

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #74 – July 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 two 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 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	-	41 Confirmed Cases	2 Deaths
- We are a tad bit concerned.....YES the State’s Transmission Rate is LOW.....But...
- It is low because we are all doing our part by social distancing and wearing masks!
- We must continue our efforts to prevent community spread in Old Saybrook and CT!
- We know there will be gatherings this weekend and we want people to have fun..... BUT.....
- Let’s keep doing the things we are doing to save lives – practice social distancing while at the backyard BBQ, wear a mask while playing that championship game of corn hole, wash your hands often and respect others who choose to protect themselves from contracting the virus.
- Remember you can’t see the virus, you don’t know where it is, you don’t know if you have the virus, but you do know how to protect yourself and others...please do so!
- 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 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 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>

OSPD Newsletter!

- We have attached a sample of this week's "4th of July" edition of our new Behind the Badge Newsletter.
- Those who subscribe to the "Behind the Badge" Newsletter will receive Police news, trends, tips, and information – We will keep you in the know! You will also get to learn more about us – the Human Beings – Behind the Badge!
- Signing up will also allow you to get instant information during an emergency/crisis.
- Simply text OSPOLICE to 888-777 and you are signed up! **TEXT - OSPOLICE to 888-777**

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Your emotional wellness is important! Make sure you're both physically & emotionally well!
- Remember you can practice social distancing without being socially distant!
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.

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

Municipal Government Operations

- The Transfer Station is CLOSED tomorrow. It will reopen on Monday from 9 AM – 1 PM.
- Please be respectful at our parks and beaches this weekend. Clean up after yourselves!
- Safety First Please!

Public School District

- The School District is hard at work creating its plan to bring students back to school this fall!
- The meal program will resume operations on July 5, 2020.

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
- Proceeds will be distributed to eligible small businesses/non-profits that apply.
- There is a little friendly contest between items # 124 and # 179.....Let's start the bidding!
- Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**