

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #48 – May 2, 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 daily 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 today in Old Saybrook.
- Old Saybrook belongs to the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD).
- This includes the Towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Haddam, and Old Saybrook.
- Deep River sadly lost a resident to COVID-19 today. Our condolences to the family.
- There were no new CONFIRMED cases of COVID-19 today in our Health District.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	35 Confirmed Cases	7 Deaths
-	Clinton	-	32 Confirmed Cases	3 Deaths
-	Deep River	-	9 Confirmed Cases	1 Death
-	Haddam	-	21 Confirmed Cases	
-	Old Saybrook	-	23 Confirmed Cases	
- This is a very important time. We must do everything we can to keep people healthy.
- Now more than ever, we truly need EVERYONE, to help PREVENT Community Spread.
- Wear a facemask when in public. It really, truly, helps prevent the spread.
- Old Saybrook Residents WILL receive face masks this week. ONLY OS Residents.
- The Free Face Mask Distribution for Old Saybrook Residents is scheduled for Wednesday.
- We will announce the afternoon pick up schedule in the coming days.
- Masks to be handed out are FDA approved, three (3) ply surgical facemasks.
- Based on a population of 10,200 residents, we hope to provide two (2) masks per person.
- Two locations will be used to hand out the masks, Old Saybrook Middle School & High School

- Residents will travel to where they vote in elections to receive their masks.
- Voting District 1 will get their masks at the Middle School.
- Voting District 2 will get their masks at the High School.
- You DO NOT have to be registered to vote to get a mask. But you MUST be an OS resident!
- Please review the attached list to determine which location you will go to get your masks.
- We will provide more information on Operation “Masks for OS” over the next few days.
- DO NOT try to get your masks now. We are not there. The program will happen this week.
- Those who are unable to leave their homes & desire masks will be provided with an option.
- A public conference call with local businesses was held this morning. It was well attended.
- PLEASE DO NOT over crowd the beaches and parks this weekend. Follow the law!

Recovery Taskforce – Open OS!

- One of the four (4) phases of Emergency Management is “Recovery”.
- You have an opportunity now to provide direct input with our Recovery planning.
- What are your thoughts about our beaches, Mini Golf, Saybrook Point Gatherings, Camps?
- If only outside dining is approved by the Governor – what locations should be used?
- Email your thoughts and ideas to: OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com
- This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard! Email us today!
- The Town’s Recovery Taskforce will guide the Town to open SAFELY & SUCCESSFULLY.
- All plans must be in concert with the Governor’s Orders and Public Health Guidance.

Public School District

- The District has released & communicated the end of the year grading philosophy and plan.
- Student & Parents are providing input concerning alternative high school graduation plans.

Public Health

- It is extremely important that EVERYONE takes this Public Health Emergency seriously!
- Restaurants MUST close their outdoor eating areas to the public.
- Maintain Social Distancing – Stay six (6) Feet away from another person.
- Do not participate in group activities that have more than five (5) people.
- STOP overcrowding the beaches! Please!

Municipal Government Operations

- Check the Town website for information concerning remote access to Town Meetings.
- This weekend is 2020 Census Digital Action Weekend! Check out the attachment!

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Social Services Appointments will be conducted by phone, 860-395-3188.
- This is a difficult time for many people. Please know we care and we are here for you.
- Youth and Family Services Counselors are providing tele-counseling services. 860-395-3190.
- Our services are completely professional and confidential.
- Please click here to locate a virtual AA Meeting: https://www.aa.org/press-releases/en_US/press-releases/aa-groups-using-digital-platforms-to-find-sobriety-during-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak

Good News!!

New Contest - Show & Spread Some TRUE LOVE Old Saybrook!!
RED Hearts are popping up all over Town – Let's Spread the **LOVE!**
Put a **RED heart** up in your doorway, on your lawn, house, or car!

Display a **RED Heart** for the **TRUE LOVE** you have for:

Essential Workers.....

(Healthcare, Public Safety, Restaurant, Educators, Retail, Licensed Trade Workers)

For Who You are Wearing a Mask For.....

For the TRUE LOVE you have for Old Saybrook!!

Take a Picture of your RED Heart or Hearts on display and email it to:

Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com

- Thanks to donations from private citizens, Saybrook Hardware, MAR. Floral & The Funktion Fitness Foundation, Old Saybrook Police Employee's travelled around Town again today to "Check In" with some of our residents!
- Each person visited was provided with a beautiful floral arrangement symbolizing better times to come! To date we have "checked in" on over 200 households.
- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE TEAM.**