

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #60 – May 20, 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.

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 three (3) new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 in Old Saybrook since Monday.
- 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	-	42 Confirmed Cases	9 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	54 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	11 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	26 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	31 Confirmed Cases	
- Phase 1 of Reopen CT began today!
- The Regulatory Working Group spent the afternoon inspecting restaurants that have applied for additional outdoor seating.
- We are processing applications as quickly as possible to help businesses be successful while being SAFE!
- Restaurants that wish to apply for additional outdoor seating or the placement of tents will find the simplified application forms and instructions at the following link:
<https://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/home/news/covid-phase-1-reopening-expanded-outdoor-activities-application-instructions-and-forms>
- 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. Please stay Vigilant!!

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>

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!)
- Today is NOT a full “Return to Normal” Date. Returning to normal will happen in phases.
- If you think a business is not operating in a safe manner, contact the Police Department.
- 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 held its second meeting on Tuesday.
- The Taskforce’s ten (10) Working groups (subcommittees) gave their reports.
- 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.
- Now is the time to let your voice be heard!
- If you have ideas or wish to participate in a Working Group please send us an email.

OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Municipal Government Operations

- Acton Library will reopen for “Curbside Pickup” and/or delivery on Tuesday, May 26th!
- Please see the attached flyer for more information!
- The Town Hall is OPEN for business – by appointment only.
- Please contact the Department you wish to do business with.
- We are working on a list of all the restaurants that are open for takeout & Outdoor Dining!
- 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.
- Discussions concerning Park & Rec Summer Recreation Activities occur tomorrow.
- An announcement regarding Youth Summer Programming will come on Friday, May 22, 2020

Public School District

- Decisions on how best to celebrate students 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.
- Over the past two days the District has served 678 students.

Good News!!

It's Time Old Saybrook....Time to create:

The Class of 2020 – Community Yearbook

This is a strange year for the Class of 2020....

So.....we are going to spend time in the EOC creating a:

Community Yearbook

filled with YOUR well wishes, advice, & humor for Old Saybrook's

High School Seniors and 8th Grade Students!!

Please submit your Community Yearbook submission to us at:

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Be sure to include your full name and if your entry is for our graduating Seniors and/or 8th Graders!

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



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**