your community.

## Masks for all Old Saybrook Businesses

- We are getting prepared to provide face masks for business to give their employees.
- This is for ALL Old Saybrook businesses. (Open or not!)
- This is an effort to ensure businesses that are able to open on May 20, 2020 in accordance with the Governor's Directives/Orders have the proper PPE for their employees.
- This will ensure that business that cannot yet open, have PPE for their employees when they are allowed to open!
- We will provide two (2) face masks per employee for all Old Saybrook Businesses.
- Businesses, Please click the link and complete the form. This will help us prepare to help you!  
<https://forms.gle/dAhEzbvELesAYcxu6>
- The Business Masks for All Event will be held on Monday, May 18, 2020.
- Face masks will be handed out to businesses at the Old Saybrook Middle School from 12-6.
- We have attached a flyer on this Old Saybrook Business event.
- Please help us communicate this to our business owners.
- If you know a local business owner, please send them the attached flyer.

## Public Health

- 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!
- Wear a mask to help prevent community spread! (That's why we handed them out!)
- May 20<sup>th</sup> is NOT a full "Return to Normal" Date. Returning to normal will happen in phases.
- Public Health inspectors WILL BE inspecting businesses that are allowed to open on May 20<sup>th</sup> to ensure employees and customers are safe!

## Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is "Recovery".
- The Town's Recovery Taskforce had its first meeting on Tuesday.
- In Friday's addition we will provide you a list of Taskforce Members.
- The Taskforce has established ten (10) Working groups (subcommittees).
- The Working Groups are : Heath & Safety, Financial Stability, The Arts, Recreation, Regulatory, Estuary Success, Non-Profit Success, Small Business Success / Employment, Childhood Development / Education, and Emotional Wellness & Social Services.
- Each working group has been provided the task of establishing goals and priorities prior to next week's meeting.
- If you have ideas or wish to participate in a Working Group please send us an email.

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## **Municipal Government Operations**

- Get your Beach Pass ON LINE!! <https://oldsaybrookbeach.cityhallsystems.com/index.php>
- If you live Old Saybrook and/or own property in Old Saybrook you may obtain a beach pass.
- ONLY those with beach passes will be allowed 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).
- The Emergency Orders regarding the beaches will be in effect until at least June 30, 2020.
- PLEASE don't complain to the young adults working at the beach. They didn't make the rules.
- Planning is underway for the "re-opening" of Town Hall to the general public.
- The Town Hall is OPEN and Town Departments may assist you by appointment. Simply call!
- For general Town Hall business inquiries, please call 860-395-3142
- Discussions are ongoing about the practicality of Park & Rec Summer Recreation Activities.
- An update on alternative Memorial Day Celebrations will be provided on Friday.
- An update list of OPEN Restaurants are attached. PLEASE support local business.
- An updated list of food retailers is attached.

## **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.
- YFS Staff continues to "virtually check in on" over 130 senior citizens each week.

## **Public School District**

- The District is continuing to collaborate with students, parents, staff, and community leaders to find the best way to celebrate all student achievements this past academic year.
- This obviously includes our high school seniors, eighth graders, and fourth graders.
- Decisions will be made in accordance with current laws/regulations and with the guidance and support of public health and public safety officials.
- The District will begin planning for the Fall Opening of Schools as best as possible.
- Federal and State Authorities have not yet issued final guidance on the matter.
- In the last two days the District provided meals to 612 kids!
- Thank you to all who continue to make distance learning work!

## Good News!!

***Know someone that could use a random act of Kindness?***

**We are seeking nominations for someone who could use some  
“sunshine” in their life this week.**

**An essential worker, a teacher going above and beyond,  
your elderly neighbor, a healthcare professional  
or a friend that just needs, a random act of kindness  
to brighten their day....**

**Submit your entry to the EOC**

**Let us know who and why!**

***(Nominations are confidential...we are good at that sort of thing!)***

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



**ONE COMMUNITY.  
ONE TEAM.**