

COVID-19 UPDATE WALLINGFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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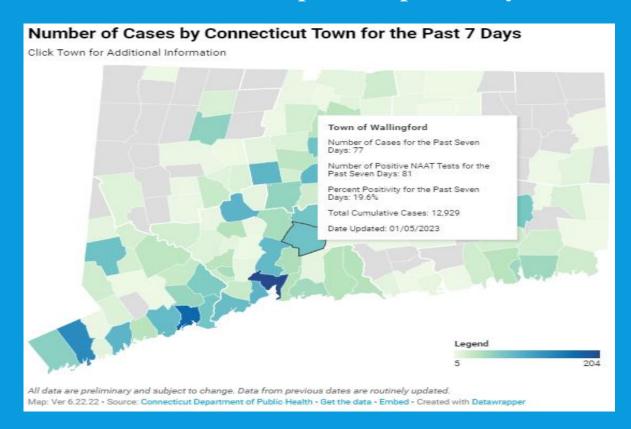
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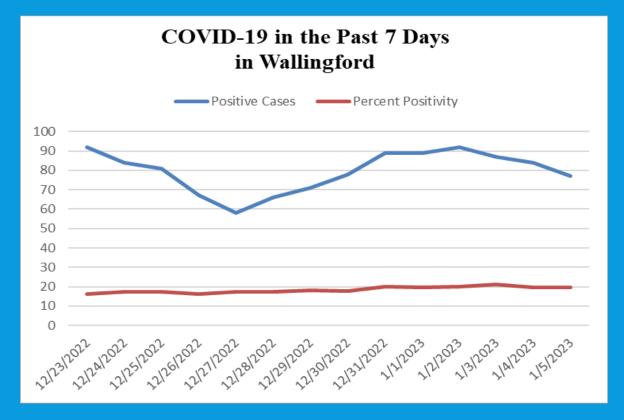
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WEEKLY CONFIRMED CASE TOTALS

As of January 5th, 2023, in Wallingford, for the past 7 days, there were 77 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and the percent positivity (NAAT) for the past 7 days is 19.6%.

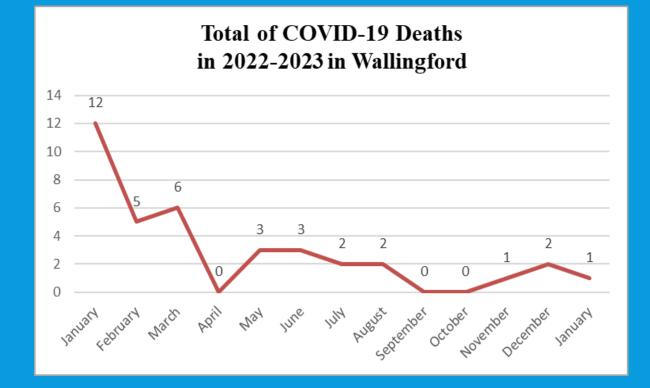


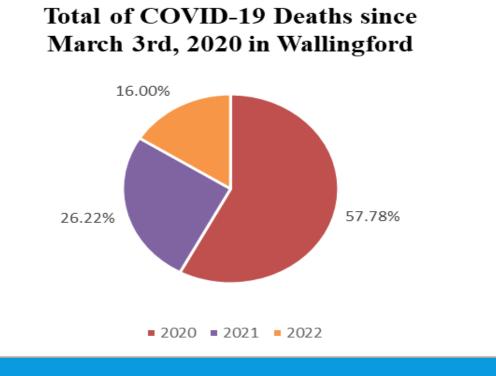




COVID-19 DEATHS IN WALLINGFORD

As of January 5th, 2023, Wallingford has recorded 226 fatalities due to COVID-19 since March 3rd, 2020. In 2022, a total of 36 fatalities were recorded. In 2021, 59, and in 2020, 130. Last fatality due to COVID-19 was on January 4th, 2023.







DID YOU INCUR FUNERAL EXPENSES DUE TO A DEATH CAUSED BY COVID19?

You may qualify for up to \$9,000 in financial assistance through FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance program. Call FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 844-684-6333 to apply.

For more information: https://www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance

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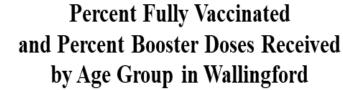


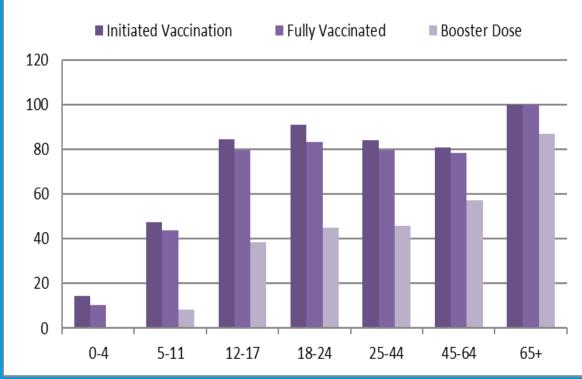


COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN WALLINGFORD

As of January 4th, 2023, 79.33% of Wallingford residents are fully vaccinated, 65.55% are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, 52.00% have received a booster dose, and 83.51% have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

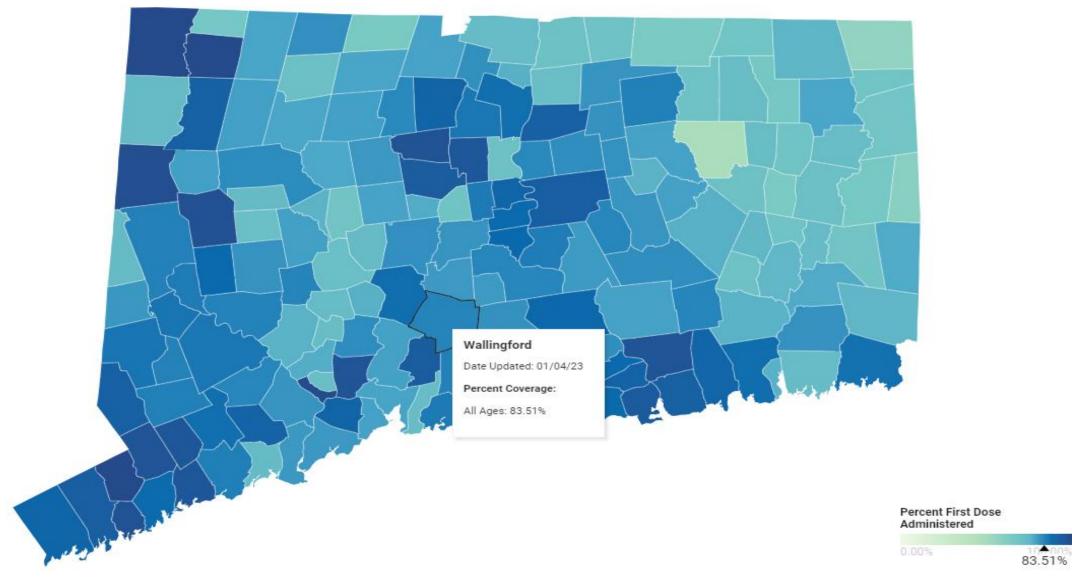
The age group with the highest percent of fully vaccinated individuals is 65 and older (100%), followed by 18-24 (83.34%), 12-17 (79.68%), 25-44 (79.44%), 45-64 (78.14%), 5-11 (43.93%), and 0-4 (10.4%).





Cumulative Percent of Population All Ages Who Have at Least One Dose of COVID-19 Vaccination by Town

As reported to the CT Immunization Registry (CT WiZ)



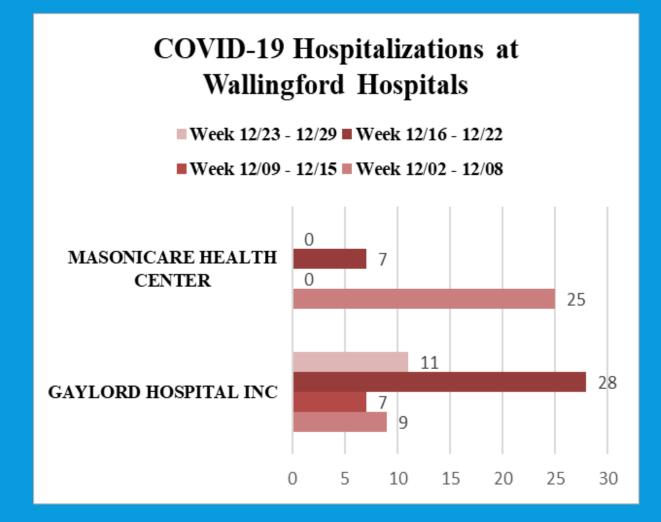


COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS AT WALLINGFORD HOSPITALS

During the week of December 23rd to December 29th, 2022:

The Gaylord Hospital had 11 adult patients hospitalized, and zero adult patients in the ICU.

The Masonicare Health Center had zero adult patients hospitalized, and zero adult patients in the ICU.





COVID-19 AT SCHOOLS IN WALLINGFORD

Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Number of students* and staff** who tested positive for COVID-19 from the period of 12/29/2022 to 01/04/2023. The reporting period is from Thursday to Wednesday.

If school name is not in the table, then no cases were reported.

If a school reported 1-5 cases, <6 is displayed. If 6 or more cases were reported, the exact number is displayed. In order to ensure confidentiality, data are suppressed for all schools reporting 1-5 cases for a particular reporting period.

The data does not show where the student or staff got infected.

*A student is any student enrolled at the school, regardless of which town they live in.

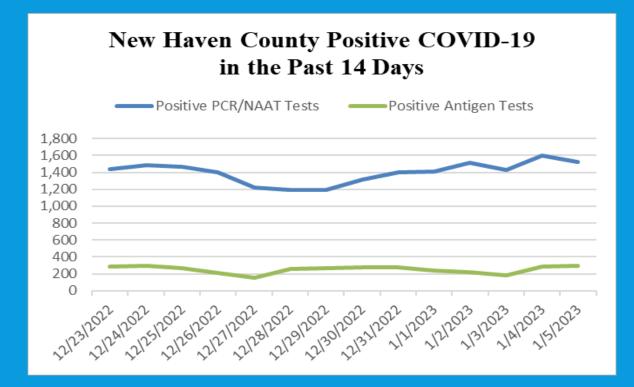
**Staff are employees or contractors that work at the school, such as teachers, custodial staff, clerical, bus transport, food service, administrators. They may or may not work directly with students. Administrative staff that work in a central district office who do not spend time in any school buildings are not included.

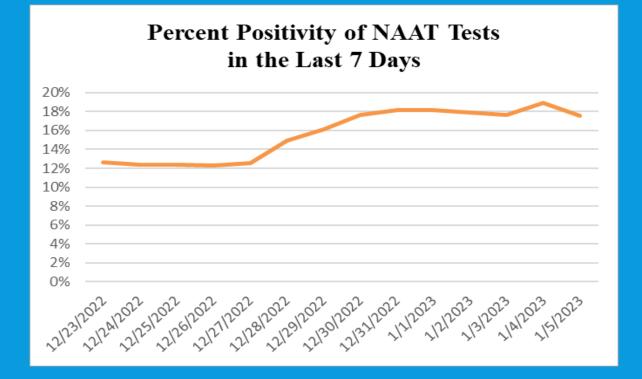
School	Total Cases
Cook Hill School	< 6
Dag Hammarskjold Middle School	< 6
Evarts C. Stevens School	< 6
Highland School	< 6
James H. Moran Middle School	< 6
Lyman Hall High School	9
Mark T. Sheehan High School	< 6
Pond Hill School	< 6



COVID-19 CASES IN NEW HAVEN COUNTY

As of January 5th, 2023, in the past 7 days: New Haven County had 1,527 positive PCR/NAAT tests, and 300 positive antigen tests. The percent positivity for New Haven County is 17.57%.





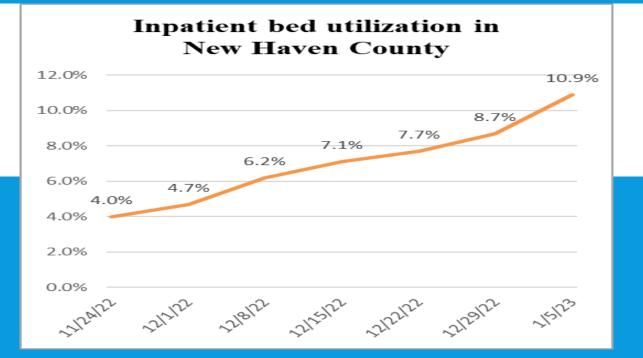


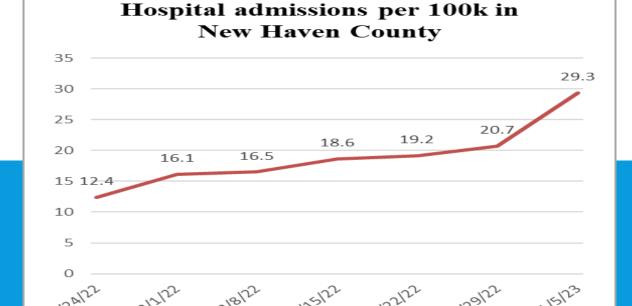
COMMUNITY LEVEL NEW HAVEN COUNTY

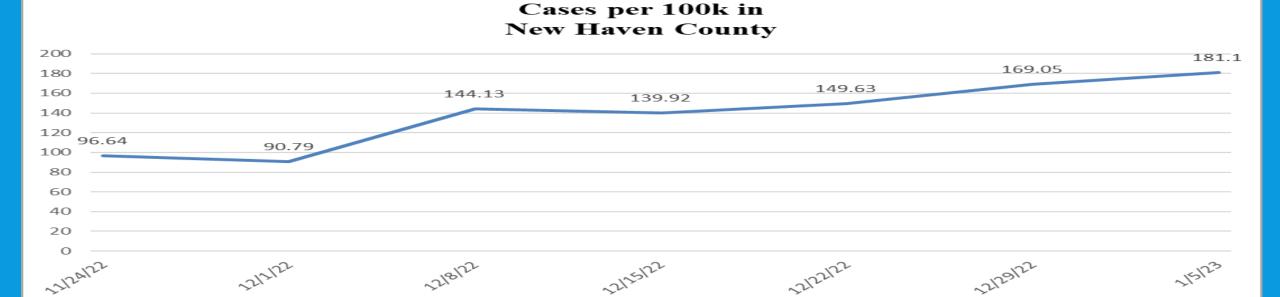
COVID-19 Community Levels help communities decide which prevention actions to take based on the latest information. Using these data, communities are classified as low, medium, or high. For each level, CDC recommends actions you can take to help you <u>protect yourself and others</u> from severe impacts of COVID-19.

As of January 5th, 2023, CT Community Level of New Haven County is High.

- Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.
- Wear a mask indoors in public and on <u>public transportation</u>.
- Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines.
- If you are <u>at high risk for severe illness</u>, consider taking additional precautions.
- If you are immunocompromised, learn more about how to protect yourself.









COVID-19 IN CONNECTICUT

According to Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH), a of January 4^{th,} 2023, the total of laboratory-confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported among Connecticut residents is 953,006; 4,275 have been reported in the past 7 days. Seven hundred sixty-one patients are currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19; of these, 259 (34.03%) are not fully vaccinated. The percent positivity in Connecticut is 17.36%.

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OVERALL SUMMARY	CUMULATIVE	PAST 7 DAYS
POSITIVE PCR/NAAT TESTS	1,034,478	4,750
ALL PCR/NAAT TESTS	16,062,145	27,365
TEST POSITIVITY (POS/ALL PCR/NAAT)	-	17.36%
PATIENTS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19	761	+47
COVID-19 ASSOCIATED DEATHS	11,803	+33
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF PATIENTS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19 THAT ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED	- -	259 – 34.03%



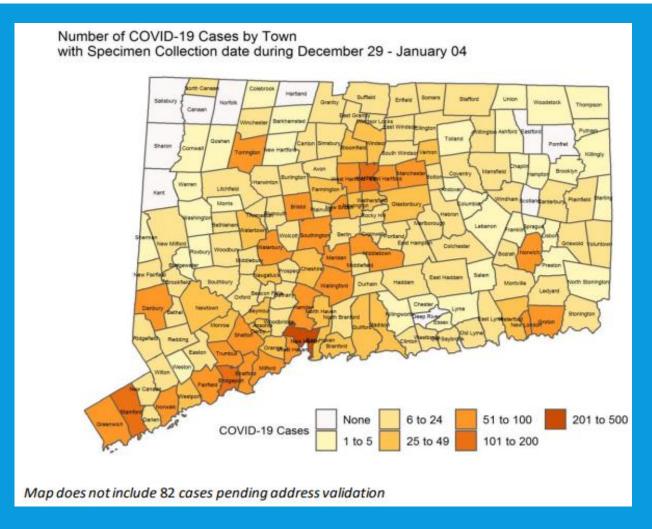
COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19 IN CT

There were 4,275 new COVID-19 cases with specimen collection date during December 29 - January 04, as shown in the map.

During this seven-day period:

The statewide case rate was 118.554 per 100,000 CT population;

There were more than 100 new COVID-19 cases in 4 towns.





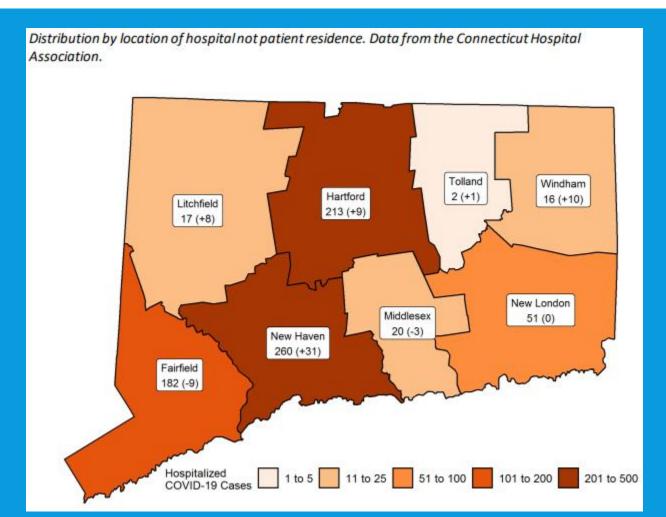
PATIENTS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED DUE TO COVID-19 BY CT COUNTY

Hospitalization Surveillance

The map shows the number of patients currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID19 by county based on data collected by the Connecticut Hospital Association.

The distribution is by location of hospital, not patient residence.

The labels indicate the number of patients currently hospitalized with the change from 7 days ago in parentheses.

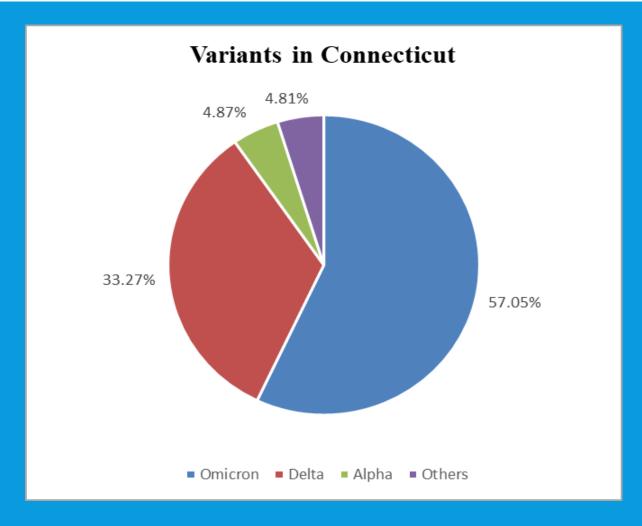




COVID-19 VARIANTS IN CONNECTICUT

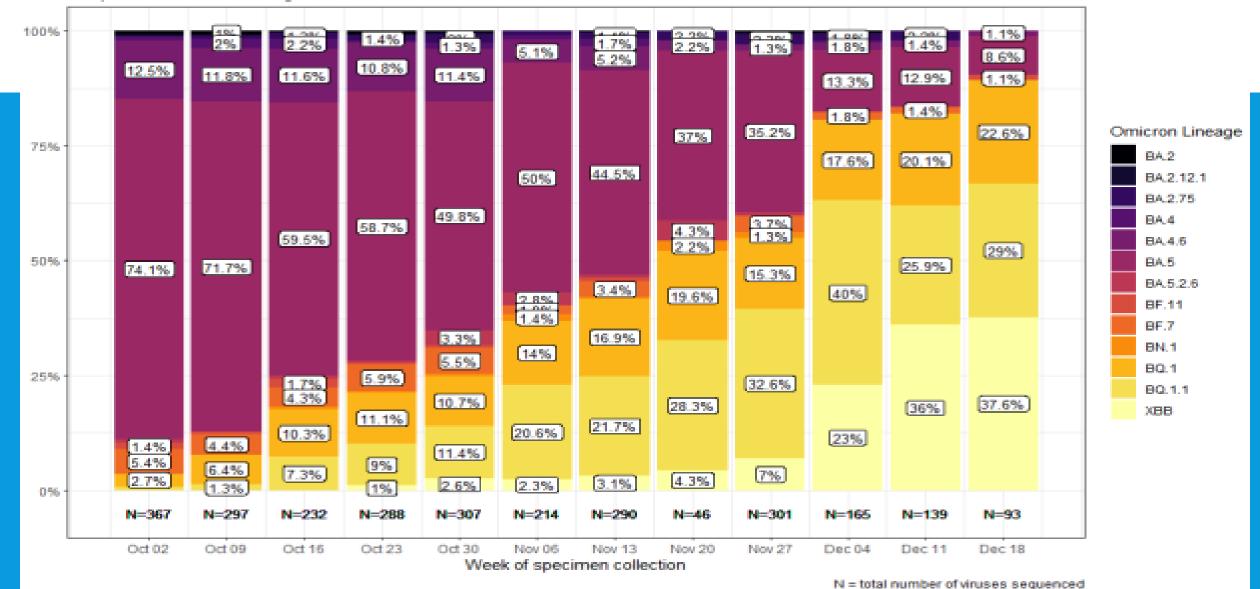
As of January 4th, 2023, 51,796 valid specimen of SARS-CoV-2 sequences were reported to CT DPH. Specimen collections were between 01/12/2021 and 12/23/2022. Omicron is considered a variant of concern, representing 57.05%, being followed by variants that are being monitored, Delta (33.27%), Alpha (4.87%), and others (4.81%).

As of December 18th, 2022, the omicron sub lineage of most concern is XBB, which represents 37.6% of the omicron specimen, followed by BQ.1.1 (29%), BQ.1 (22.6%), and BA.5 (8.6%).



BA.2 includes BA.2 and all sublineages except BA.2.12.1, BA.2.75, BN.1, and XBB.

Proportion of Circulating Variants of Concern, CT





UPCOMING CLINICS



Spanish Community of Wallingford

Free COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

JAN. 4, 2023

JAN. 11, 2023

JAN. 18, 2023

-1-6PM-

284 Washington Street, Wallingford

No Appointment Needed – Ages 6 months and older FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS OFFERED ON-SITE

Identify your risks of chronic disease

And take steps to improve your health

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is **not necessary** to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine.

No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.

We will continue to offer vaccination to homebound individuals as needed.

Find a COVID-19 vaccine near you: https://www.vaccines.gov/



COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) is organizing COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics with the Yellow Van in Wallingford

Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 For ages 6 months to 11 years

Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW)

284 Washington Street (Indoor)

Hours: 1:00PM to 6:00PM

Wednesday, January 18th, 2023

For ages 6 months to 11 years

Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW) 284

Washington Street (Indoor)

Hours: 1:00PM to 6:00PM

- ✓ No appointment is needed
 - ✓ Wait times are variable
- ✓ Vaccines are free to all eligible individuals (6 months and older)
 - ✓ No insurance or identification are required
 - ✓ Bring your COVID-19 vaccine card for boosters

Source: https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/DPH-van-clinics?language=en_US



IS YOUR ORGANIZATION INTERESTED IN HOSTING A DPH VAN?

If you are interested in hosting a mobile vaccination clinic in your community, please complete the following steps:

- Step 1 Review the <u>DPH Vans Information Sheet</u>
- Step 2 Complete the <u>DPH Vans Intake Form</u>.

Please note that filling out this form does not guarantee the availability of providing a pop-up clinic. Please note that all responses are thoroughly reviewed, and you will be contacted if we are able to bring a

DPH van to your neighborhood/event/site.





FREE COVID-19 TESTING SITES

(NO APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS)

Access **cost free** COVID testing at the state-sponsored testing sites.

- Hartford

Location: Charter Oak Health Center, Inc., 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Regular Hours:

Sunday, 8:30am - 2:30pm

Monday - Thursday, 8am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday, 8am - 12am

- New Haven

Location: Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, 374 Grand Ave., New Haven, CT 06513

Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8am - 9am and 1pm - 2pm

Source: https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/State-Supported-COVID-Testing-Sites



ADDITIONAL COVID-19 TESTING OPTION

Low or no-cost testing is available at select pharmacies and local health centers:

- a) CVS Health: https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing
- b) Local independent pharmacies: https://doineedacovid19test.com/
- c) Rite Aid: https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing
- d) Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing
- e) Walmart in partnership with Quest Diagnostics: https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/no-cost-covid-test
- f) Find a health center near you: https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/

For local testing information, visit the <u>Connecticut health department's website</u> or <u>Community-Based Testing</u>
<u>Sites for COVID-19 | HHS.gov</u>

Source: https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html



ADDITIONAL COVID-19 TESTING OPTION

DPH has partnered with four federal qualified health centers that offer no-cost COVID-19 testing and treatment including:

- Charter Oak Health Center Inc, 21 Grand St, Hartford
- Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, 374 Grand Ave, New Haven
- Family Centers Health Care, 111 Wilbur Peck Court, Greenwich
- Southwest Community Health Center, 1020 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport

In addition to the FQHCs, the nationwide <u>Test to Treat</u> initiative provides testing for COVID-19 and treatments from a health care provider, all in one location. Connecticut currently has more than 40 Test to Treat sites, which are located at select pharmacies and urgent care centers throughout the state.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

2-1-1 is a free, confidential information and referral service that connects people to essential health and human services 24 hours a day, seven days a week online and over the phone.

For more information on COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or access the CT Virtual Assistant. They are available 24 hours, 7 days a week. In other languages as well.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, contact your healthcare provider.

Source: https://www.211ct.org/



QUESTIONS?

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, contact your healthcare provider.

If you have any questions and concerns, contact the Wallingford Health Department:

Call: (203) 294-2065, or

E-mail: health@wallingfordct.gov

Wallingford Health Department Website:

https://www.wallingfordct.gov/government/departments/health-department/