COVID-19 UPDATE

WALLINGFORD
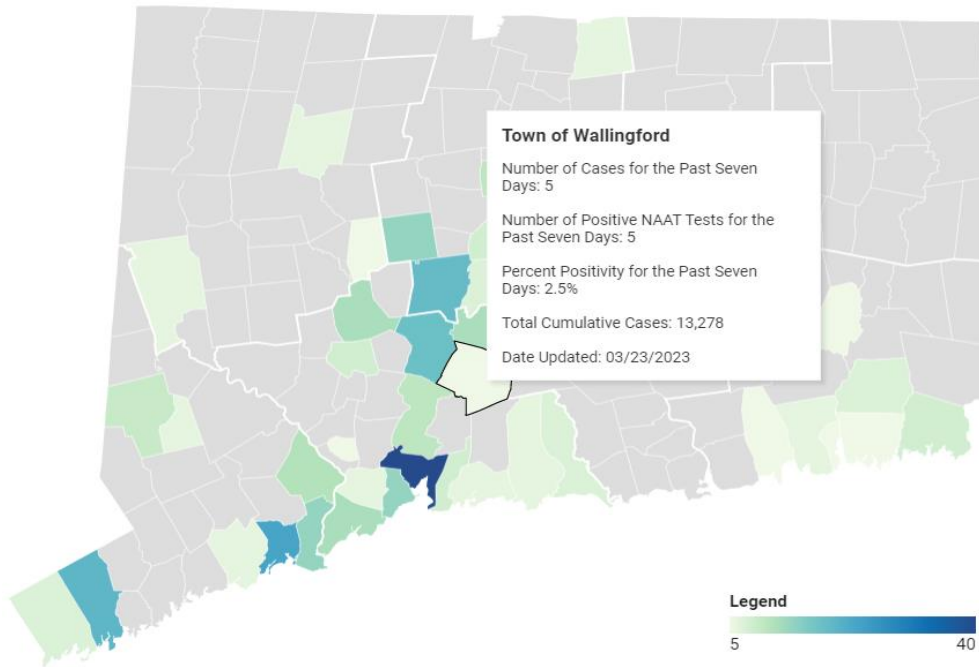# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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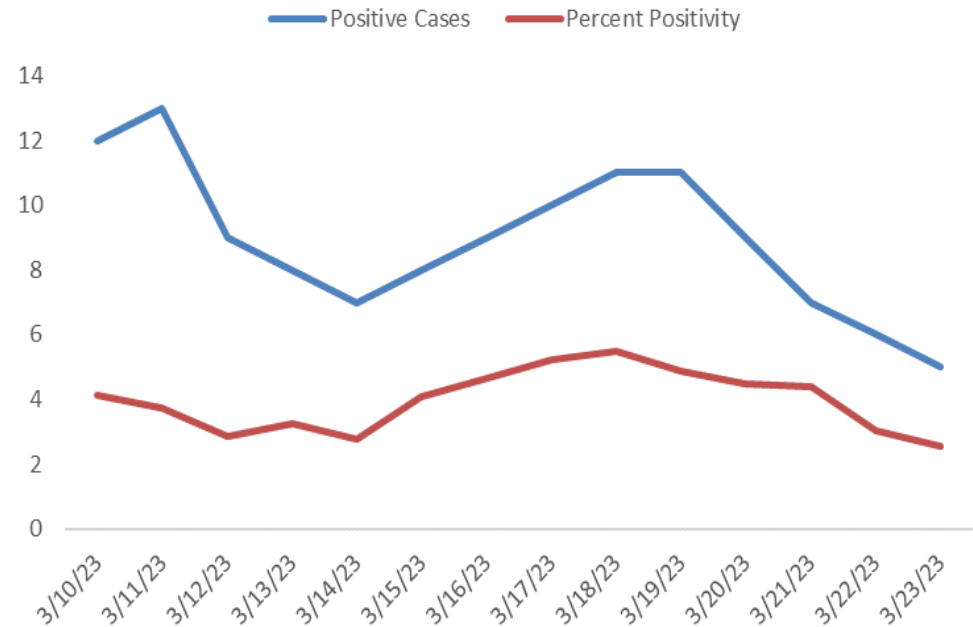
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*All data is ongoing and subject to change

Number of COVID-19 Cases in Wallingford

As of March 23rd, 2023, for the past 7 days, there were 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wallingford. The percent positivity for the past 7 days is 2.5%.

Town of Wallingford

Number of Cases for the Past Seven Days: 5

Number of Positive NAAT Tests for the Past Seven Days: 5

Percent Positivity for the Past Seven Days: 2.5%

Total Cumulative Cases: 13,278

Date Updated: 03/23/2023

Legend
5   40

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

Wallingford Positive COVID-19 in the Past 7 Days

— Positive Cases   — Percent Positivity

Community Transmission in Wallingford

Case rate* of Wallingford is 1.6 per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days, and the percentage of positive NAAT tests during the past 7 days is 4.66%, 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.

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Determining Transmission Risk

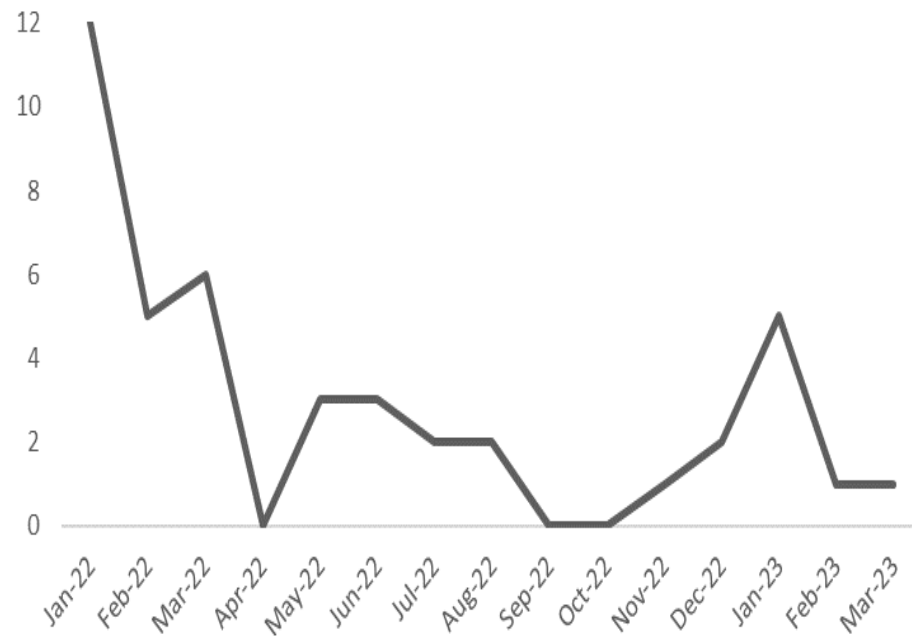If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected

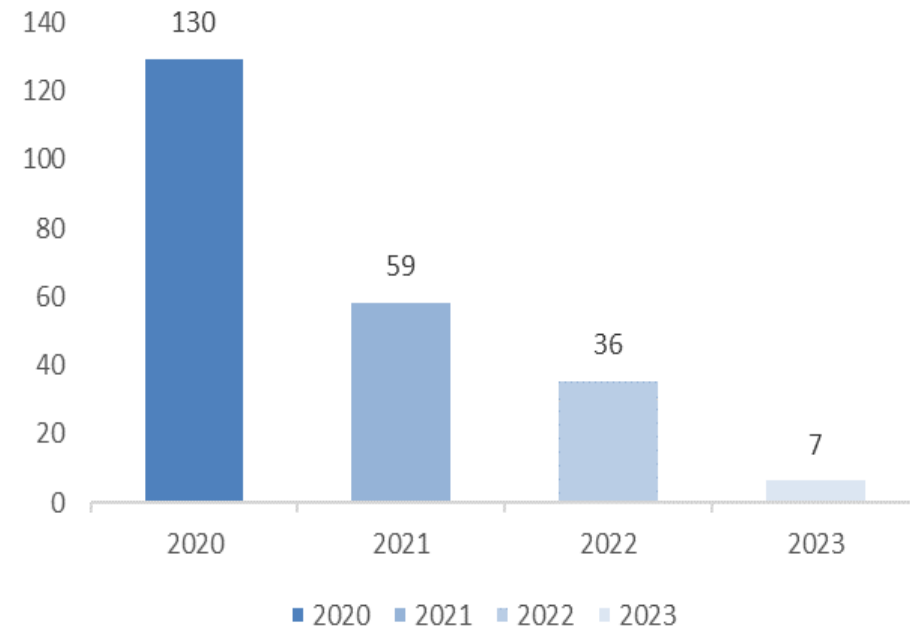|	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days*	<10	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of positive NAATs tests during the past 7 days**	<5%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%

COVID-19 Deaths in Wallingford

As of March 23rd, 2023, Wallingford has recorded 232 fatalities due to COVID-19 since March 3rd, 2020. Last fatality reported was on March 9th, 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.

The end of the Public Health Emergency and National Emergency declarations for COVID-19 on May 11, 2023, will not affect the application period for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance or the eligibility period for COVID-19-related funeral expenses. FEMA will release more information when a deadline for the end date is established.
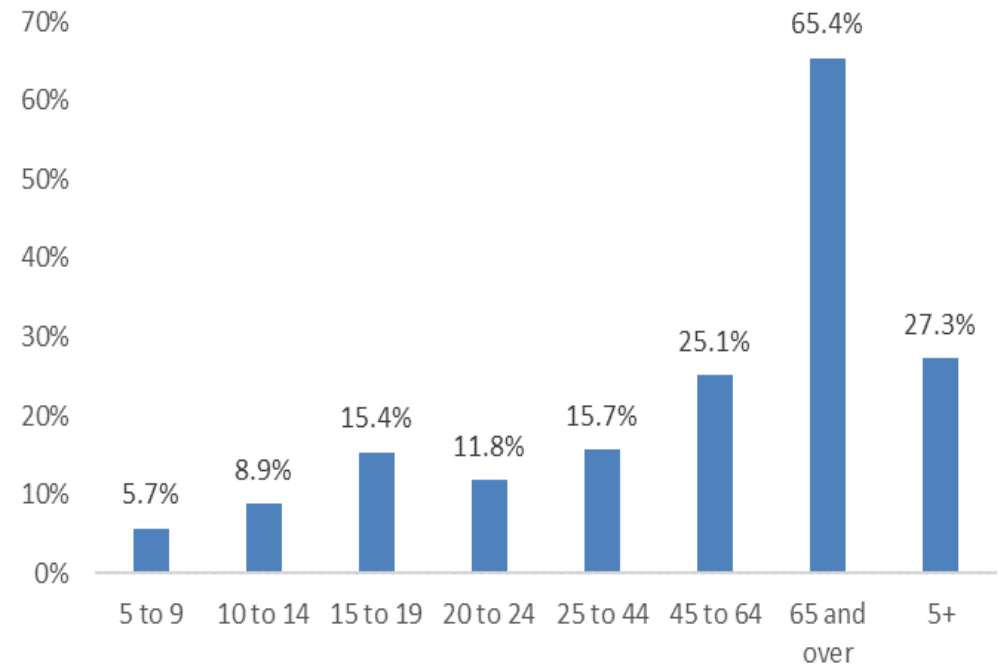
For more information: https://www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance

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

COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccinations in Wallingford

As of March 22nd, 2023, 27.3% 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 (65.4%), followed by 45-64 (25.1%), 25-44 (15.7%), 15-19 (15.4%), 20-24 (11.8%), 10-14 (8.9%) and 5-9 (5.7%).

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

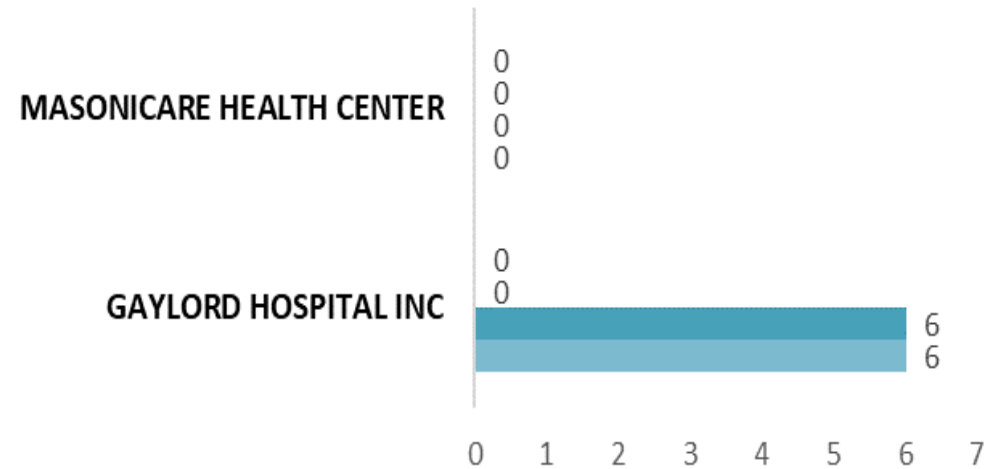| Age Group	Coverage
5 to 9	5.7%
10 to 14	8.9%
15 to 19	15.4%
20 to 24	11.8%
25 to 44	15.7%
45 to 64	25.1%
65 and over	65.4%
5+	27.3%

COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Wallingford Hospitals

During the week of March 10th to 17th, 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 03/10 - 03/17
- Week 03/03 - 03/09
- Week 02/25 - 03/02
- Week 02/18 - 02/24

MASONICARE HEALTH CENTER
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GAYLORD HOSPITAL INC
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COVID-19 in Wallingford Schools

Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Number of students* and staff** who tested positive for COVID-19 from the period of **03/16/2023 to 03/22/2023**.

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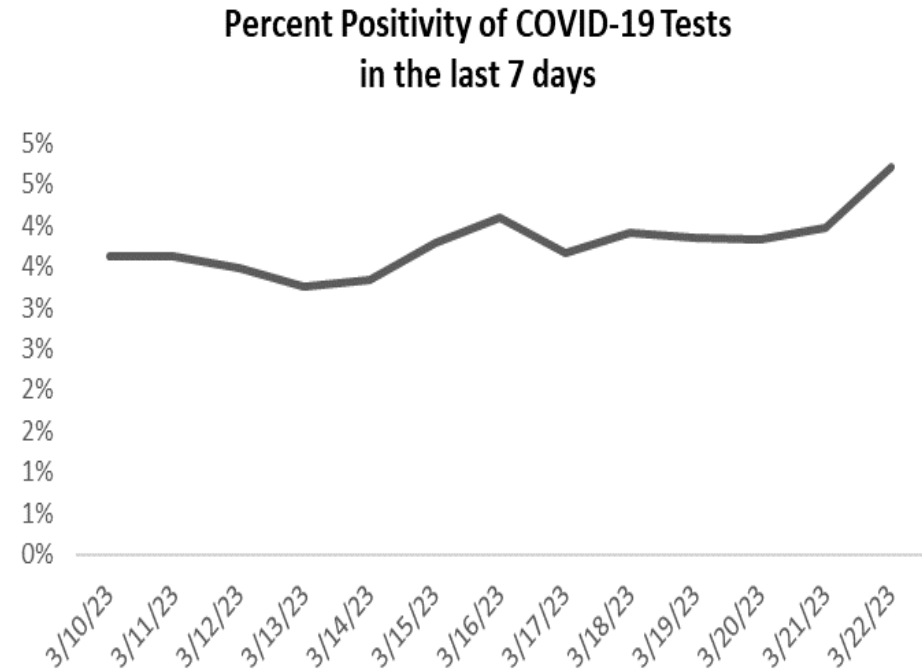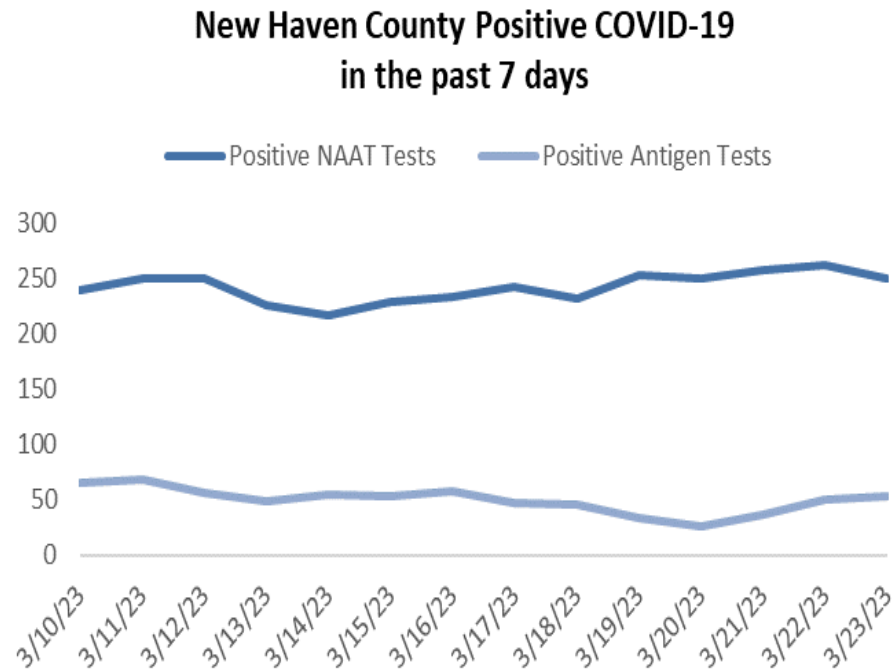
School	Total Cases
Cook Hill School	< 6
Dag Hammarskjold Middle School	0
Evarts C. Stevens School	0
Highland School	0
James H. Moran Middle School	0
Lyman Hall High School	0
Mark T. Sheehan High School	0
Moses Y. Beach School	< 6
Parker Farms School	0
Pond Hill School	< 6
Rock Hill School	0

COVID-19 Cases in New Haven County

As of March 23rd, 2023, in the past 7 days, New Haven County had 187 COVID-19 cases, 250 positive PCR/NAAT tests, and 54 positive antigen tests. The percent positivity for New Haven County is 4.74%.

New Haven County Positive COVID-19 in the past 7 days

Percent Positivity of COVID-19 Tests in the last 7 days
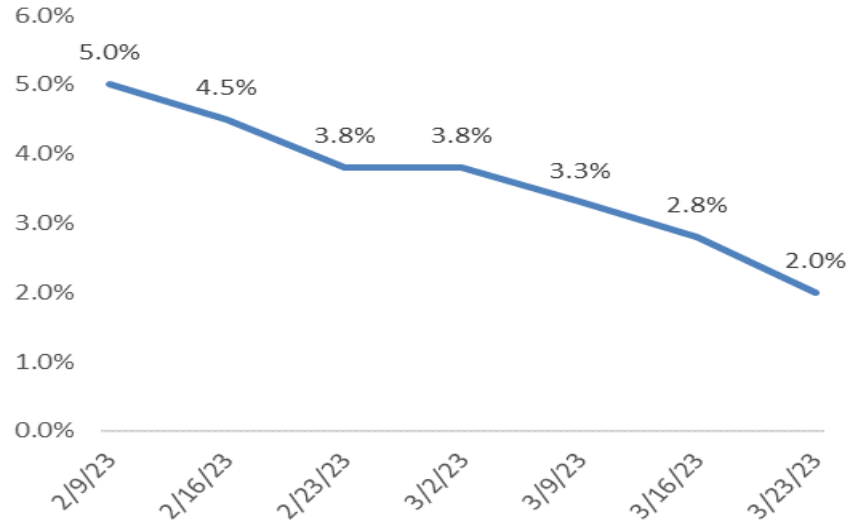
New Haven County - Community Level

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.
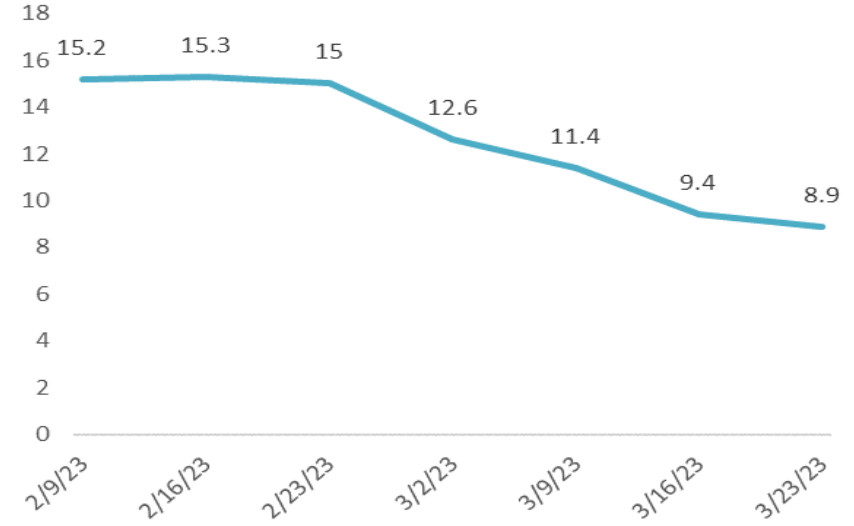
As of March 23rd, 2023, **CT Community Level of New Haven County is Low.**

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.
- Maintain ventilation improvements.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.
- Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- 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, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.
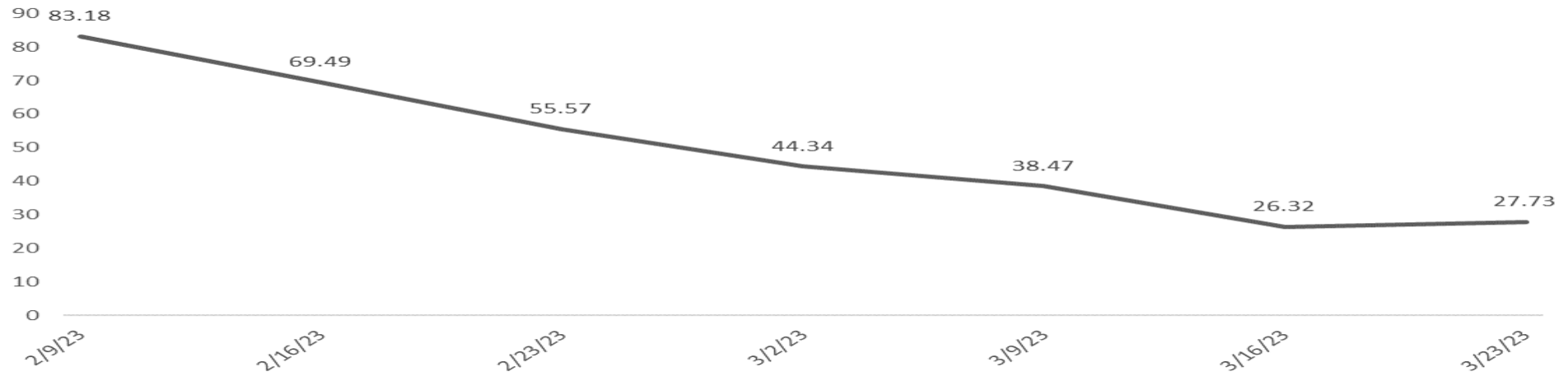
Inpatient bed utilization in New Haven County

5.0% — 5.0%
4.5%
3.8% 3.8%
3.3%
2.8%
2.0%

2/9/23 · 2/16/23 · 2/23/23 · 3/2/23 · 3/9/23 · 3/16/23 · 3/23/23

Hospital admissions per 100k in New Haven County

15.2 · 15.3 · 15 · 12.6 · 11.4 · 9.4 · 8.9

2/9/23 · 2/16/23 · 2/23/23 · 3/2/23 · 3/9/23 · 3/16/23 · 3/23/23

Cases per 100k in New Haven County

83.18 · 69.49 · 55.57 · 44.34 · 38.47 · 26.32 · 27.73

2/9/23 · 2/16/23 · 2/23/23 · 3/2/23 · 3/9/23 · 3/16/23 · 3/23/23

COVID-19 in Connecticut

According to Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH), As of March 23rd, 2023, the total of laboratory-confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported among Connecticut residents is 978,456; 605 have been reported in the past 7 days. One hundred and nineteen patients are currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19; of these, 33 (27.73%) are not fully vaccinated. The percent positivity in Connecticut is 4.19%.
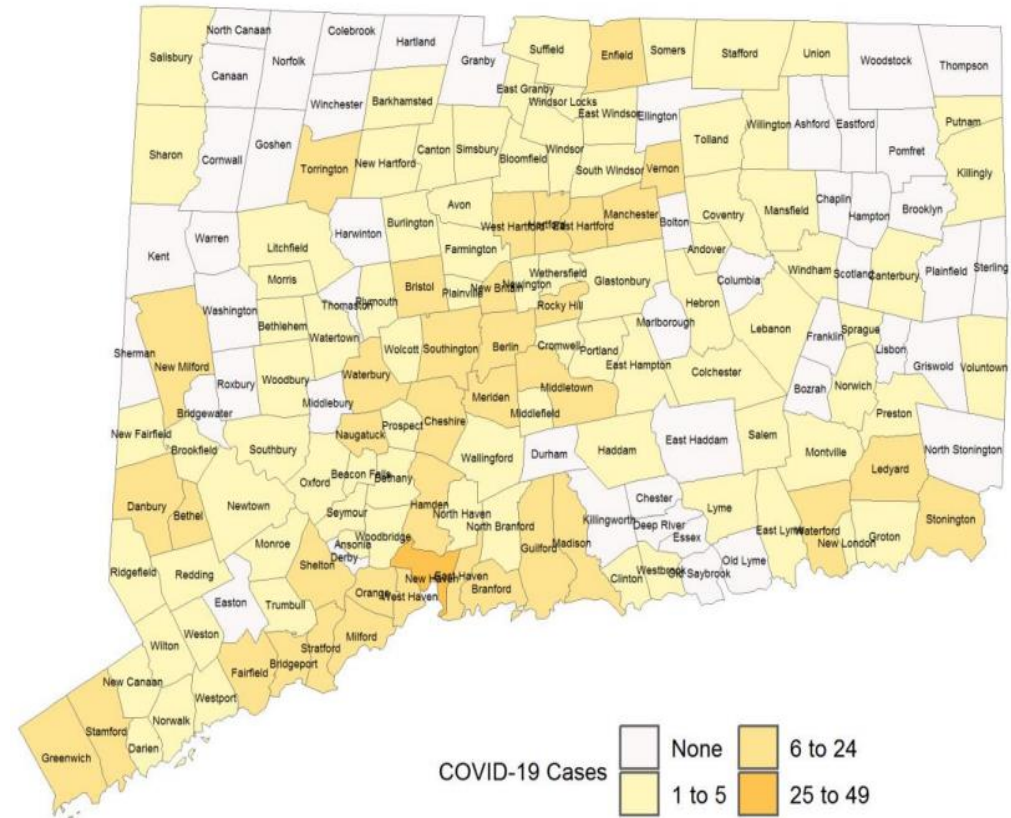
OVERALL SUMMARY	CUMULATIVE	PAST 7 DAYS
POSITIVE PCR/NAAT TESTS	1,064,623	673
ALL PCR/NAAT TESTS	16,394,878	16,054
TEST POSITIVITY (POS/ALL PCR/NAAT)	-	4.19%
PATIENTS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19	119	-37
COVID-19 ASSOCIATED DEATHS	12,270	+12
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF PATIENTS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19 THAT ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED	-	33 – 27.73%

Number of COVID-19 Cases by Town (March 16 to 22)

There were 605 new COVID-19 cases with specimen collection date during March 16 to 22, as shown in the map.

During this seven-day period:
The statewide case rate was 16.778 per 100,000 CT population;
There were more than 100 new COVID-19 cases in 0 town.

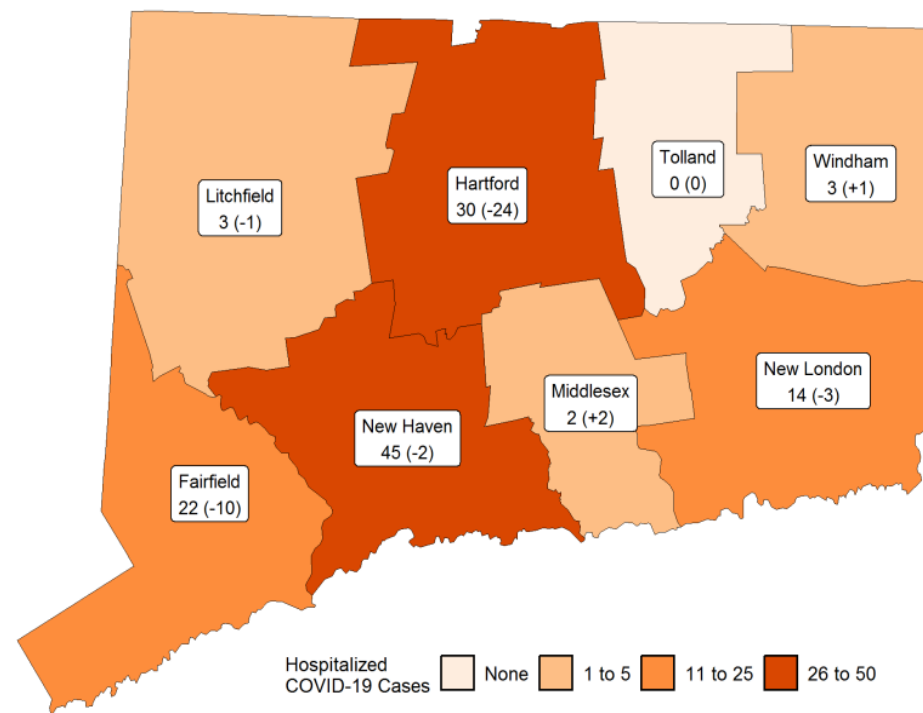# Patients Currently Hospitalized by Connecticut County

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.

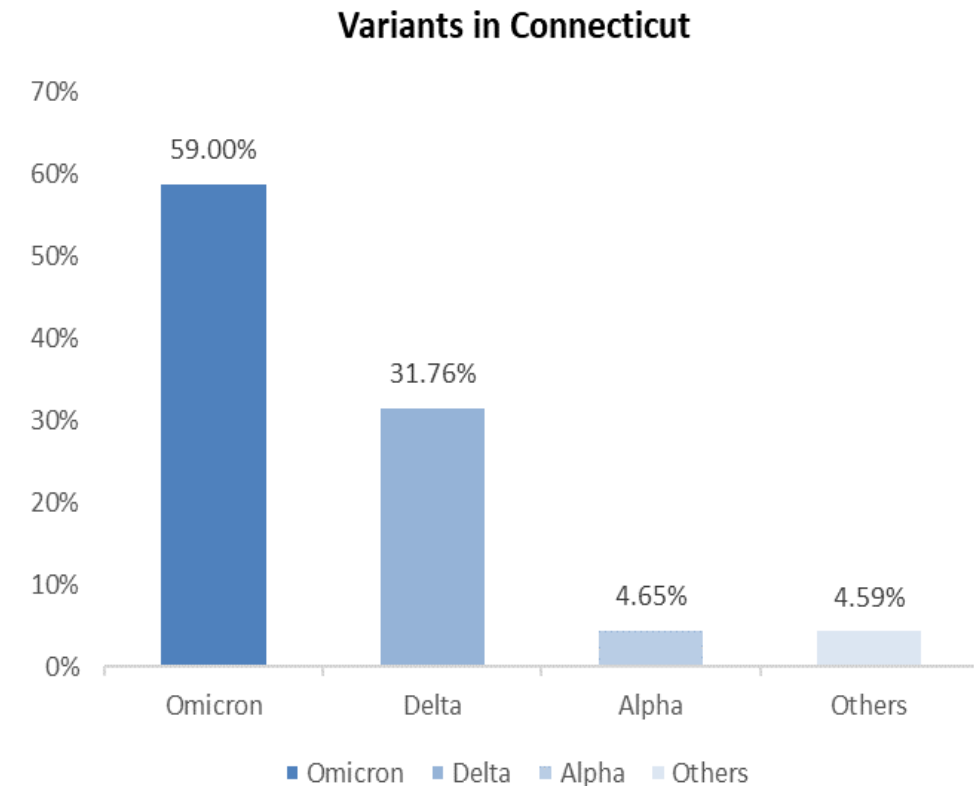*Distribution by location of hospital not patient residence. Data from the Connecticut Hospital Association.*

Litchfield
3 (-1)

Hartford
30 (-24)

Tolland
0 (0)

Windham
3 (+1)

New London
14 (-3)

Middlesex
2 (+2)

New Haven
45 (-2)

Fairfield
22 (-10)

Hospitalized COVID-19 Cases None 1 to 5 11 to 25 26 to 50
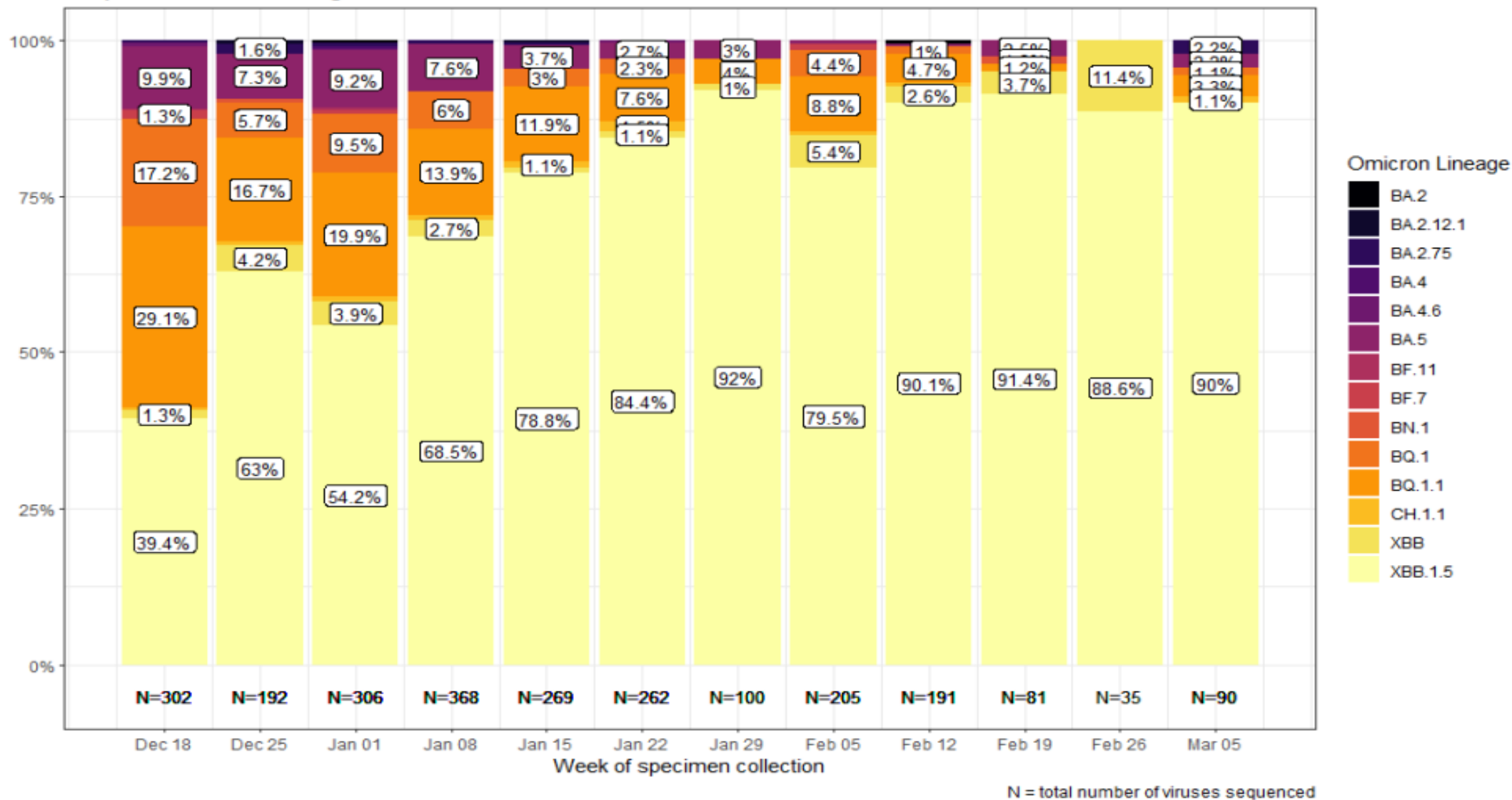
Connecticut Variants in Connecticut

As of March 22nd, 2023, 54,257 valid specimen of SARS-CoV-2 sequences were reported to CT DPH. Specimen collections were between 01/12/2021 and 03/12/2023. Omicron is considered a variant of concern, representing 59%, being followed by variants that are being monitored, Delta (31.76%), Alpha (4.65%), and others (4.59%).

As of March 5th, 2023, the omicron sub lineage of most concern is XBB.1.5, which represents 90% of the omicron specimen.

Variants in Connecticut

- Omicron: 59.00%
- Delta: 31.76%
- Alpha: 4.65%
- Others: 4.59%

- 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

The Wallingford Health Department will be proving 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? April 4, 2023, from 11AM to 2PM

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/

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in Wallingford

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

Wednesday, March 29th and April 5th, 2023
For all ages
Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW)
284 Washington Street (Indoor)
Hours: 12:00PM to 5:30PM

Tuesday, April 4th, 2023
For all ages
Wallingford Public Library – Community Room
200 North Main Street (Indoor)
Hours: 11:00AM to 2:00PM

✓ 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 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

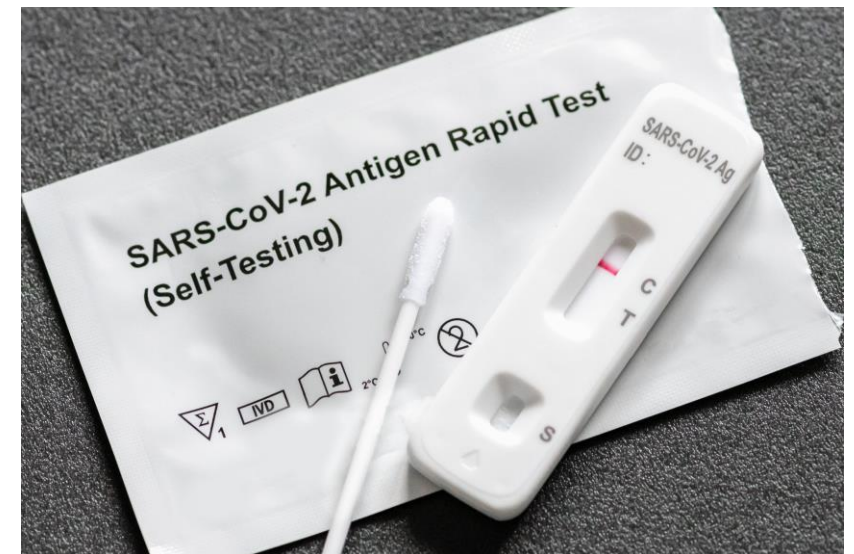Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests.

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)

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

Free COVID-19 Testing Sites
(NO APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS)

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

- 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

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

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

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?

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/