



COVID-19 UPDATE

WALLINGFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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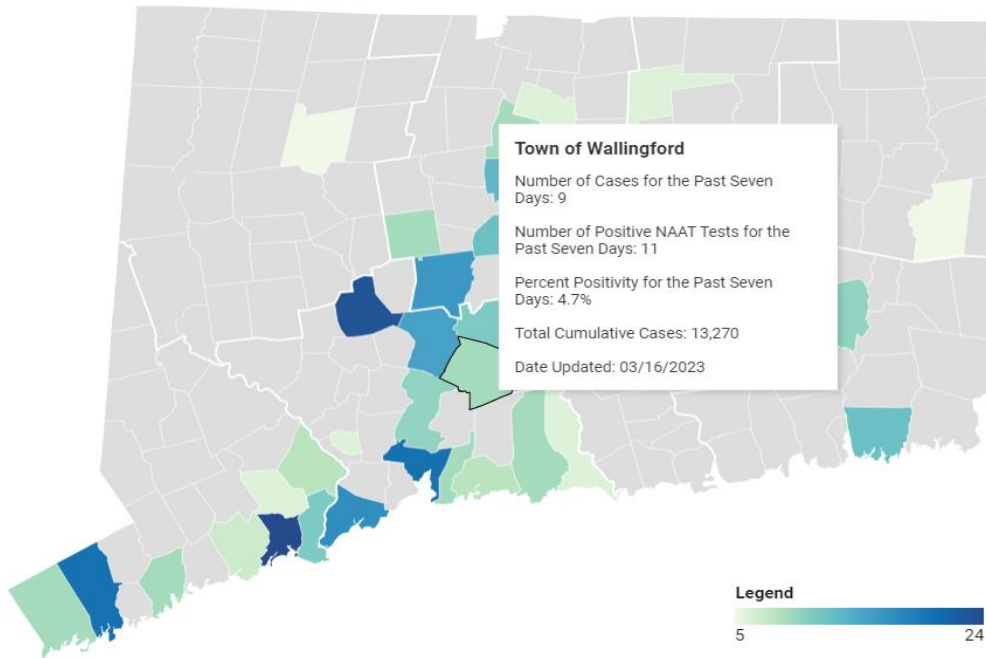
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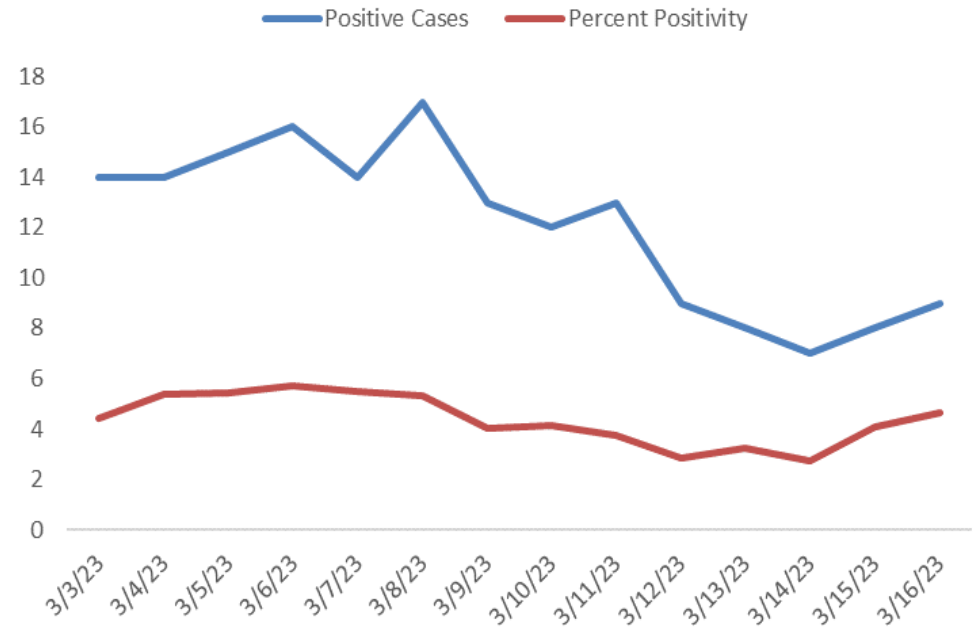


Number of COVID-19 Cases in Wallingford

As of March 16th, 2023, for the past 7 days, there were 9 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wallingford. The percent positivity for the past 7 days is 4.7%.



Wallingford Positive COVID-19 in the Past 7 Days



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



Community Transmission in Wallingford

Case rate* of Wallingford is 2.9 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.

Town of Wallingford

Number of Cases for the Past Seven Days: 9

Number of Positive NAAT Tests for the Past Seven Days: 11

Percent Positivity for the Past Seven Days: 4.7%

Total Cumulative Cases: 13,270

Date Updated: 03/16/2023

Determining Transmission Risk

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

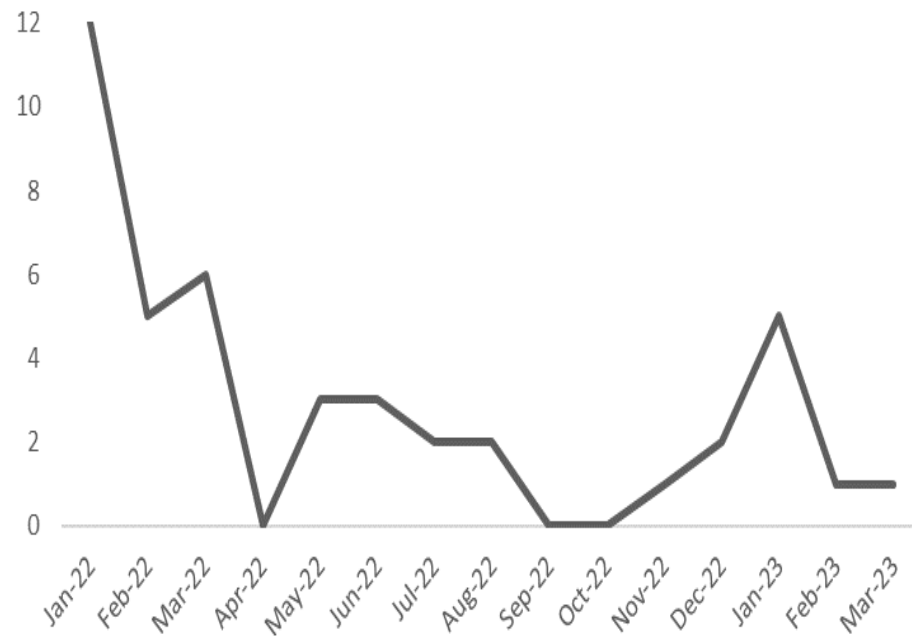
| | Low | Moderate | Substantial | High |
|---|-----|----------|-------------|--------|
| New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days* | <10 | 10-49.99 | 50-99.99 | ≥100 |
| Percentage of positive NAATs tests during the past 7 days** | <5% | 5-7.99% | 8-9.99% | ≥10.0% |



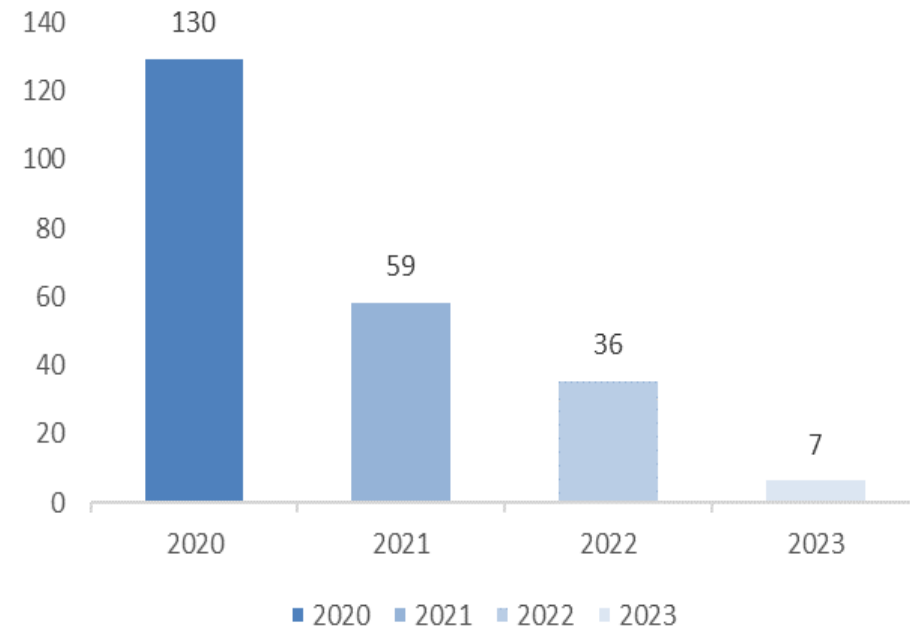
COVID-19 Deaths in Wallingford

As of March 16th, 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.

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

The advertisement is split into two vertical panels. The left panel has a grey, textured background with large, bold, black text asking if the viewer is covering the cost of a COVID-19 funeral, followed by a red banner with the phone number 844.684.6333. The right panel has a blue, textured background with white text stating that up to \$9,000 in help is available. Below the text is a collage of diverse people, including a man in a wheelchair, a woman with glasses, and a young boy. The FEMA logo is positioned above the word 'FEMA'.

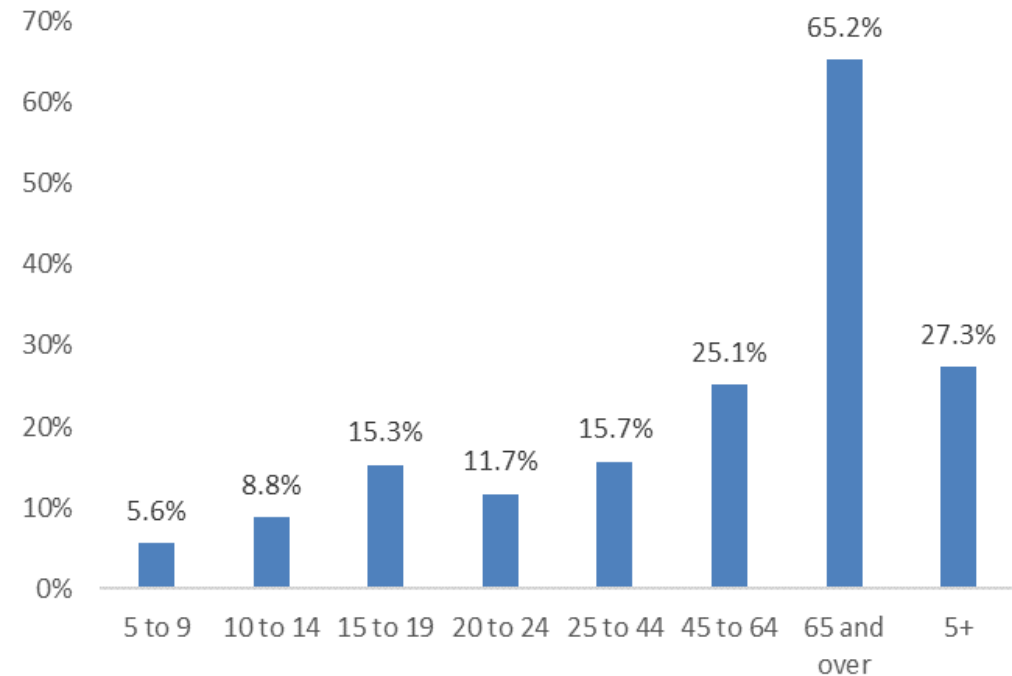


COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccinations in Wallingford

As of March 15th, 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 (65.2%), followed by 45-64 (25.1%), 25-44 (15.7%), 15-19 (15.3%), 20-24 (11.7%), 10-14 (8.8%) and 5-9 (5.6%).

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





COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Wallingford Hospitals

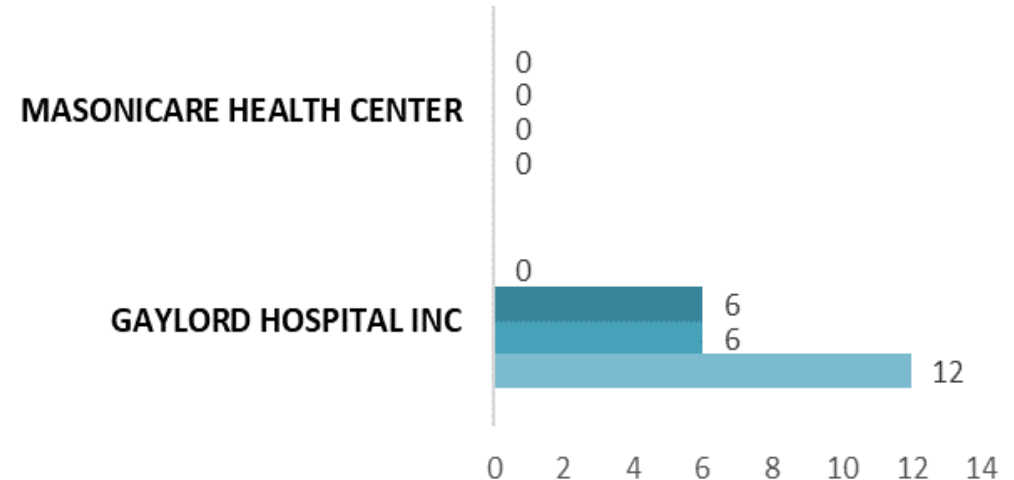
During the week of March 3rd to 9th, 2023:

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 03/03 - 03/09 ■ Week 02/25 - 03/02
■ Week 02/18 - 02/24 ■ Week 02/10 - 02/17





COVID-19 in Wallingford Schools

Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Number of students* and staff** who tested positive for COVID-19 from the period of **03/09/2023 to 03/15/2023**.

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.

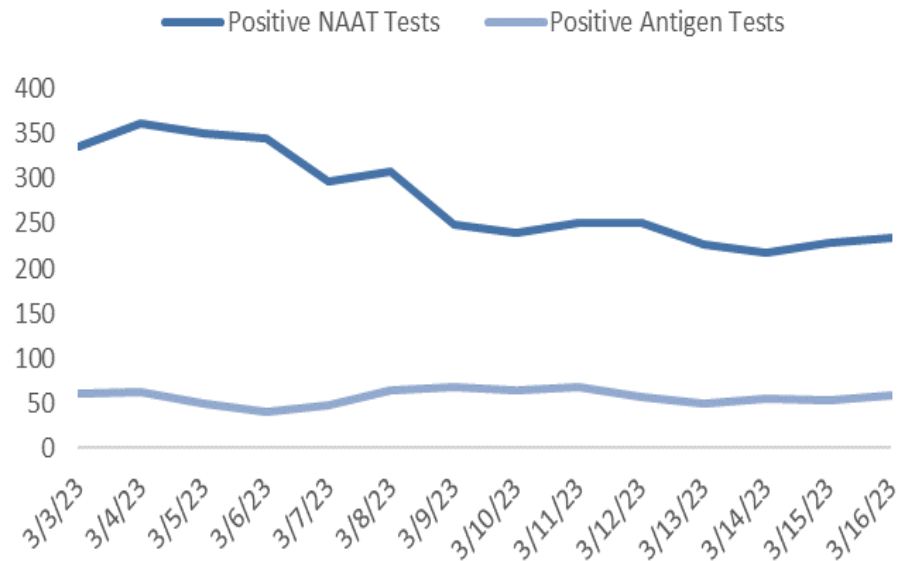
| School | Total Cases |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Cook Hill School | 0 |
| Dag Hammarskjold Middle School | 0 |
| Evarts C. Stevens School | < 6 |
| Highland School | < 6 |
| James H. Moran Middle School | 0 |
| Lyman Hall High School | 0 |
| Mark T. Sheehan High School | <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



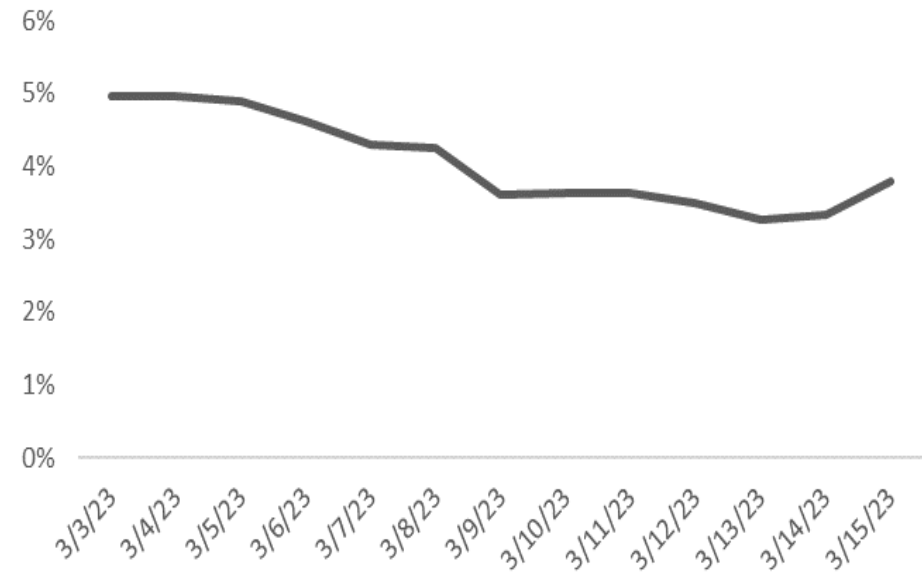
COVID-19 Cases in New Haven County

As of March 16th, 2023, in the past 7 days, New Haven County had 171 COVID-19 cases, 234 positive PCR/NAAT tests, and 58 positive antigen tests. The percent positivity for New Haven County is 4.09%.

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



**Percent Positivity of COVID-19 Tests
in the last 7 days**





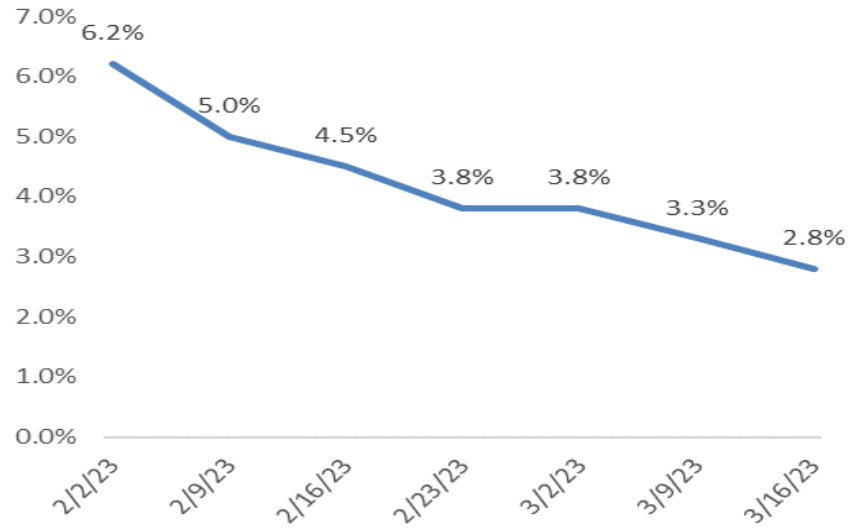
New Haven County - Community Level

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.

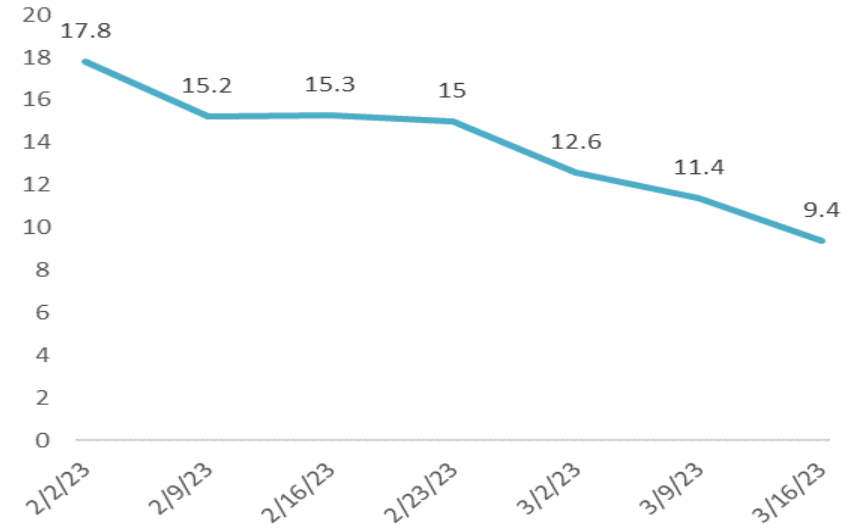
As of March 16th, 2023, CT Community Level of New Haven County is Low.

- 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.

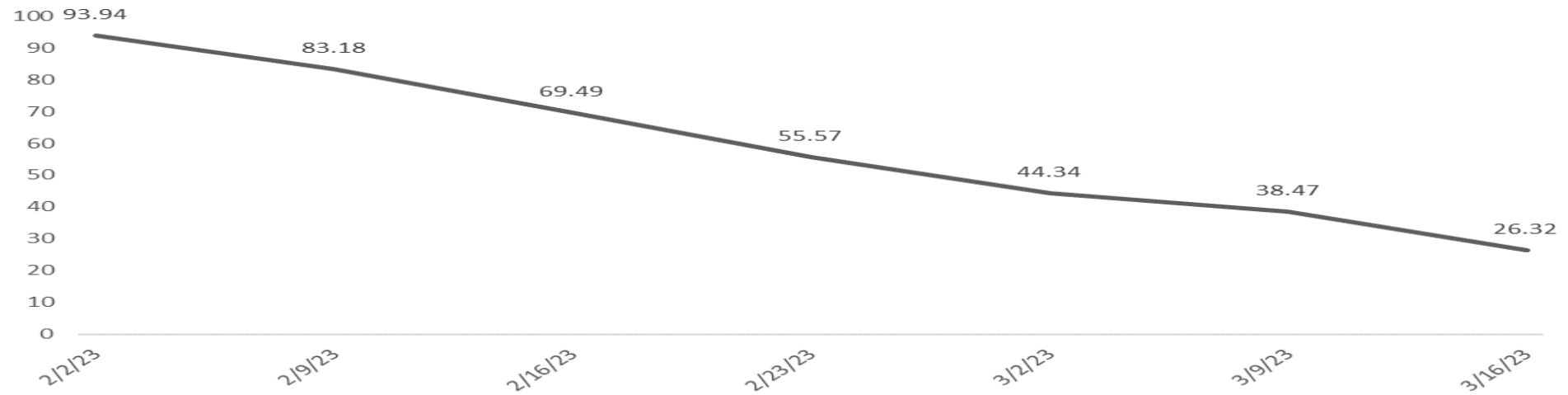
Inpatient bed utilization in New Haven County



Hospital admissions per 100k in New Haven County



Cases per 100k in New Haven County





COVID-19 in Connecticut

According to [Connecticut Department of Public Health \(CT DPH\)](#), As of March 15th, 2023, the total of laboratory-confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported among Connecticut residents is 977,572; 606 have been reported in the past 7 days. One hundred and fifty-six patients are currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19; of these, 54 (34.62%) are not fully vaccinated. The percent positivity in Connecticut is 4.22%.

| OVERALL SUMMARY | CUMULATIVE | PAST 7 DAYS |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| POSITIVE PCR/NAAT TESTS | 1,063,630 | 709 |
| ALL PCR/NAAT TESTS | 16,374,009 | 16,818 |
| TEST POSITIVITY (POS/ALL PCR/NAAT) | - | 4.22% |
| PATIENTS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19 | 156 | -67 |
| COVID-19 ASSOCIATED DEATHS | 12,258 | +38 |
| NUMBER AND PERCENT OF PATIENTS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19 THAT ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED | - | 54 – 34.62% |

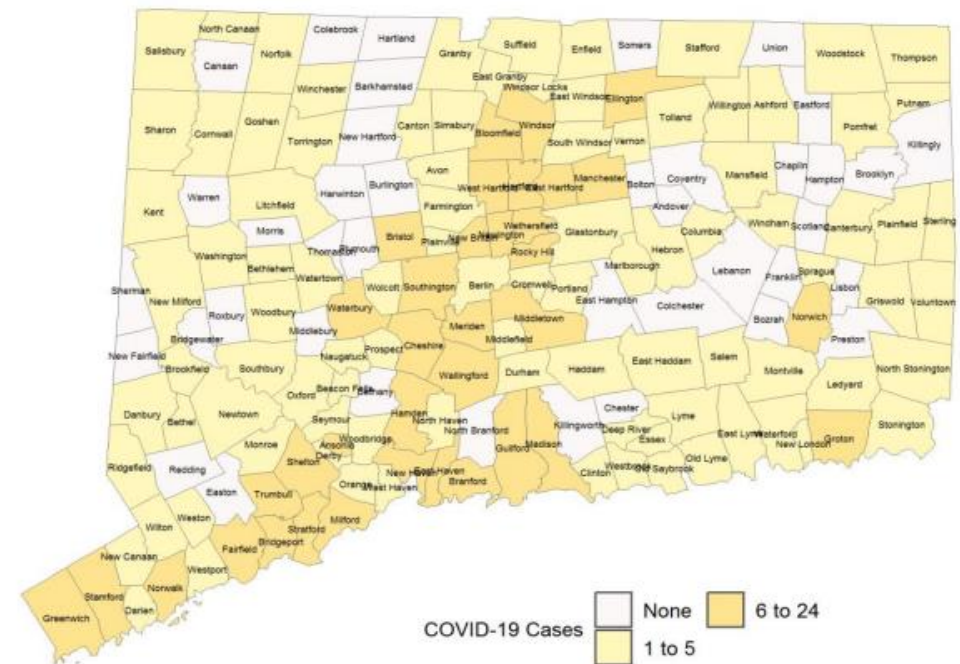


Number of COVID-19 Cases by Town (March 09 to 15)

There were 606 new COVID-19 cases with specimen collection date during March 09 to 15, as shown in the map.

During this seven-day period:
The statewide case rate was 16.806 per 100,000 CT population;
There were more than 100 new COVID-19 cases in 0 town.

Number of COVID-19 Cases by Town with Specimen Collection date during March 09-15



Map does not include 6 cases pending address validation



Patients Currently Hospitalized by Connecticut County

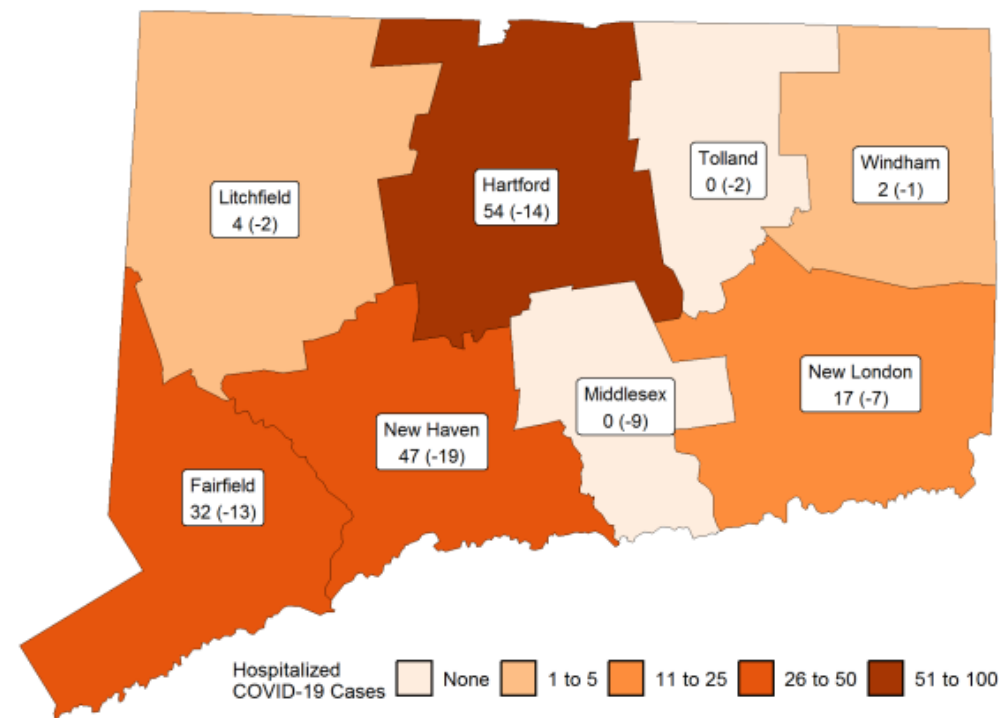
Hospitalization Surveillance

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.

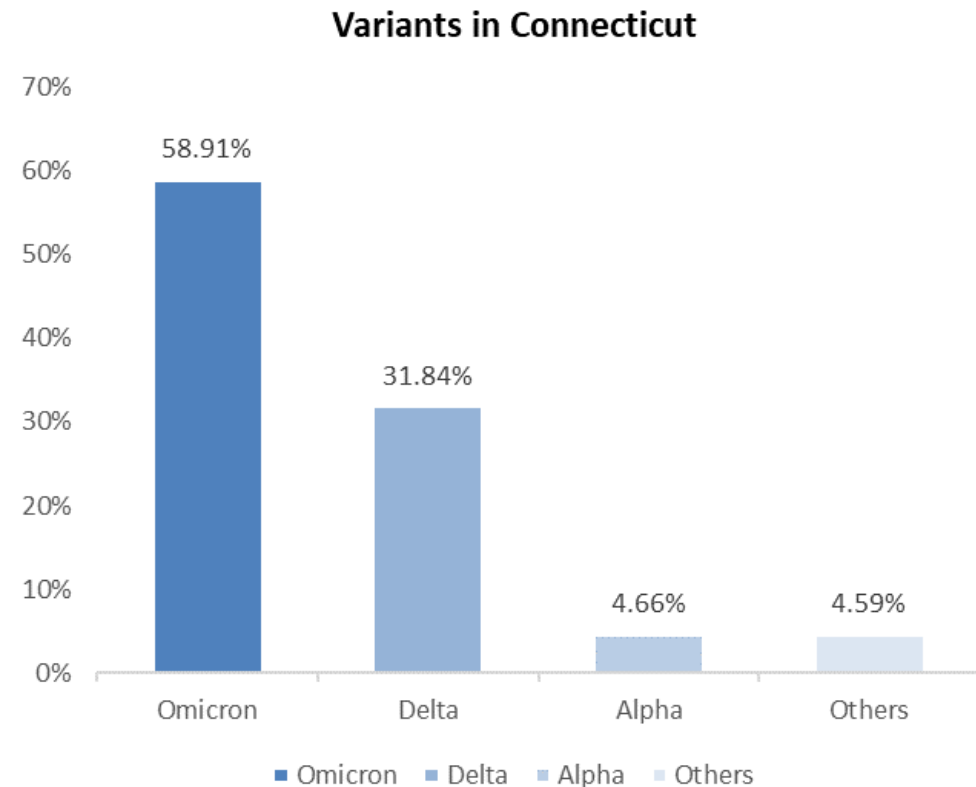




Connecticut Variants in Connecticut

As of March 15th, 2023, 54,121 valid specimen of SARS-CoV-2 sequences were reported to CT DPH. Specimen collections were between 01/12/2021 and 02/27/2023. Omicron is considered a variant of concern, representing 58.91%, being followed by variants that are being monitored, Delta (31.84%), Alpha (4.66%), and others (4.59%).

As of February 26th, 2023, the omicron sub lineage of most concern is XBB.1.5, which represents 88.9% of the omicron specimen, followed by XBB (11.1%).





Upcoming Vaccine Clinics

The Wallingford Health Department will be providing 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 22nd and 29th, 2023

For all ages

Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW)

284 Washington Street (Indoor)

Hours: 12:00PM to 5:30PM

- ✓ 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>

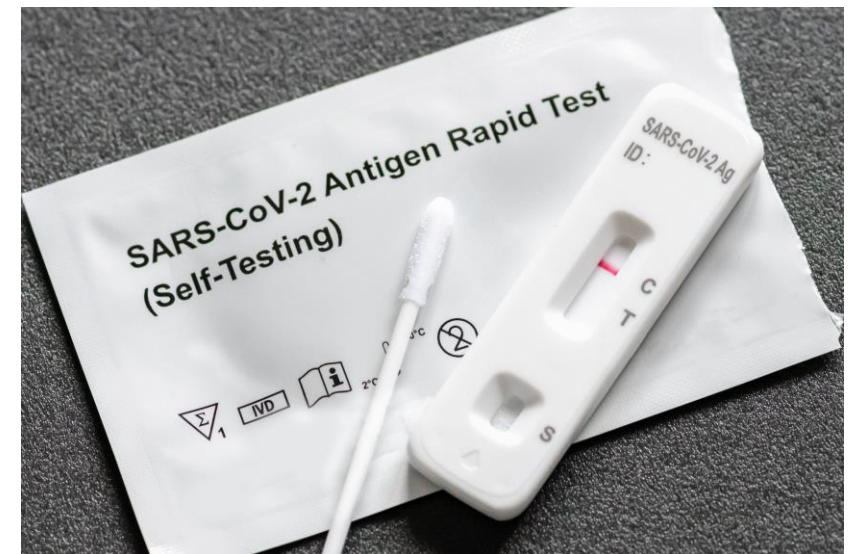
Need help placing an order for your at-home tests?

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/>