

Old Saybrook

COVID 19 Community UPDATE #4 - March 19, 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 Incident Commander hosted a conference call with leaders from the Convalescent, Rehabilitation, and Estuary Communities. Executives from Apple Rehab, Gladeview Convalescent Hospital, the Estuary Council, and Saybrook Village discussed and implemented procedures to safeguard their residents, protect employees, and provide enhanced protection to public safety professionals when responding to these facilities.
- Beginning tomorrow, the Police Department will partner with the Estuary Council and assume the role of providing "meals on wheels" to Old Saybrook's Seniors.
- The Town's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is operational. An updated list of all restaurants that are open for take-out and/or delivery are available at this link: https://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/sites/oldsaybrookct/files/pages/open_restaurant_list_03172020.pdf.
- The Public Safety Leadership Team continues to meet every day to brief the First Selectman and to coordinate preparedness and response activities for the Town of Old Saybrook.
- When calling the Police Department requesting assistance please be prepared to answer the Public Safety Dispatcher's following questions designed to protect our First Responders:
 - Is there anything that our responding officers need to know prior to arrival at your location?*
 - Does anyone have flu like systems or a fever?*
 - Has anyone in the home been in contact with someone that has been diagnosed with COVID19?*
- Tomorrow Emergency Medical Services will receive *expired* N95 masks form the State.
- Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services stand at the ready to respond. Please check out our video reaffirming our commitment to **YOU!** <https://youtu.be/9FJmP6F4AWY>
- There is **NO** curfew. (*We're getting questions about that!*) No Curfew has been imposed.
- All restaurants with outdoor eating areas were offered signage and traffic control devices to deter customers from violating the Gubernatorial order.
- There is **NO** food or supply shortage in Old Saybrook. All stores are reporting that they are receiving daily shipments of all supplies, with the exception of hand sanitizer.
- Walmart has changed their hours. The store will now be open from 7am-8:30pm each day. There will be Senior Only Shopping on Tuesday from 6-7am.
- A list of all Old Saybrook grocery and convenience stores that are open are attached to this notice.

- The Democratic Primary will now be held on June 2, 2020.
- The Emergency Operations Center is using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat to connect with residents. Search COVID19OS to find us on your favorite social media platform.
- Please make sure your family and friends are signed up to receive these daily notices. As this public health emergency progresses, this information will be of vital importance.
- Please visit the Emergency Management Website as your one local online source of all information related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
<https://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/emergency-management>

Public Health

- Sadly, the State had two additional COVID-19 related deaths today bringing the total COVID-19 related deaths to three (3). Our condolences to the families.
- There have been reports of the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 among public safety professionals in Hartford.
- There are currently no confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Old Saybrook. There are three (3) confirmed cases in Middlesex County.
- All nail salons, barber shops, hairdressing establishments, beauty salons, tanning salons, massage establishments, and other “body care” establishments were ordered to close.
- The Regional Public Health District is supplying commercial facilities with infection prevention and control handouts and guidance as requested.
- DO NOT go out into the public if you have a fever or flu like systems.
- All Fitness Centers are CLOSED. Restaurants and Bars (that serve food) - TAKE OUT ONLY.
- **Practice social distancing. Maintain six (6) feet from other people.**
- It is extremely important that EVERYONE takes this Public Health Emergency seriously!

Municipal Government Operations

- Town Hall is open for citizens to conduct essential business by appointment. Please contact the department you need to conduct business with to schedule an appointment. This practice continues to be successful.
- Town Hall employees will also be available to bring documents and/or forms not available online to your vehicle or you can receive them via e-mail/mail upon request. Contact the First Selectman’s Office. 860-395-3123
- Outdoor recreation facilities are OPEN! Please follow “Social Distancing” recommendations, stay in groups of less than ten (10) people – but GO OUTSIDE!

Social Services / Youth and Family Services

- Access Health CT is offering a special enrollment period from March 19 - April 2, 2020. If you are uninsured please use this opportunity to enroll. Go to www.AccessHealthCT.com
- Social Services Appointments will be conducted by phone, Contact Sue Consoli 860-395-3188
- Behavioral Health Support and Resources are available via phone by contacting Director Heather McNeil 860-510-5042.
- Other services are available by contacting 211

Public School District

- Food distribution for children enrolled in the Old Saybrook Public School District begins tomorrow! Pick up is available from 9-10 AM, each weekday at the Goodwin School and the High School. Meals are free!
- Distance learning for students begins on Monday, March 23, 2020. Information pertaining to this important process continues to be communicated to parents and students by the School District. Please pay close attention to these notices and instructions.
- CIAC officials have **not** made a determination concerning the Spring Sports Season.
- The OSPS website is being updated for parents and students daily.
<https://www.oldsaybrookschoools.org/>

Good News!!

- We want to offer some “Good News” in each edition of this newsletter.
- Today we are starting with – Spring is Here!!
- If you have GOOD news to share – let us know!

<https://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/emergency-management/pages/contact-eoc>



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ONE TEAM.**