

# Old Saybrook

## **COVID 19 Community UPDATE #73 – June 30, 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 new CONFIRMED case 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 District since our last report.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

|   |              |   |                    |           |
|---|--------------|---|--------------------|-----------|
| - | Chester      | - | 46 Confirmed Cases | 10 Deaths |
| - | Clinton      | - | 67 Confirmed Cases | 4 Deaths  |
| - | Deep River   | - | 18 Confirmed Cases | 2 Deaths  |
| - | Haddam       | - | 37 Confirmed Cases | 1 Death   |
| - | Old Saybrook | - | 39 Confirmed Cases | 2 Deaths  |
- Please take the travel advisories seriously!
- We do not want to see a resurgence of community spread in Connecticut.
- We must continue our efforts to prevent community spread in Old Saybrook.
- We have done well so far....PLEASE do not lessen your efforts yet!
- Let’s keep doing the things we are doing to save lives.
- PLEASE wear a mask when in public to prevent Community Spread. IT WORKS!
- Still need face masks? No problem! We have them at the Police Department for you!
- 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>

## Long Term Recovery Taskforce

- Your voice matters! Let us know how we are doing with Old Saybrook's reopening efforts!
- Give us your thoughts and ideas – we will share them with the Recovery Taskforce!
- Email us at [Recovery@OldSaybrookPolice.com](mailto:Recovery@OldSaybrookPolice.com)

## Working Groups Spotlight – C.A.R.E.S. Committee

- The Committee for Active Recovery Efforts in Saybrook is today's spotlight Working Group!
- There are many Town sanctioned projects to raise funds for those negatively impacted by COVID-19 in Old Saybrook.
- The C.A.R.E.S Working Group has a goal to raise \$100,000 for Old Saybrook Families in need!
- Other funds, such as those raised through the Police Department's [www.Shorts4Saybrook.com](http://www.Shorts4Saybrook.com) campaign, will be combined to do a "whole lotta good" for Old Saybrook Residents!
- Let's work together to help achieve this goal! We can do it!
- Funds, up to \$1,500, are available per household through a confidential application process.
- Your donated funds will help those struggling to afford the very basic of needs such as housing, food, utilities, childcare, and transportation.
- To donate and/or apply for funds please visit the CARES Working Group page being hosted by the United Way of Middlesex County by clicking here:

<https://www.middlesexunitedway.org/oldsaybrookcares>

## 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.

## 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.
- As the Phase II reopening occurs, please be mindful of the established State sector rules!

## Shorts for Saybrook!

- The Police Department is 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)

## Municipal Government Operations

- Town Hall is OPEN to the public! Our employees are in their offices ready to help!
- You may choose to still make appointments or do business with us electronically.
- PLEASE be mindful of the “rules” posted at the Transfer Station & practice social distancing.
- Mini Golf is OPEN!! Go play a round! Get outside and HAVE FUN! Recreation is important!
- Park & Rec has released information about the Summer Concert Series!
- Reservations WILL be required to ensure proper social distancing – to keep everyone safe!
- Check the schedule out here: [https://oldsaybrookct.myrec.com/documents/summer\\_music\\_poster\\_2020b.pdf](https://oldsaybrookct.myrec.com/documents/summer_music_poster_2020b.pdf)
- We are working on a plan to increase beach parking (from 50%) after July 1, 2020.
- Still need your beach pass? 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 School District

- The State released a comprehensive reopening plan. We are working with all stakeholders to formulate our reporting plan.
- The meal program will resume operations on July 5, 2020.
- Meal pick up will be Monday – Thursday until July 30, 2020. (Weekend meals will be provided on Thursdays) Information about where students can obtain meals after July 30, 2020 will be announced in July.

## Good News!!

- Let's help support our small business and local non-profits!
- The Chamber of Commerce launched an Online Auction! (With some really GREAT items!)
- Show your support by bidding OFTEN and HIGH through July 16!
- Check out the Auction website: [www.oschamber.cbo.io](http://www.oschamber.cbo.io)
- Proceeds will be distributed to eligible small businesses/non-profits that apply.
- There is a little friendly contest between item # 124 and # 179.....Let's start the bidding!
- Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.  
ONE TEAM.**