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COVID-19 Update For the East Granby Community **April 1, 2021**

This information is provided as part of our ongoing communication with residents regarding COVID-19. I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

Vaccinations are becoming more readily available. For vaccine information please click on <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Vaccine-Scheduling> or email info@egtownhall.com. All residents aged 16+ are now eligible for the vaccine. In addition to the website, you can call 877-918-2224 to schedule an appointment. Please have patience as it might take a while to get through.

Pandemic Update - From March 2020 to November 2020 there were 31 cases and since that time there have been 224 cases. With a two-week rolling average of 29.14 positive cases per 10,000 residents, East Granby remains in the “red zone”. This designation calls for continued vigilance when it comes to gatherings, mask wearing and social distancing. The Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD) conducts contact tracing which continues to show that most new cases were single households and small gatherings.

It is important to note that FVHD is monitoring not only the absolute number of cases and the case rate, but also the context of the circumstances under which the cases are occurring, as we work collaboratively to take steps to mitigate the spread of the virus in the community. Preventing an increase will require a community-wide effort and we must all do our part.

By the Numbers - Please note that East Granby COVID cases reflect trends elsewhere. We are seeing a small uptick in the state during the past month as restrictions are loosened. We should continue to follow protocols until the vaccination rate is higher and the weather is more favorable for outside activities. Here are some East Granby specific numbers:

- March 2020 to March 3, 2021 215 positive COVID cases
- March 17 to October 31, 2020 – 31 cases in seven months
- November 1 to December 31, 2020 – 99 cases in two months (39% of all cases occurred in this time frame)
- January 1 to January 31, 2021 – 61 cases in thirty-one days (24% of all cases)
- February 1 to February 28, 2021 – 21 cases in thirty-one days (8% of all cases)
- March 1 to April 1, 2021 – 43 cases in thirty-two days (17% of all cases)

Resident “ask” - We ask that residents continue to take the following measures which will help turn back the surge and prevent the need for more restrictive actions:

- Remember the three W's: wear your mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance!
- Stay home if you are sick and seek testing if you have any symptoms.
- Limit trips outside home and avoid gatherings with non-family members.

Maintain patience, we can see the light at the end of tunnel (vaccinations, outdoors soon, masks, social distancing) During the past month, Governor Lamont is beginning to gradually phase out restrictions and hopefully the good news will continue.

Assistance – Social and Senior Services have been identifying food insecurity, financial and social issues in the community and are working with residents to address them. For more information call Senior Services (860-413-3334), Social Services (860-413-3328) or email info@egtownhall.com. The town also has also established a Long-Term Recovery Committee which is assessing COVID impacts and recommending solutions to the Board of Selectmen regarding long-term community needs regarding food insecurity, job loss, social isolation, and small business support.

We understand that the past year has been difficult for everyone and I am grateful for the strength and resilience of our community during these challenging times. Thank you in advance for your continued vigilance.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Town at (860-413-3301), the Board of Education at (860-653-6486) or the Farmington Valley Health District at 860-352-2333 with questions. Stay safe and be well.

Jim Hayden - First Selectman