

# Old Saybrook

## **COVID 19 Community UPDATE #49 – May 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 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.
- There was a new CONFIRMED case of COVID-19 today in our Health District.
- These are the current reported Positive Cases according to CRAHD:

-	Chester	-	37 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	
- We wish we could tell you that everyone was obeying the Governor’s Orders today.....
- 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.**
- Distribution for Old Saybrook Residents is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020.
- Masks will be handed out from Noon to 6 PM.
- 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.
- Those attending WILL have to prove residency. A piece of mail or Government ID will work!
- Unable to leave your home & desire masks? No Problem! We got you! You will be provided with a phone number to call on Wednesday to schedule a delivery. (Homebound people only!)
- 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.

### **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.
- We are getting lots of great ideas! Thank you for all your emails!
- What are your thoughts about our beaches, Mini Golf, Saybrook Point Gatherings, Camps?
- If only outside dining is approved by the Governor – what public locations should be used?
- Email your thoughts and ideas to: [OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com](mailto:OpenOS@OldSaybrookPolice.com)
- This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard! Email us today! All ideas are welcomed!
- 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**

- Virtual Learning continues tomorrow! The program continues to be successful.
- The District has released & communicated the end of the year grading philosophy and plan.
- Students & Parents are providing input concerning alternative high school graduation plans.
- We expect an announcement from the State this week regarding the closure of schools.

### **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!
- Wash your hands often! It helps stop the spread of the virus!

## Municipal Government Operations

- Municipal Government will be OPEN tomorrow!
- Schedule an appointment with the Department you wish to do business with.
- Check the Town website for information concerning remote access to Town Meetings.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:Fun@OldSaybrookPolice.com)

- Here is a link to see many of the Funny Face Contest entrees. Be prepared to laugh!

<https://youtu.be/6kO-0eg1uEo>

- Be safe. Keep Smiling. We will get through this!



**ONE COMMUNITY.  
ONE TEAM.**