Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #65 – June 1, 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 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 Friday.

■ These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	46 Confirmed Cases	10 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	59 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	13 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	36 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	33 Confirmed Cases	

■ In addition to Old Saybrook's residential cases listed above, Apple Rehab now has
51 COVID-19 Positive Patients. 19 staff members have also tested positive.

■ There have been ten (10) patients from Apple Rehab that succumbed to COVID-19.   Our
condolences to the families and staff members caring for them.

■ To give perspective there are approximately 83 residents at Apple.

■ Town Officials contacted the State Department of Public Health again today regarding the
matter at Apple Rehab. They are the ONLY agency that regulates the Rehab Facility.

■ We expressed our detailed concerns about the staffing levels at the facility and that Apple is
still admitting new patents in the middle of a COVID-19 Outbreak.

■ The State inspected the facility last Wednesday. Findings will be public this week.

■ 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 has voluntarily tested all 104 residents. None have symptoms.

■ Gladeview has communicated to the Regional Health District that ALL tests results have been received – All are negative!

■ The Town stands at the ready to support Apple Rehab and/or Gladeview Healthcare should they need any assistance.

■ 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.

■ Wash your hands often! It helps stop the spread of the virus!

■ 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 will meet again on Tomorrow.

■ Let your voice be heard! Speak to us! Send your ideas to OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com

Municipal Government Operations

■ We are working on plans for the reopening of Town Hall to the public on June 20, 2020.

■ Safety enhancements are being made to protect the employees and the public.

■ When using the transfer station, please follow the rules that are clearly posted.

■ Please maintain social distancing, wear a mask when appropriate, and respect the personal space of our Town employees.

■ Please respect our "Beach Rules".

- Beaches are still only open at 50% capacity to those with beach passes.

- To get your beach pass please visit: https://oldsaybrookbeach.cityhallsystems.com/index.php

Public School District

- Plans for an alternative High School Graduation Ceremony were announced to Graduating Seniors and their parents.

- As the Governor's Executive Orders change so must our plans.

- The District will continue to communicate with parents should details need to change.

- Every effort is being made to celebrate our Seniors in the most respectful and safe manner.

- Plans for an alternative Middle School Closing Ceremony are nearing completion.

- The District provided 664 Students with breakfast and lunch today.

Good News!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

It's 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!
Please make your submissions as soon as possible!

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.