



# **COVID-19 UPDATE**

## **WALLINGFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023

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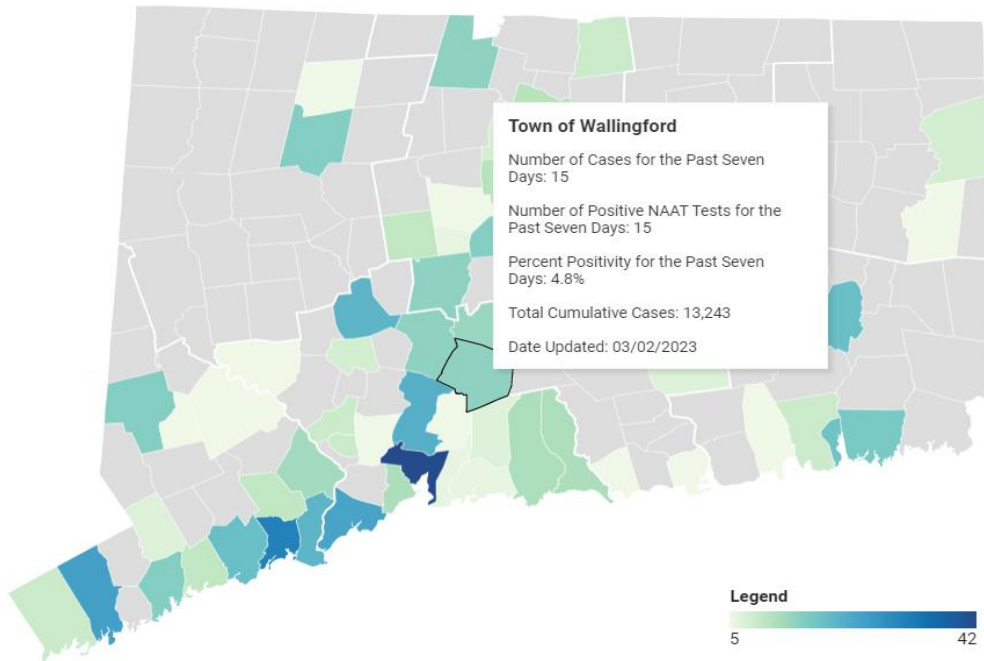
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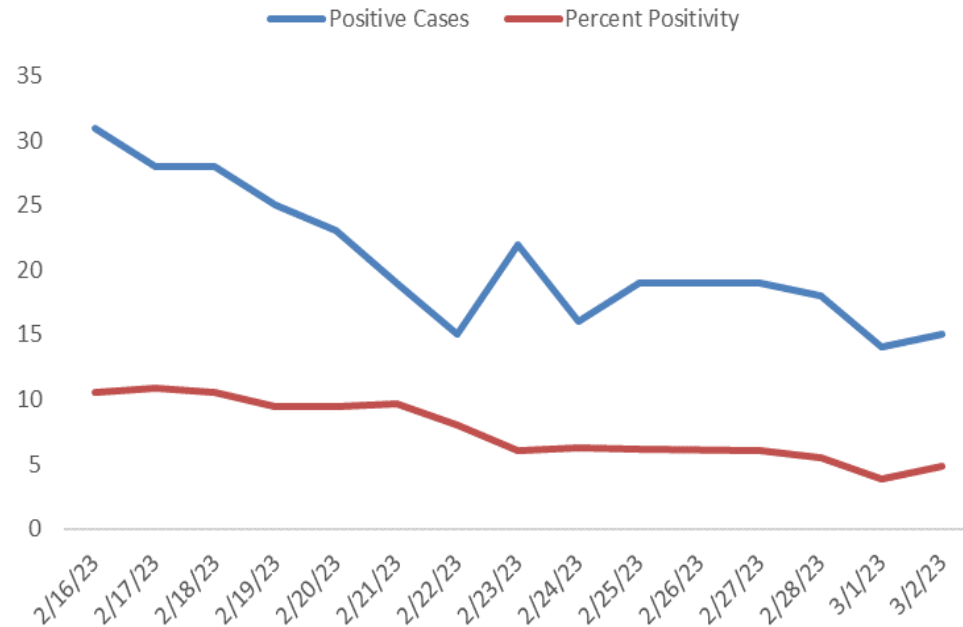


# Number of COVID-19 Cases in Wallingford

As of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, for the past 7 days, there were 15 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wallingford. The percent positivity for the past 7 days is 4.84%.



Wallingford Positive COVID-19 in the Past 7 Days



All data are preliminary and subject to change. Data from previous dates are routinely updated.  
Map: Ver 6.22.22 • Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health • Get the data • Embed • Created with Datawrapper



# Community Transmission in Wallingford

Case rate\* of Wallingford is 4.8 per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days, and the percentage of positive NAAT tests during the past 7 days is 4.84%, therefore Wallingford community transmission is Low.

\*Case rate is calculated by dividing the number of cases per a period of time (7 days). Then that average is divided by the population (44,326) multiplied by 100,000 to give you the average daily case count per 100,000.

## Town of Wallingford

Number of Cases for the Past Seven Days: 15

Number of Positive NAAT Tests for the Past Seven Days: 15

Percent Positivity for the Past Seven Days: 4.8%

Total Cumulative Cases: 13,243

Date Updated: 03/02/2023

## Determining Transmission Risk

If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected

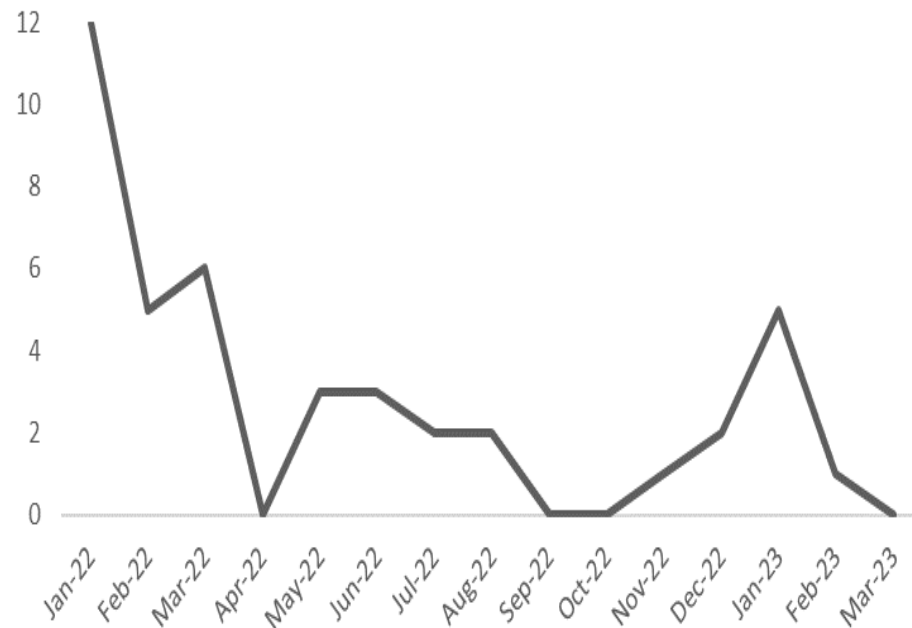
	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days*	<10	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of positive NAATs tests during the past 7 days**	<5%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%



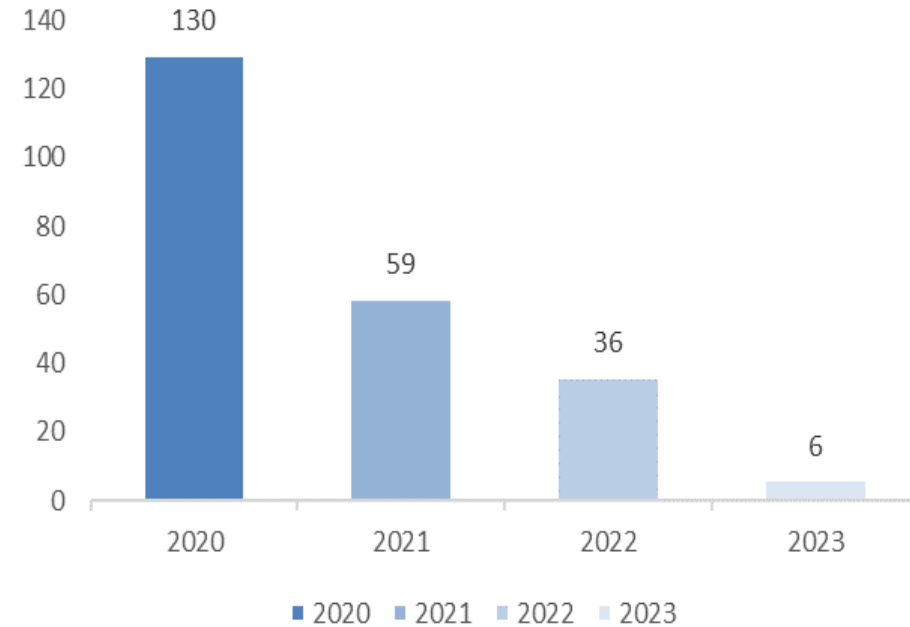
# COVID-19 Deaths in Wallingford

As of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Wallingford has recorded 231 fatalities due to COVID-19 since March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Last fatality reported was on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

COVID-19 Deaths in Wallingford since Jan 2022



COVID-19 Deaths Yearly in Wallingford





# Did you incur funeral expenses due to a death caused by COVID-19?

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>

**ARE YOU COVERING THE COST OF A COVID-19 FUNERAL?**

**CALL 844.684.6333**

**You could qualify for up to \$9,000. THERE IS HELP FOR YOU!**

**FEMA**

The advertisement is split into two vertical panels. The left panel has a grey, textured background with large, bold, black text asking if the viewer is covering the cost of a COVID-19 funeral, followed by a red banner with the phone number 844.684.6333. The right panel has a blue, textured background with white text stating that up to \$9,000 in help is available. Below the text is the FEMA logo and a group of diverse people, including a man in a wheelchair, a woman with glasses, and a young boy, looking thoughtful or concerned.

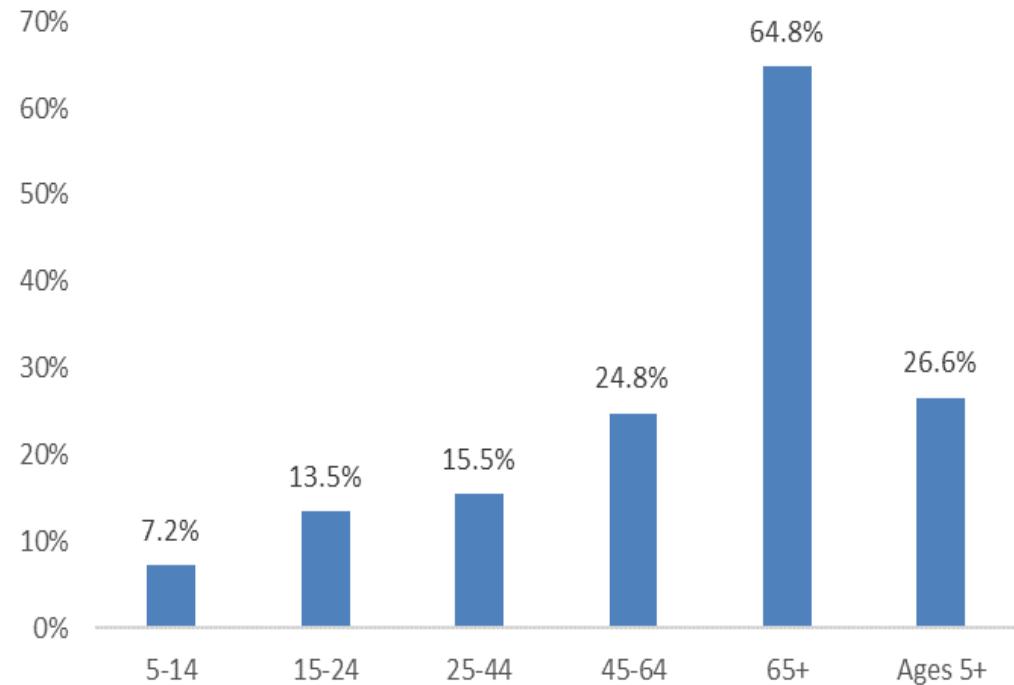


# COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccinations in Wallingford

As of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 26.6% of Wallingford residents have received a COVID-19 bivalent booster.

The age group with the highest percent of individuals with a bivalent dose is 65 and older (64.8%), followed by 45-64 (24.8%), 25-44 (15.5%), 15-24 (13.5%), and 5-14 (7.2%).

COVID-19 (Bivalent) Booster Coverage by Age Group in Wallingford





# COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Wallingford Hospitals

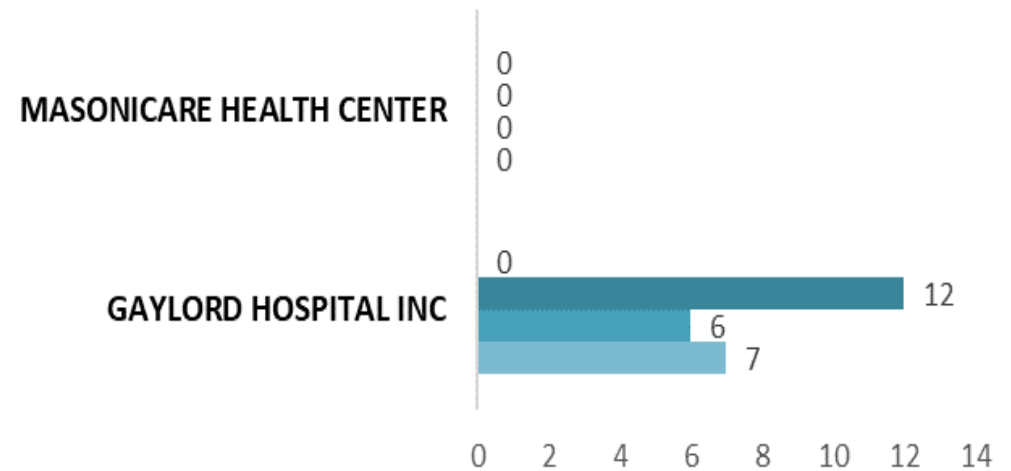
During the week of February 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

The Gaylord Hospital had zero adult patients hospitalized due to COVID-19, and zero adult patients in the ICU.

The Masonicare Health had zero adult patients hospitalized due to COVID-19, and zero adult patients in the ICU.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Wallingford Hospitals

■ Week 02/18 - 02/24 ■ Week 02/10 - 02/17  
■ Week 02/03 - 02/09 ■ Week 01/27 - 02/02





# COVID-19 in Wallingford Schools

## Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Number of students\* and staff\*\* who tested positive for COVID-19 from the period of **02/23/2023 to 03/01/2023**.

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.

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.

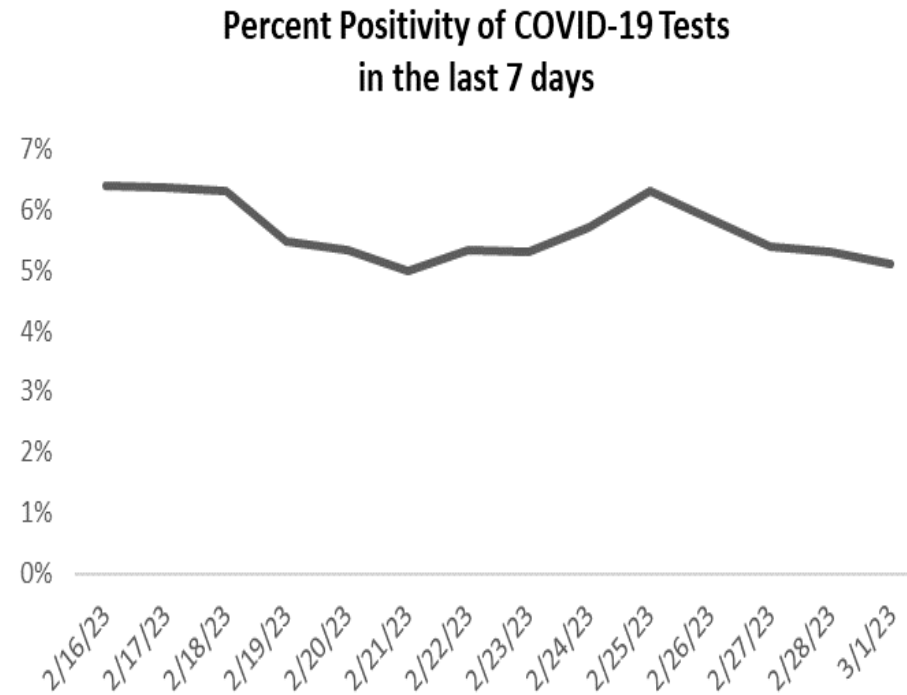
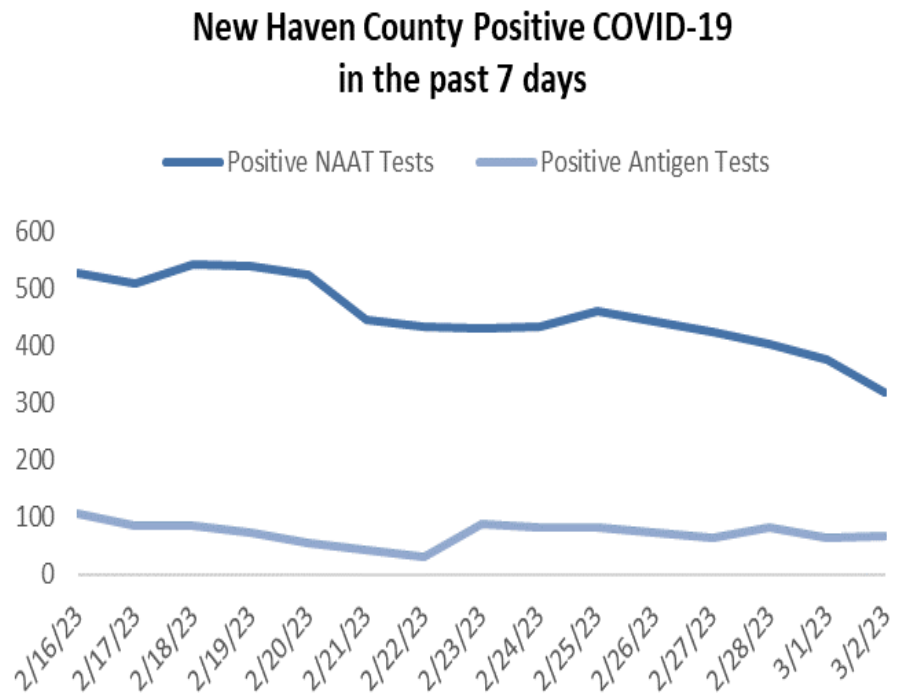
School	Total Cases
Cook Hill School	0
Dag Hammarskjold Middle School	0
Evarts C. Stevens School	0
Highland School	< 6
James H. Moran Middle School	0
Lyman Hall High School	< 6
Mark T. Sheehan High School	< 6
Moses Y. Beach School	0
Parker Farms School	0
Pond Hill School	< 6
Rock Hill School	0





# COVID-19 Cases in New Haven County

As of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, in the past 7 days, New Haven County had 319 positive PCR/NAAT tests, and 66 positive antigen tests. The percent positivity for New Haven County is 4.74%.





# New Haven County - Community Level

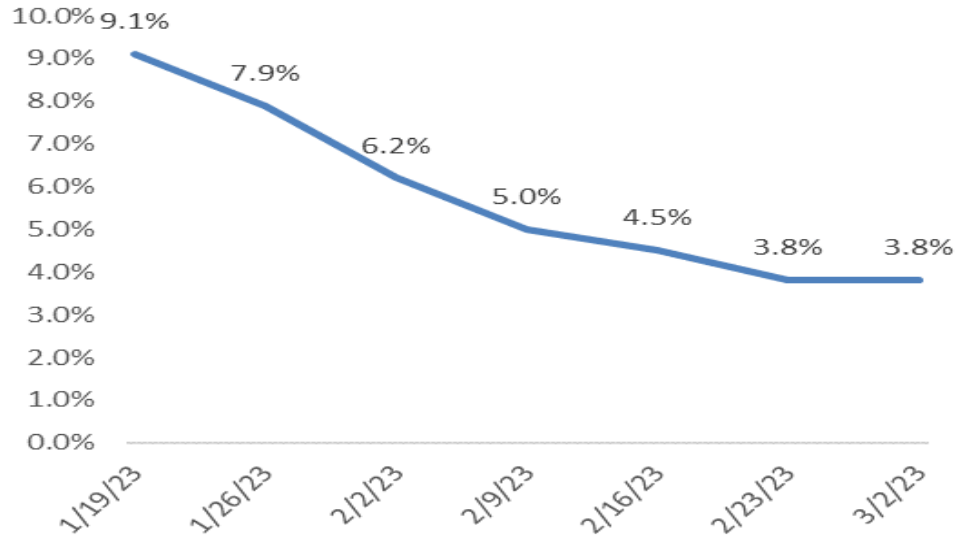
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COVID-19 Community Levels help communities decide which prevention actions to take based on the latest information. Using these data, communities are classified as low, medium, or high. For each level, CDC recommends actions you can take to help you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

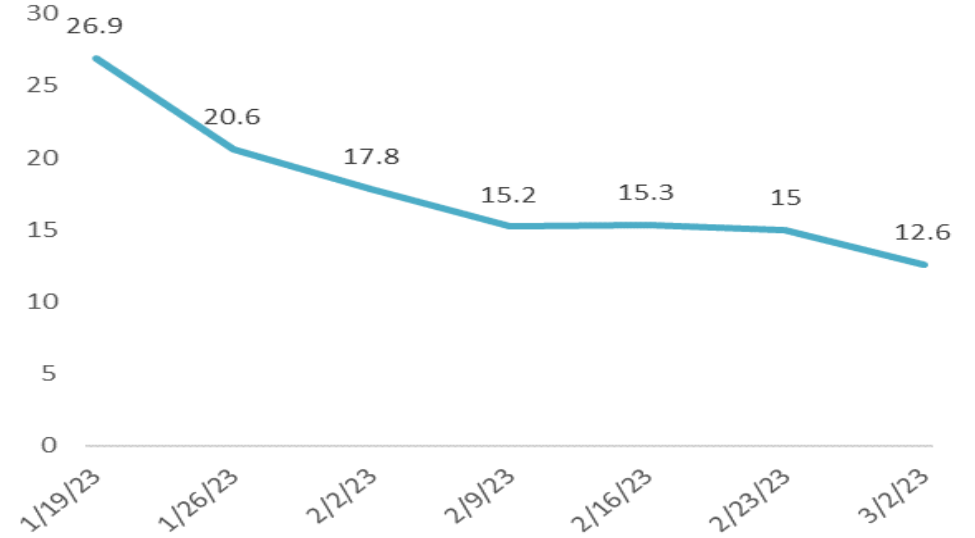
As of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, CT [Community Level](#) of New Haven County is **Medium**.

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines.
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms.
- Wear a mask on [public transportation](#).
- You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others.
- If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), consider taking additional precautions.
- If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

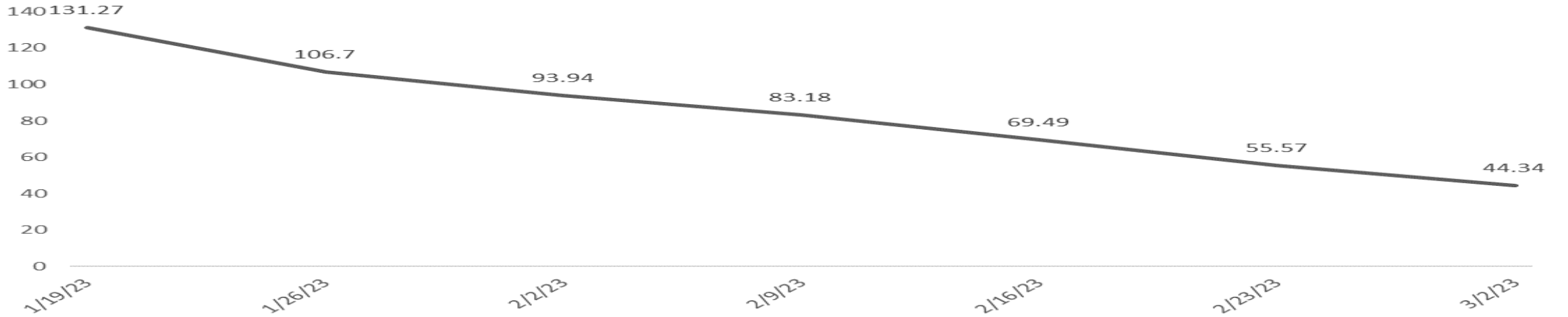
### Inpatient bed utilization in New Haven County



### Hospital admissions per 100k in New Haven County



### Cases per 100k in New Haven County





# COVID-19 in Connecticut

According to [Connecticut Department of Public Health \(CT DPH\)](#), as of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, the total of laboratory-confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported among Connecticut residents is 975,537; 936 have been reported in the past 7 days. Two hundred and fifty patients are currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19; of these, 78 (31.2%) are not fully vaccinated. The percent positivity in Connecticut is 5.28%.

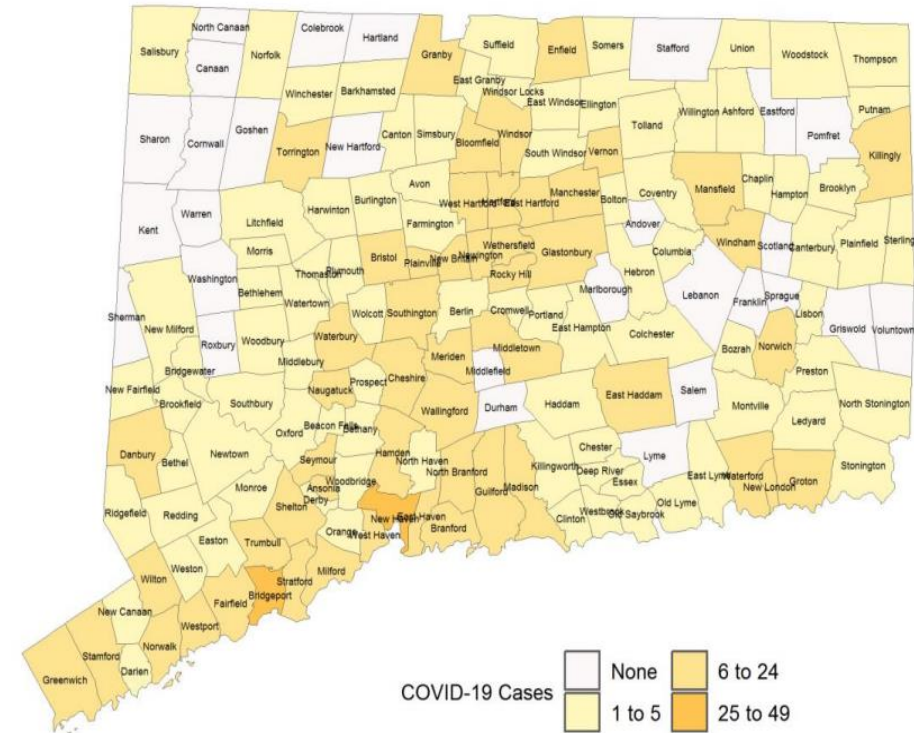
OVERALL SUMMARY	CUMULATIVE	PAST 7 DAYS
<b>POSITIVE PCR/NAAT TESTS</b>	1,061,227	1,067
<b>ALL PCR/NAAT TESTS</b>	16,324,225	20,217
<b>TEST POSITIVITY (POS/ALL PCR/NAAT)</b>	-	5.28%
<b>PATIENTS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19</b>	250	-44
<b>COVID-19 ASSOCIATED DEATHS</b>	12,187	+42
<b>NUMBER AND PERCENT OF PATIENTS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19 THAT ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED</b>	-	78 – 31.2%



# Number of COVID-19 Cases by Town (Feb 23-March 1)

There were 936 new COVID-19 cases with specimen collection date during February 23-March 1, as shown in the map.

During this seven-day period:  
The statewide case rate was 25.957 per 100,000 CT population;  
There were more than 100 new COVID-19 cases in 0 town.



Map does not include 6 cases pending address validation



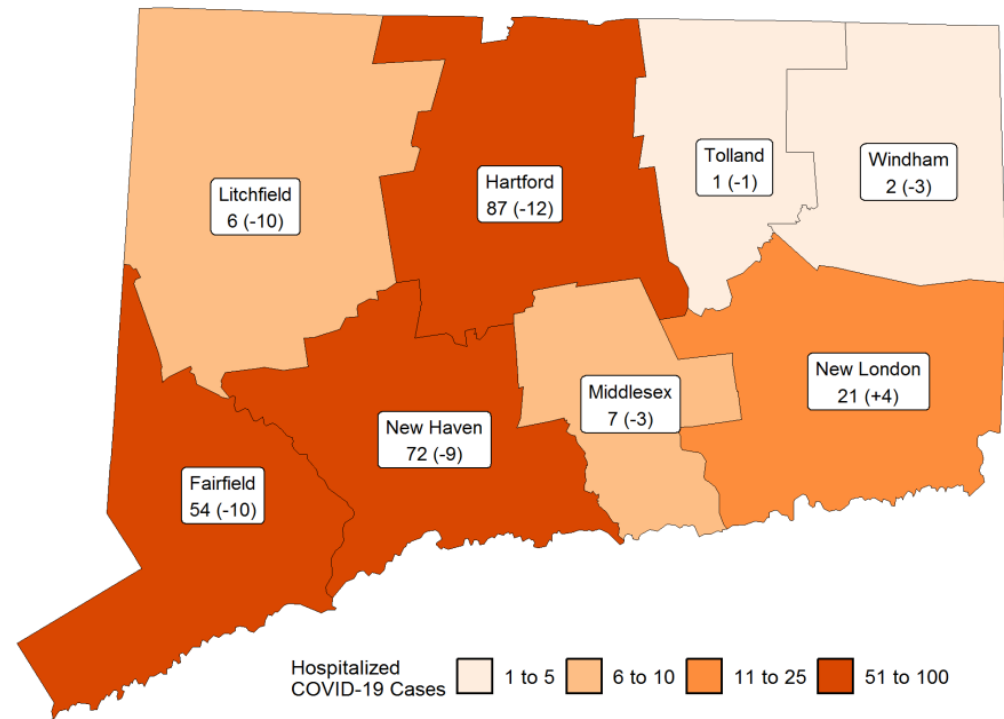
# Patients Currently Hospitalized by Connecticut County

## 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.

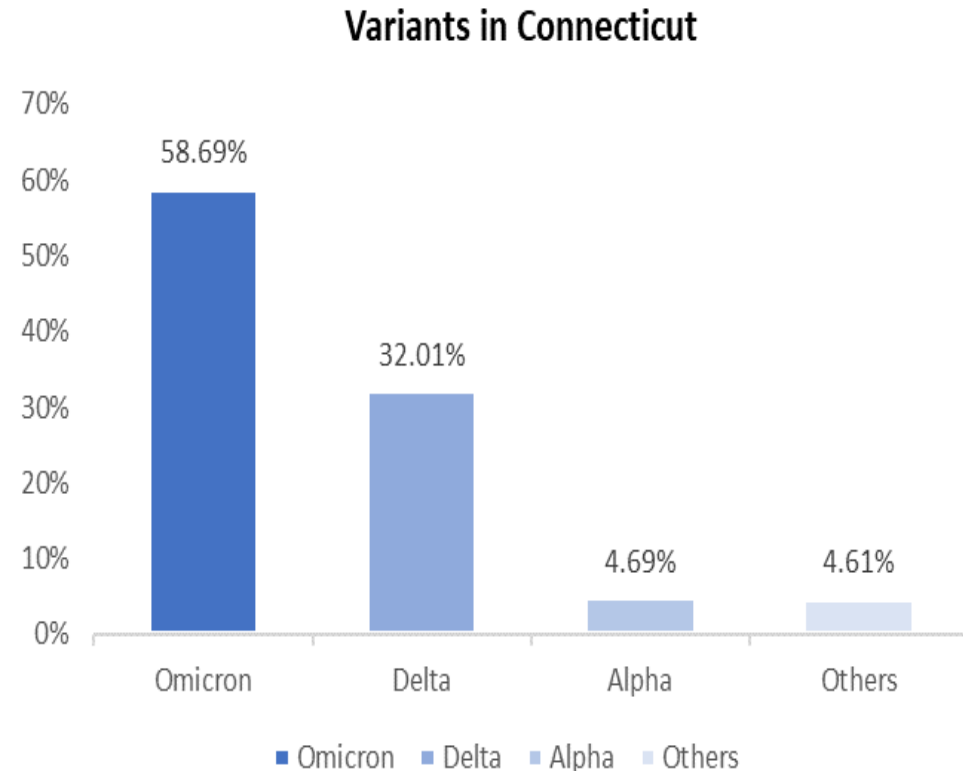




# Connecticut Variants in Connecticut

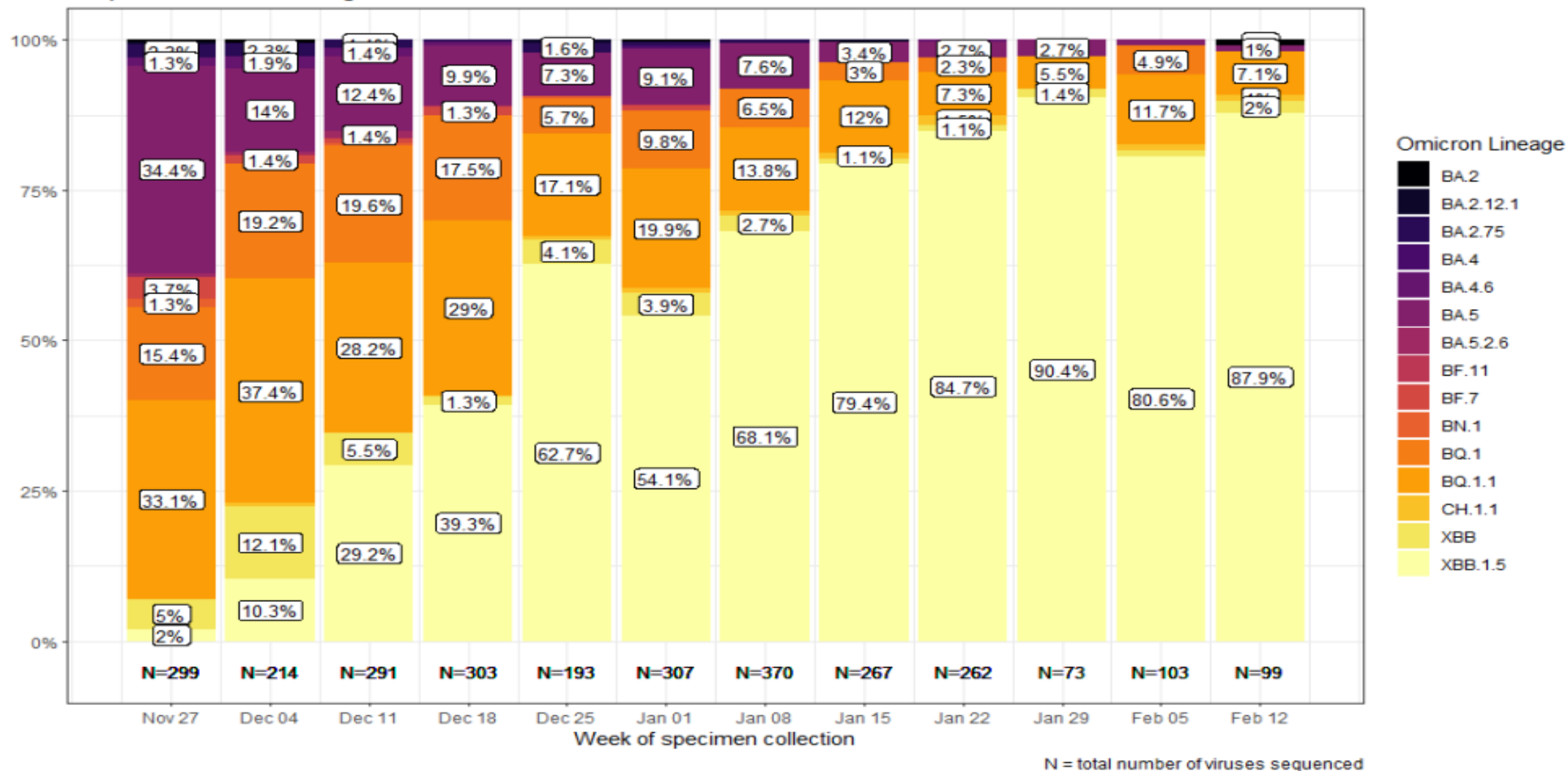
As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 53,848 valid specimen of SARS-CoV-2 sequences were reported to CT DPH. Specimen collections were between 01/12/2021 and 02/17/2023. Omicron is considered a variant of concern, representing 58.69%, being followed by variants that are being monitored, Delta (32.01%), Alpha (4.69%), and others (4.61%).

As of February 12th, 2023, the omicron sub lineage of most concern is XBB.1.5, which represents 87.9% of the omicron specimen, followed by BQ.1.1 (7.1%), and XBB (2.0%).



- 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 Vaccine Clinics

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The Wallingford Health Department will be providing a **Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic:**

- **No appointment needed – ages 6 months and older**
- **Where?** Wallingford Public Library, Community Room
  - 200 North Main Street, Wallingford, CT
- **When?** March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 1PM to 4PM
- Free health screenings offered on-site

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

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



Griffin Health partnering with  
Wallingford Health Department

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# COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in Wallingford

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

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**For ages 6 months and older**

Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW)

284 Washington Street (Indoor)

Hours: 12:00PM to 5:30PM

- ✓ 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](https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/DPH-van-clinics?language=en_US)



# Is your organization interested in hosting a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic?

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

- **Step 1** — Review the [DPH Vans Information Sheet](#)
- **Step 2** — Complete the [DPH Vans Intake Form](#).

\*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.





# Get free at-home COVID-19 tests this winter

Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests.

Order at: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

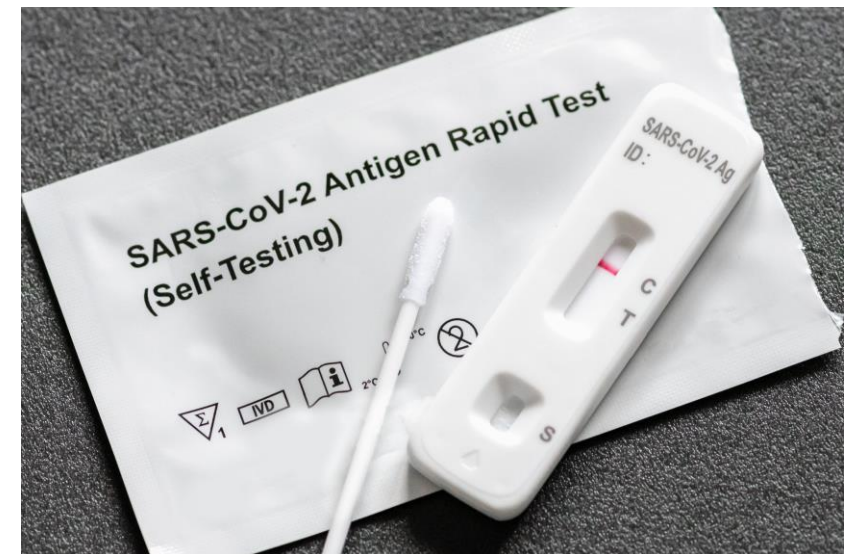
Need help placing an order for your at-home tests?

Call: 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

## Before you throw out expired at-home COVID-19 tests!

Check to see if your at-home COVID-19 tests' expiration dates have been extended at:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests>





# Free COVID-19 Testing Sites

(NO APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS)

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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>



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## - Bridgeport

Location: Southwest Community Health Center, Inc, 1020 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605

Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 11:30am

## - Greenwich

Location: Family Centers Health Care, 111 Wilbur Peck Court, Greenwich, CT 06830

Pre-registration is available [here](#).

Schedule: Monday - Thursday, 2pm - 3pm

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



# Additional COVID-10 Testing Options

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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 [Connecticut health department's website](#) or [Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19 | HHS.gov](#)

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





# COVID-19 Test-to-Treat Locations

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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 [Test to Treat](#) 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 Information and Resources

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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 and Concerns?

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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](mailto:health@wallingfordct.gov)

**Wallingford Health Department Website:**

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