

Greetings Weston, this is First Selectwoman Sam Nestor with a Covid-19 update.

Since the beginning of the pandemic Weston has had a total of 611 cases of Covid-19. We have had an increase in Covid-19 cases of 11 individuals from July 2 to August 4, 2021. This is a steady uptick after consistently curbing the spread of the virus.

Please note that due to the increasing spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19, new guidance on mask-wearing for both vaccinated and un-vaccinated individuals has been issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH). The Delta variant is highly contagious, and cases are growing globally as well as locally.

As you are aware, the Town has continuously been following safety protocols at Town Hall, the Weston Library and other Town facilities all along. These include:

1. Staff, visitors and patrons of all Town buildings including the Library required to wear a mask regardless of individual vaccination status.
2. Visitors are allowed into Town Hall to conduct business and must wear a mask regardless of individual vaccination status. You may also avail yourself of the services we provide online at www.westonct.gov
3. We will continue to hold our Town meetings via Zoom.

The decision of businesses and restaurants to return to requiring masks regardless of vaccination status is currently at the discretion of the establishments.

I urge our residents to remain vigilant and informed as the Delta variant continues to spread and impact even those who are fully vaccinated and there remains a number of factors about the transmission of the Delta variant that are uncertain. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

Those who are eligible and who have not done so already are encouraged to get vaccinated. Please discuss any concerns about the vaccine with your health care provider.

To find a vaccine provider near you please visit the CT.gov Vaccine Portal <https://covidvaccinefinder.ct.gov/?query=06883> or to register for an appointment on the telephone, call Connecticut's COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at **877-918-2224**.

Residents should still report positive cases directly to the Westport/Weston Health Department <http://wwhd.org/> the office line is 203 227 9571.

As a reminder COVID testing is available at area hospitals and urgent care facilities. See here for more details https://www.211ct.org/search?page=1&location=06883&taxonomy_code=11048&service_area=weston

With gratitude,

Sam