



TOWN OF WESTBROOK

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Public Health Alert: COVID-19

Dear Westbrook Community,

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has updated the Town of Westbrook's 14-day rolling average of new cases per 100,000 population per day to **32**, one of the lowest in Middlesex County. This must motivate all of us to continue practicing the essential public health measures of social distancing, wearing a mask, hand washing, and staying home if feeling ill.

Total number of COVID-19 cases among Westbrook residents: **242**

Waiting for the results of your COVID-19 test?

Stay home and away from others while you wait! Do not go to work. Do not go to school!

In the event of an unexpected positive result, staying home and away from others will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccine

The State of Connecticut is currently in Phase 1A of statewide vaccine roll-out.

Eligible citizens for Phase 1A include healthcare personnel, long-term care facility residents, and medical first responders. Eligible Westbrook Phase 1A personnel have received their first round of vaccination, including Westbrook Fire Department, Westbrook Police Officers, Westbrook Ambulance Associations, Westbrook Visiting Nurses, and Westbrook Public Schools Nurses!

Phase 1B is coming soon!

Three primary groups will be eligible for the vaccine in Phase 1B:

--Individuals aged 75+

--Front line essential workers, such as education, public safety, transportation, food and grocery, etc

--Individuals and staff in congregate settings

The [Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group](https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Communications/Disease-Preparedness/COVID-19-Vaccine-Advisory-Group) will next meet Thursday January 14th from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. To view previous meetings and agendas by the Vaccine Advisory Group, visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Communications/Disease-Preparedness/COVID-19-Vaccine-Advisory-Group>

Phasing in 1B

Monday, January 11th: Medical providers are allowed to fill open appointments with individuals aged 75+

Thursday, January 14th: Advance registration opens for individuals aged 75+ via medical provider outreach to existing patients, online registration using VAMS, and telephone service to reserve vaccinations.

Monday, January 18th: Phase 1B appointments for individuals aged 75+ begin

Coming weeks: Additional Phase 1B groups phased in

Information about scheduling a vaccination for individuals aged 75+ is coming soon, and will be messaged out to the community via press release, Westbrook Health Department website, and the [State of Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccination Portal](https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Communications/Disease-Preparedness/COVID-19-Vaccine-Advisory-Group).

If you must conduct business with the Town of Westbrook, you are strongly encouraged to do so via postal mail, phone, email, fax, or by utilizing the gray drop-box located at the rear of Westbrook Town Hall. Visit the Town of Westbrook website for Department contact information: <http://www.westbrookct.us>

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