

# Old Saybrook

## **COVID 19 Community UPDATE #70 – June 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.

### **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 have been two (2) new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 in OS since our last report.
- 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 our last report.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	46 Confirmed Cases	10 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	63 Confirmed Cases	4 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	17 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
-	Haddam	-	37 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Old Saybrook	-	37 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
- In addition to Old Saybrook’s residential cases listed above, CRAHD reports that Apple Rehab now has 74 COVID-19 Positive Patients.
- There have been twenty (20) patients from Apple Rehab that succumbed to COVID-19. Our condolences to the families and staff members caring for them.
- Old Saybrook has done a great job at preventing Community Spread – Thank You!
- PLEASE do not lessen your efforts yet! Let’s keep doing the things we are doing to save lives.
- As the Phase II reopening occurs, please be mindful of the established State sector rules!
- We have learned much since the beginning of COVID-19, most importantly is how to protect ourselves!
- Wear a mask when in public to prevent Community Spread. IT WORKS!
- Still need face masks? No problem!
- Simply stop by the Police Department, provide proof of residency, and get your masks!
- The community transmission rate is now the lowest since the onset of the virus!

- Are you a tad bit confused about what is open and what size crowd you can be in?
- Much has changed and more changes are coming...Everything is detailed here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-Guidance>

### **Sign Up for the Bi-Monthly OSPD Newsletter!**

- Simply text OSPOLICE to 888-777 and you are signed up!      **TEXT - OSPOLICE to 888-777**
- You will receive Police news, trends, tips, and information – We will keep you in the know!
- Signing up will also allow you to get instant information during an emergency/crisis.

### **Shorts for Saybrook!**

- The Police Department commenced its annual Summer Fundraiser!
- This year we are raising money for Old Saybrook residents 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.
- We appreciate your partnership with this very important fundraiser!

### **Social Services / Youth and Family Services**

- Your emotional wellness is important! Make sure you’re both physically & emotionally well!
- To learn about special summer youth programs through Youth and Family Services, sign up at our website [www.osyfs.org](http://www.osyfs.org) to receive our newsletters and updates!
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.

### **Municipal Government Operations**

- The First Selectman has met twice with all Town Employees to review reopening procedures.
- Beginning on Monday, the front door to Town Hall will be OPEN!
- You may choose to still make appointments or do business with us electronically.
- Tax payments may be made online or via US Mail.
- PLEASE be mindful of the “rules” posted at the Transfer Station & practice social distancing.
- Please respect our Beach Rules. Beaches are open at 50% capacity. Bring your Beach Pass!
- To get your beach pass please visit: <https://oldsaybrookbeach.cityhallsystems.com/index.php>
- “Check Out” all things Acton Public Library:

<https://mailchi.mp/8a922faeb5d1/acton-public-library-closed-1366736?e=e7021469c0>

## Public Health

- We are very busy performing inspections and testing pool and beach water!
- Please adhere to ALL rules when eating at restaurants! Wear your mask (When not eating)!
- Interested about the State's COVID-19 Testing Strategy?
- We have attached a document that explains it all!

## Public School District

- Congratulations to the OSHS Class of 2020!!
- Our unique graduation truly honored our seniors! Thank you to everyone for your support!
- The Lights and Siren Escort was truly amazing with hundreds of people lining the streets with signs, sparklers, noise makers and cheers for our Graduates! OS truly sent them off in style!
- Congratulations to the Class of 2024 on their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion! You are Freshmen now!
- Meals will continue Monday – Friday until July 30, 2020.

## Good News!!

***Old Saybrook is OPEN for Business!!!***

***Our Goal was to Open Old Saybrook SAFELY and SUCCESSFULLY.....***

***That is Happening Now!***

***Our new contest is simple.....***

***Send us a picture of your  
favorite person(s) at your favorite Old Saybrook "place" !***

Most Creative, Most Humorous & Just Simply Very Happy will win a prize!!!

*(Probably from your favorite place....)*

**Send your entries to:**

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

- A shout out to all the Great Dads & Grandfathers! Happy Father's Day!
- Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.  
ONE TEAM.**