

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 623 cases of Covid-19. We have had an increase in Covid-19 cases of 12 individuals from August 4 to August 13, 2021.

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.

Weston, along with other Fairfield County Towns, is asking residents to wear a mask in indoor public spaces regardless of vaccination status. We are also encouraging mask wearing in other indoor spaces as there are increasing COVID cases in Fairfield County. The CDC has designated Fairfield County as having “substantial” community transmission. The range is as follows: low, moderate, substantial and high rates. 90% of all COVID cases in CT are of the Delta variant which is much more contagious and extra precautions are warranted.

We can slow the spread by wearing masks, which protects yourself and others. As a reminder there are residents unable to be vaccinated, including children under 12, we must be united to protect each other.

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 healthcare provider.

The Superintendent of Weston Public Schools has released a update please see here:

<https://www.westonct.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/5907/637644657935347099>

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

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 are 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 provided online at www.westonct.gov

3. We will continue to hold our Town meetings via Zoom.

Please email me at snestor@westonct.gov with your questions or concerns.

Weston has done it before and we can do it again, we've proved that when we work together we can slow the spread.

With gratitude,

Sam