

# Old Saybrook

## **COVID 19 Community UPDATE #66 – June 3, 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 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 Friday.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	46 Confirmed Cases	10 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	60 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	16 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	36 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	35 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
- Our condolences to the Old Saybrook Family that lost a loved one to COVID-19.
- In addition to Old Saybrook’s residential cases listed above, Apple Rehab now has 52 COVID-19 Positive Patients. 19 staff members have also tested positive.
- There have been fourteen (14) patients from Apple Rehab that succumbed to COVID-19. Our condolences to the families and staff members caring for them.
- Old Saybrook Public Safety Leaders, Health District Leaders, and Apple Rehab Administrators held a conference call with State Department of Public Health Supervisors today.
- We expressed our detailed concerns and renewed our offer of assistance.
- Both Apple Rehab and State Officials are working closely to resolve matters.
- While hospitalization numbers are thankfully declining, Old Saybrook Public Safety Professionals are experiencing an increase in COVID-19 Related Medical Responses.
- COVID – 19 is still here and we need your help not to create a Community Spread Issue!
- Wear a mask when in public 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 delivered 34 “Baskets of Smiles & Cheer” today to those who were nominated by friends!
- Baskets included lots of goodies including gift certificates to OS Restaurants!
- We LOVE bringing smiles to people’s faces! Thanks to those who make this possible!

### **Shorts for Saybrook!**

- The Police Department commenced its annual Summer Fundraiser today!
- This year we are raising money for Old Saybrook residents and businesses that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- Participating Police Officers and Dispatchers pay \$5/day to wear our “summer style” uniform.
- The Police and Dispatcher Unions MATCH their member’s donations – dollar for dollar!
- We need YOUR Help!! We know we can raise lots of money to help OS Residents Out!
- Donate to this VERY important fundraiser! Visit [www.Shorts4Saybrook.com](http://www.Shorts4Saybrook.com)
- You may also mail or drop off your donation to the Police Department.
- Please make checks out to “Shorts4Saybrook” – 36 Lynde Street

### **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**

- We are still very concerned about COVID-19. Please stay Vigilant!!
- Maintain Social Distancing – Stay six (6) Feet away from another person.
- If you think a business is not operating in a safe manner, contact the Police Department.

### **Municipal Government Operations**

- Thank you to those who chose to participate in a peaceful march along Main Street today.
- We counted about 250 participants!
- The Police Department was proud to offer resources, a bullhorn, and face masks to ensure that your voices and messages of positive change were heard in a respectful and safe manner.

- 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.
- 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

- The District will continue to communicate with parents about end of the year celebrations to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and High School Seniors!
- Plans for an alternative Middle School Closing Ceremony have been communicated to parents and students. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders – Get your Slide in!! (*They know what we’re talking about!*)
- Over the past two days the District provided 949 Students with breakfast and lunch.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!!***

***Please submit your Community Yearbook submission to us at:***

**[Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com](mailto:Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com)**

***Be sure to include your full name and if your entry is for our graduating Seniors and/or 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**