

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #59 – May 18, 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 summary of preparedness, response and other government activities. *(Sorry it's a tad late tonight!)*

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 in Old Saybrook since Friday.
- 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.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	39 Confirmed Cases	9 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	48 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	10 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	24 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	27 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 very concerned about COVID-19.
- While some businesses will begin to open on Wednesday, we are asking people to be smart!
- The COVID-19 Virus is not gone, it continues to spread, we must stay vigilant!
- Please continue frequent handwashing and making smart choices!

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.
- YFS Staff continues to "virtually check in on" over 130 senior citizens each week.
- YFS Programs are going virtual! Check it out <https://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/youth-and-family-services>

Masks for all Old Saybrook Businesses

- Today we handed out FDA Approved Face Masks to Old Saybrook Businesses.
- In total 156 businesses participated and 3,740 masks were handed out!
- Here is a link to news coverage of the event:

<https://www.fox61.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/mask-giveaway-in-old-saybrook/520-1baec087-40d7-4f3c-ace8-74c785130d81>

https://www.wfsb.com/news/old-saybrook-hands-out-masks-to-local-businesses/article_ac68d612-9940-11ea-a452-dfc78c62983b.html

- The mask handout was designed 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.
- If you are an Old Saybrook Business and were not able to make today's event, simply come to the Police Department and we will get you masks for your employees! Happy to help!
- We continue to try to update our businesses directory so may can convey important info!
- Businesses, please click the link and complete the form. This will help us help you!

<https://forms.gle/dAhEzbvELesAYcxu6>

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 20th 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 20th to ensure employees and customers are safe!
- Public Health is working on guidance for safe social distancing at our parks and beaches.

Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is "Recovery".
- The Town's Recovery Taskforce will meet again tomorrow.
- 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.
- If you have ideas or wish to participate in a Working Group please send us an email.

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Municipal Government Operations

- The Town Hall is OPEN for business – by appointment only.
- Please contact the Department you wish to do business with.
- Businesses seeking approval for expanded outside dining are encouraged to contact the Zoning Department.
- We have streamlined the approval process for you!
- We want to help you be successful and safe!
- Discussions are ongoing about the practicality of Park & Rec Summer Recreation Activities.
- An announcement regarding Youth Summer Programming will come on Friday, May 22, 2020
- In accordance with the Governor’s Emergency Executive Orders, there will be no Memorial Day Parade this year.
- Instead, private ceremonies that comply with current law and public health guidance will be held with distinguished representatives from the VFW and American Legion.
- These private ceremonies will be videotaped and released to the public on Memorial Day so all who choose to, may participate in the ceremonies.
- The Town truly values and respects all who made the ultimate sacrifice and their families, as well as all veterans and active duty military personnel.
- Our decision to cancel the parade and restrict ceremonial activities was made solely to comply with current law and most importantly to keep people safe.
- An updated list of OPEN Restaurants are attached. PLEASE support local businesses.

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.
- Discussions are being held and plans are being formulated to allow students to retrieve belongings from the school. More to come in the next few weeks.
- 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.
- The District provided 272 kids with meals today!
- As the Academic Year begins to come to a close over the next thirty (30) days, we will be doing our best to honor our students – especially the Class of 2020!

Good News!!

***On Wednesday we will announce our new contest/project!
This one is dedicated to celebrating the graduating class of 2020!
We know you will not let us down!***

- Please click the link to watch the Ram Booster's Video Slide Show featuring our Senior Athletes! GO RAMS!!! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y60_G00FeIU&feature=youtu.be

Got GOOOOOOOD NEWS?

Let us know!!

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



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