



## TOWN OF WESTBROOK

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

866 BOSTON POST ROAD  
WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT 06498  
(860) 399-9869 • Fax (860) 399-2084

August 15, 2021

### **Connecticut Department of Public Health Issues Health Alert for Middlesex County**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated Middlesex County as being an area of *High COVID-19 Transmission*, which is defined as 100 or more cases per 100,000 people, or a positivity rate of 10 percent or higher over the past seven days.

**In response to this increase in COVID-19 cases, and specifically the Delta variant threat, the Westbrook Health Department and Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) strongly recommend that all Westbrook residents and visitors, over the age of two years, wear a mask when in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status.**

**Westbrook businesses, such as restaurants, salons, retail stores, manufacturing companies, hotels, etc., are also urged to reinstate employee and customer indoor mask requirements, regardless of vaccination status.**

**The Town of Westbrook has reinstated indoor mask requirements for all Westbrook Municipal buildings, which applies to all Town employees and the public, regardless of vaccination status. Masks must be worn properly when entering Westbrook Municipal Buildings.** Business with the Town of Westbrook is strongly encouraged to be conducted via postal mail, phone, email, fax, or by utilizing the gray drop-box located at the rear of Westbrook Town Hall.

CDC indicates that the Delta variant spreads more easily, spreads faster, and infects more people than other variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Fully vaccinated people are much less likely than unvaccinated people to get very sick from the Delta variant, but some can still be infected by and spread Delta. Delta might cause more severe illness than other variants in unvaccinated people. The COVID-19 vaccine will help protect people from getting very sick from COVID-19 and can reduce the spread of virus in communities like Westbrook.

Over 72% of Westbrook residents have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccination.

**The Westbrook Health Department strongly recommends that unvaccinated individuals get vaccinated as soon as possible to help stop the increased spread of COVID-19.**

If you've been exposed to COVID-19 or develop symptoms, get tested even if you're fully vaccinated. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

To locate a Vaccination clinic or Testing site, visit <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>

Full CT DPH Health Alert regarding Middlesex County's "High Transmission" CDC designation: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Press-Room/Press-Releases---2021/Connecticut-DPH-Issues-Health-Alert--Middlesex-County-Now-Upgraded-To-The-High-Transmission-Category>

State of CT Daily COVID-19 Update with Town by Town Data: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>