

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #63 – May 27, 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 was one (1) new CONFIRMED case 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	-	46 Confirmed Cases	10 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	58 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	12 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	31 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	33 Confirmed Cases	
- Apple Rehab has sadly lost five (5) patients to COVID-19. Our condolences to the Families.
- To give perspective there are 83 residents at Apple. There are 35 COVID-19 Positive patients in the facility. 15 staff members have also tested positive.
- Town Officials have been in contact with the State Department of Public Health regarding the matter at Apple Rehab.
- The State inspected the facility today. The facility falls under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Health.
- Based on the information that is being shared with us, we DO NOT feel that the matter at Apple Rehab will cause a Community Spread Problem.
- Gladeview Healthcare is voluntarily testing all residents. (None have symptoms!)
- We will provide those test results when we receive them.
- The Town stands at the ready to support Apple Rehab and/or Gladeview Healthcare should they need any assistance.

- Businesses that requested thermometers from the State began receiving them today.
- Wear a mask to prevent Community Spread. We are counting on you!
- 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!
- 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>

- To make things easier for businesses making the request, Zoning, Fire Marshall, Health, Building, and Law Enforcement Officials are performing inspections together as a team to ensure the quick processing of applications.
- We are still very concerned about COVID-19. Please stay Vigilant!!

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Your emotional wellness is important! Make sure you're both physically & emotionally well!
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.
- 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!)
- If you think a business is not operating in a safe manner, contact the Police Department.

Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is "Recovery".
- The Town's Recovery Taskforce met on Tuesday.
- Working group leaders provided the Taskforce with status reports. They are working on goals and objectives for each category.
- Let your voice be heard! Send your ideas to OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Municipal Government Operations

- Acton Library reopened for "Curbside Pickup" and/or delivery!
- Check out the news story here: https://www.wfsb.com/old-saybrook-library-now-offering-curbside-pick-up/video_e299a2c5-b728-5eba-b27e-404156308a49.html
- Parks and Recreation, Youth and Family Services, the Acton Public Library, and the Old Saybrook Public School District will be offering virtual activities for kids this summer in place of their normal "in-person" summer youth activities. Please check their websites for information.

- There will be no summer youth camps this year. While this is disappointing it is the right decision for the safety of the kids, staff, and community.

Public School District

- Plans for an alternative High School Graduation Ceremony are nearing completion.
- Conceptual plans will be released this week.
- Plans for an alternative Middle School Closing Ceremony are nearing completion.
- We have every intent on honoring our Graduates in the most safe and celebratory manner!
- These plans are now being vetted by 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 is planning for Summer School and the Fall Opening of Schools as best as possible.
- Federal and State Authorities have not yet issued final guidance on “What schools will look like in the fall” or how we must operate.
- Over the last two days the District has provided 998 Students with breakfast and lunch.

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!

We will be giving prizes in many categories!!

- Most Creative, Most Thoughtful, Most Philosophical, Most Humorous, & Best Life Advice!
- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**